

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 14, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Board Room of the Town Hall.

Board Members Present:

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

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong
Police Captain, Patrick Giddeons
Town Attorney, Jene Thompson

Mayor Connors called the meeting to order which was followed by prayer led by Deacon Robert McGowan and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Scotty Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda.

Consent Agenda:

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

Commissioner Scotty Smith 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 December 10th and tax release for Dorothy Killelte.

Public Comments:

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

Ms. Ladson spoke in reference to the appearance of Town coming in from the Bowden area. Ms. Ladson stated that the grassy triangle looked bad where trucks had been parking and making holes.

Mr. Love spoke in reference to transparency among the Town. Mr. Love stated the Town website had not been updated as far as agendas and minutes for the Town Board and the Planning Board.

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

Change Order & Budget Amendments; Water Line Improvements (CN39):

Trey Gurley from McDavid Associates spoke about the excess funds of \$405,684.45 left over from the CDBG-I grant. Mr. Gurley advised that the State was requesting the Town to revise the project to use these funds. Mr. Gurley stated there had been a request to extend the project however instead of rebidding the extension it was recommended for the Town to approve a change order to allow the original contractor to complete the work. The change order would include a price change in materials as the costs had changed since the original bid in 2017. Mr. Gurley recommended approval of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$405,684.45 which would include approximately 8,000 ft of pipe on Oak, Dogwood, Walnut, Mulberry, Maple, Acacia, and Meadowbrook Streets.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to approve Change Order #2. Commissioner Valerie Nelson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$405,684.45 which would include approximately 8,000 ft of pipe on Oak St, Dogwood Dr, Walnut St, Mulberry St, Maple St, Acacia St, Wisteria St and Meadowbrook Ln.

Dudley St. RR Crossing; Town to Install Drainage Improvements, Pavement Markings, Signs:

Manager Scotty Summerlin explained that the agreement and amendment with CSX had been previously executed and that the Town would receive an incentive in the amount of \$10,000. Manager Summerlin advised that to date the incentive had not been received. Manager Summerlin also explained that per Section 8B the Town shall exercise any rights which it may have under any franchise to effect all necessary changes, adjustments and relocations so that project construction is not delayed. Manager Summerlin advised that he and Public Works Director, Craig Armstrong had been looking into the work that would need to be completed for this project. Manager Summerlin stated there were several drainage improvements that would need to be made in this area.

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made the motion authorizing the work to be done at the Dudley St Crossing and for Manager Summerlin to inquire about the incentive payment. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to authorize the work at Dudley St crossing to allow CSX/NCDOT to install crossbars and signs and for Manager Summerlin to inquire about the \$10,000 incentive.

University of Mount Olive Memorandum of Understanding; Town Employees Reduced Tuition:

Manager Summerlin advised the subject Memorandum of Understanding provides, at no cost to the Town, reduced tuition rates for Town of Warsaw employees, if approved by the Board. The Memorandum waived application fees and the reductions ranged from 10% to 30% below regular tuition fees. UMO also requested marketing opportunities for this program to include correspondence, literature, and a staff meeting, on occasion.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to approve the memorandum. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the Memorandum of Understanding from the University of Mount Olive.

Manager's Update:

Manager Summerlin gave an update on the FEMA Recovery process. Manager Summerlin advised that storm debris cleanup was completed, insurance denials had been received and we are now moving forward with reimbursement requests with FEMA beginning with a meeting on Wednesday.

Manager Summerlin advised Cookout was back on schedule and was looking at opening in March 2019.

Manager Summerlin advised that he and Police Chief Southerland had been looking into parking request changes on Front St. and they hope to have a recommendation by the next meeting. Also the speed trailer is ready to go for the study for the 4-way stops.

Drainage continues to be of concern and a new contractor is on track for beaver control.

Notice of Violations continue to go out and the numbers are approaching 200 violations with approximately 50 improvements made with more continuing to be made.

Cecil Lennon has completed his grant requirements and the paperwork has been submitted to the State.

The Annual Water Performance Report has been completed and will be reported in the next issue of the newspaper.

C2e sent in a press release stating they are now ready to build.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Connors stated the Town had received a donation from CSX. Mayor Connors advised that the Town had received the old caboose to clean up and make repairs for a display by the Wellness Center.

Mayor Connors also reported that the Dr Martin Luther King sign had been replaced on West College.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Russell Eason asked Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates where we stand with the Streetscape Project. Mr. Gurley stated that NCDOT had many staff changes and they were still looking into the project requirements.

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Commissioner Scotty Smith asked Trey Gurley about the drainage problems on Railroad St. Mr. Gurley advised there just were not any grants available for drainage.

Announcements:

Manager Scotty Summerlin announced the membership drive at the Wellness Center with no enrollment fee for the month of January.

Manager Summerlin also announced the Chamber of Commerce annual banquet scheduled for February 7th.

Closed Session:

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to move into closed session. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to move into closed session in reference to NCGS 143.318.11(4) for economic development.

Commissioner Peggy Doran made a motion to reopen regular session. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to return to regular session.

No action was taken in closed session.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Valerie Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk