

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on June 11, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Town Hall.

Board Members Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Peggy Doran
Commissioner Valerie Nelson
Commissioner Owen Martin
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Russell Eason

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Fire Chief, John Blackmore
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

Deacon Larry Benson opened the meeting with a prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Proposal:

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to call the Public Hearing to order. Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

Claretta Sutton asked that the budget be placed online to allow citizens to review at home. Ms. Sutton also stated that she would like to see more money dedicated to youth development.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to close the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

Regular Meeting:

Public Comments:

Claretta Sutton stated that she worked with Emotions Organization which is a resource and referral organization. Ms. Sutton had concerns about not being able to get into prior meeting due to the room being full. Ms. Sutton had concerns about the officers use of force and that they are putting fear in our children with such force. Ms. Sutton stated she would like to see more community relations between the community and the Police Department.

Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to close public comments. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to close public comments.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Commissioner Owen Martin made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes for regular meeting on May 14th; Approval of Budget Amendments (Admin, Police, Streets, Recreation Dev); Tax Release (318 S Pine St).

Discussion on Law Suits Against Agriculture and Resolution of Support SB 711:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the Smithfield representative was tied up in Raleigh and was not able to attend. Commissioner Peggy Doran expressed that agriculture is the livelihood of Duplin County so we need to support farmers in whatever way possible. Manager Summerlin read the resolution of support.

Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The Resolution of Support for SB 711 passed with a vote of 4 to 1 with Commissioner Valerie Nelson voting against the resolution.

Approval of the Duplin County (Warsaw) Comprehensive Transportation Plan:

Nastasha Earle with NCDOT passed out maps of the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Ms. Earle advised that there had been no changes since her last presentation in February but they had to gain approval from all municipalities. Ms. Earle stated that the only affect to Warsaw at this time was the proposal for the extension of Blackmore Rd to Hwy 24.

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made a motion to approve the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Proposal to Record and Live Stream Video of Commissioner Meeting:

Mr. Barry Merrill with the Mount Olive Tribune made a presentation on live streaming the Town Board meetings. Mr. Merrill advised that it would run on the Public Access Channel. Mr. Merrill stated that he had been able to do live streaming of ND football games and the Mount Olive Board Meetings. Mr. Merrill gave a cost estimate of \$200 a month for the regular board meetings.

After discussion from the board no action was taken on this item.

Amendment to Previous Agreement Between Warsaw, CSX, and NCDOT:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that there had been ongoing debate with CSX for about 10 years in regards to the Crepe Myrtles along the railroad tracks. Manager Summerlin advised that CSX had sent an amendment of the agreement for the closure of Plank St which included the removal of the Crepe Myrtles from College to Bay St. Manager Summerlin also stated that with this removal CSX would pay the Town of Warsaw a \$10,000 incentive which could be used for other low-lying ornamental plants in this area or for any other project.

Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the amendment.

Adoption of Budget Ordinance, Town of Warsaw, FY 2018-19 Operating Budget:

Manager Summerlin advised that recommended changes from prior budget meetings had been made and that he recommended approval of the FY 2018-2019 Budget Ordinance.

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made a motion to adopt the Budget and Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the FY 2018-2019 Budget and Budget Ordinance.

Manager's Update:

Manager Summerlin thanked all the commissioners and department heads for their assistance with the budget.

Manager Summerlin gave an update on CN 39 stating that there was another progress meeting tomorrow and the anticipated completion date was the end of June.

Manager Summerlin stated that C2 Energy has a September start date at which time they will pay the money for the sewer study to be conducted. The sewer study is about \$80,000.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Connors stated that he had a citizen approach him about making a loan to the Town to help in keeping the stoplight at Pine St and Hill St.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Peggy Doran thanked all department heads for their community efforts.

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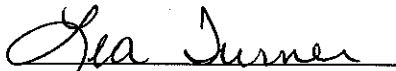
Attorney Jene Thompson stated that Mr. Walls had been given a continuance to August in regards to his charges from the Waffle House incidence.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Attest


Mayor


Town Clerk