

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on February 28, 2019 at 6:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner
Police Captain, Patrick Giddeons

Mayor Connors opened the meeting and turned the meeting over to the Town Manager.

Manager Scotty Summerlin reviewed the highlights of the budget he had prepared. Manager Summerlin advised that ad valorem taxes could be raised based on current collection rates. It also appears there will be about a \$100,000 surplus in local option sales tax. Manager Summerlin advised that if the revenues hold true that it is his desire to make sure to take care of the employees.

Manager Summerlin advised that the challenges in this year's budget is an Aclara upgrade of approximately \$40,000 and CSX has proposed a cost share of about \$8,000 a year. The spotlight replacement is still being paid for. Finally there is the increased cost of business as has been seen with the construction project.

Manager Summerlin advised that currently he is proposing loan proceeds in the amount of \$172,000 for a new street sweeper. This will be borrowed from idle revolving loan funds so that payments can be extended over a longer period of time.

We are still waiting on numbers from Waste Industries for their CPI increase as well as an increase in the charge for recycling. A rate change for garbage has been discussed to cover these increases.

Wellness is still being reviewed as a new fee schedule is needed. Christy is also in a certification program which will allow for more programs for the seniors. This could also open up other avenues for wellness.

Recreation was not funded for the last PARTF grant period. However, there is another application process available and applications must be in by May 1st. This project will be rewritten to focus on a multipurpose field and a new ballfield specifically.

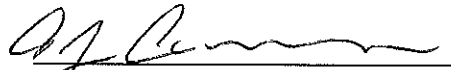
Manager Summerlin advised that with revenues just shy of \$3,000,000 that there is a proposed increase in salaries. Numbers have also been sent in that the retirement matching rate will be increasing as well.

Manager Summerlin reviewed Powell Bill revenues and expenses as well. This year there was a slight decrease in Powell Bill funds received and we are unsure the reason. However, we will still try to include another paving project totaling \$30,000.

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The next budget meeting will be held on March 28, 2019 at 6:30.

With no other concerns to be discussed, Commissioner Peggy Doran made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk