

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on July 9, 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

Mayor Connors opened the meeting with a prayer, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

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

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes for regular meeting on June 11th; Approval of Budget Amendment (Police).

Public Comments:

Commissioner Owen Martin made a motion to open public comments. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open public comments.

Kamal Elfgeeh and Yolanda Blacknell spoke in reference to the playground on Mr. Elfgeeh's property. Mr. Elfgeeh stated that he was just trying to provide an area for his kids and his friends' kids to play. Ms. Blacknell stated that she was speaking with Mr. Elfgeeh due to his limited English. Ms. Blacknell stated that this playground is open from 10am to 10pm and he is offering something that the Warsaw Wellness and Recreation Center does not offer.

Ms. Paula Williams also spoke for the playground. Ms. Williams stated that she had known Mr. Elfgeeh for a long time and she had been graciously welcomed to bring her children to his playground. Ms. Williams said she had never been charged and she cannot understand why the Town would have a problem with it. Ms. Williams also stated that parental supervision is also not a problem as most parents and grandparents stay and monitor their children.

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

2015 CDBG-I Fair Housing Assessment:

Mr. Mike Barnette, McDavid Associates, spoke. Mr. Barnette advised of the requirements of the Fair Housing Assessment. Mr. Barnette stated that the information had been provided and asked if there were any questions.

No questions being asked, Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to approve the Fair Housing Assessment of March 2018. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the Fair Housing Assessment of March 2018.

Final Action on Pine St. & Hill St. Traffic Signal Removal, Possible Replacement:

Manager Scotty Summerlin stated there had been multiple attempts made to change the mind of NCDOT in regards to the removal of the stoplight at Pine and Hill Streets. Manager Summerlin stated there had been a final letter received that the removal would be on July 16. The light can be replaced with a flashing light for approximately \$9,000 and a modern stoplight would cost approximately \$83,000. There were multiple comments from the Police Chief, Board Members, and citizens. One suggestion was to contact NCDOT and inquire about a payment plan.

Commissioner Owen Martin made a motion for the Town to pay for the light and for the Town Manager to contact NCDOT to inquire about a payment plan. Commissioner Peggy Doran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for the Town to pay for the stoplight replacement and for NCDOT to be contacted about a possible payment plan.

Tax Release & Offer to Purchase (Parcel# 01-E244); Property Acquired by Tax Foreclosure:

Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that this property had been acquired by the Town through tax foreclosure. Manager Summerlin stated that he had been contacted by an individual in regards to purchasing this property. The individual had made an offer of \$2,000.00. The only liability to the Town would be the approval of a tax release and other costs associated with the foreclosure and the Town would handle the closing of the sale. These costs are \$2,869.65 unpaid taxes; \$2,000.00 in lawyer fees; and \$1,333.05 in recording fees. Manager Summerlin stated that sale of this property would add the property back to the Town's tax base.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to release the taxes and other fees and to sell the property. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the release of taxes and fees and to approve the sale of the property.

Manager's Update:

Manager Summerlin stated the Duplin County Municipal Association was hosting the Ethics Training at the new Fire Dept on Aug 16th at 6:30 pm.

Manager Summerlin mentioned that paving projects had been discussed that that paving would begin in about three (3) weeks.

Manager Summerlin and Police Chief Southerland spoke about a street sign pilot program in which there would be more stop signs added and possibly some 4-way stops to assist with speeding in residential areas.

Manager Summerlin advised he had been contacted about the possibility of changing the parking on Front Street. Manager Summerlin said he anticipated a petition being presented for Board consideration.

Manager Summerlin stated that Public Works continue to work on storm water concerns which is reported in the Public Works monthly report. Manager Summerlin also mentioned that Public works would be cutting limbs at the intersections and if they noticed an area of concern to please contact the office.

Manager Summerlin advised that CN39 was getting close to completion. Manager Summerlin advised that there would be an inspection on July 26. Water service interruptions are to be expected through the end of July and cleanup would continue through the end of August.

Manager Summerlin also spoke to the concerns of Mr. Elfgeeh's play area. Manager Summerlin advised that there had been no permitting done and that initially it was started as an enterprise in a residential area. Manager Summerlin stated that he would speak with the Planning Board, the Town Attorney and the County regarding the play area and make contact with Mr. Elfgeeh when a decision was made.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Connors shared a packet that was assembled by the Mayor's Advisory Committee. This packets included information about businesses, churches, schools, airports and other valuable information about the Town of Warsaw.

Mayor Connors spoke about the idea of naming the Gym at 309 Memorial Drive as well as naming the fields when they are completed.

Mayor Connors also stated that he had reached out to CSX in reference to using the old rail car and creating a museum at the Armory Warehouse.

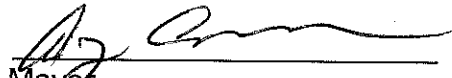
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Board Comments:

Commissioner Russell Eason stated that the Veteran's Museum was taking donation for a yard sale to be held in October. Commissioner Eason stated that donations were being held in the Old Armory for storage.


Adjournment:

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



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk