

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on March 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 Chief, Eric Southerland

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

Manager Scotty Summerlin explained that he is still waiting for the League projections for next year. He stated that Waste Industries also has not sent in their fee increases either but he feels that the current rate will support the anticipated increase.

Manager Summerlin reviewed the projections for the water and sewer budget. He started by reminding of McDavid Associates recommendation of a 2% increase to prepare for the new sewer loan. With the projected 2% increase in water and sewer rates he stated that the average 4000 gallon per month customer would see an increase of \$1.37 and a commercial customer with an average bill consisting of 28,000 gallons per month would see an increase of \$6.89.

Manager Summerlin then advised that prior conversations about salary included a 3% COLA and an estimated 5% increase in insurance. However, since the last budget meeting there was a meeting about increases in insurance being 15.3% which would be a town wide affect of \$35,000. Discussion continued with the Board giving approval to continue with paying increase in insurance and offering a 3% COLA.

Manager Summerlin reviewed the revolving loan fund. 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. Manager Summerlin advised that the auditor did approve the borrowing from RLF to pay for equipment. Conversation was also had in reference to the delinquency in payments by Muscadine Naturals. Manager Summerlin to check into options to recoup payments.

While reviewing the storm water budget Manger Summerlin advised there was no proposed change in fees. He also mentioned requests for driveway installs in which the customer could pay for the supplies but the Town would install to ensure proper drainage. Manager Summerlin also advised that there had been a request to clean major outfalls throughout Town.


Wellness is still being reviewed as a new fee schedule is needed. Manager Summerlin advised that he is reviewing the fee schedule and is considering reducing rates to a flat

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fee of \$30 a month. Membership numbers have dropped significantly since the opening of the facility so it is hoped that with Christy in a certification program this will allow for more programs which might draw more customers. Current complaints that are being reviewed are equipment, hours and costs.

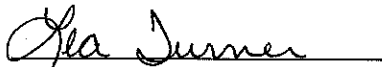
The next budget meeting will be held on April 18, 2019 at 6:30.

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