

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 8, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Warsaw Recreation Center.

Board Members Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Jack Hawes
Commissioner Russell Eason
Commissioner Owen Martin
Commissioner Valerie Pope

Also Present:

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

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

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jack Hawes made a motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Connors asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Scotty Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Commissioner Valerie Pope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the following consent agenda items: (A) Approval of Minutes for regular meeting on January 11th, (B) Budget Amendment #11-2 – Budget additional revenue to replace roof at 115 Pershing St, (C) Budget Amendment #12 – Budget funds for final payment of PD body and in-car cameras, (D) Budget Amendment #13 – Budget revenue and expense for insurance claim reimbursement – Wells, (E) Budget Amendment #14 – Budget revenue and expense for insurance claim reimbursement – PD cars and (F) Selection of muralist for Warsaw Mural Project.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Valerie Pope made a motion to open public comments. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. It was unanimous to open public comments.

Marzella Morrissey mentioned new businesses in town without notifying citizens and wanting to know how many jobs these new businesses have created. She also spoke about the importance of employing Warsaw citizens at the new businesses and if they are not properly trained then they need to find ways to train them. She finally spoke about citizens not having a vote on things coming to Warsaw that would affect their home or their health.

Commissioner Jack Hawes and Mayor Connors spoke to her in reference to them speaking with citizens about their concerns and also stated that just because they may

not be seen at a meeting does not mean that they are not concerned and asking questions of the proper officials.

Ms. Morrissey also advised she had received complaints from parents in apartment complexes that there was not a community center where they could work with children to help them with their schoolwork.

Ebony Wells also spoke to the Board. Ms. Wells was concerned with potholes in town that needed repair. She also asked if anyone was aware of how educators could get vaccinations since school was set to go back to in-person in March.

Commissioner Valerie Pope made a motion to close public comments. Commissioner Owen Martin seconded the motion. It was unanimous to close public comments.

Notice of Violation and Fines – Failure to Remove Limbs and Move Bus:

Mr. J.D. Williams spoke about his ordinance violation of branches in his field and a bus behind his fence at the end of Christy St. Mr. Williams advised that the Town told him it would cost \$100 to have the limbs picked up by the Town. He advised that he has been wanting to clean up the limbs, but due to his health, COVID, and rain he has been unable to get them taken care of. Mr. Williams advised that he sent a letter back in November advising of this fact and that it would be January before he could get to them, but now due to the rain he has not done anything with it. Mr. Williams advised that the main reason he had not made any progress on the pile is that he did not like how the officer spoke with him and he did not like being pressured to do things. Manager Summerlin advised he had spoken with Mr. Williams on multiple occasions over two (2) years, but Mr. Williams had not corrected the problem nor did he give a date the work would be done. Manager Summerlin also advised that Mr. Williams appearance does come at a bad time as the court system is already involved. Mr. Williams further continued that he is not the only location that has problems that need to be addressed.

After much discussion and debate, no action was taken.

Resolution No. 02-08-21, NC Commerce Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant Acceptance:

Town Manager Scotty Summerlin advised that the Town had agreed to be the applicant for the NC Commerce Rural Infrastructure Grant for C2NC. The full application has been submitted, but NC Commerce requires the adoption of a Resolution prior to the grant agreement being executed. Manager Summerlin asked that the resolution be adopted and that he be authorized to execute the grant agreement.

Commissioner Valerie Pope made a motion to approve the resolution and authorize the manager to execute the agreement. Commissioner Scotty Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution for the NC Commerce Rural Infrastructure Grant and authorize the Town Manager to execute the agreement.

McDavid Associates, Inc. Contract for Engineering Services, NC Commerce Grant Project:

Manager Summerlin advised that upon receiving notice of award for a grant to make sewer improvements, the Town solicited informal requests for qualifications for related engineering services. McDavid Associates, Inc. produced the original engineering report for C2NC and is most familiar with the project. They as well were the only engineering firm to submit qualifications. Manager Summerlin advised that C2NC has not yet submitted partial payment for engineering/design/permitting and Pre-treatment programming to be done. He requests the Board to make a motion approving engineering services contingent upon receiving the requested payment.

Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates, Inc advised that the services needed would be design and permitting a six-inch force main at Hill St. and Plank St. and upgrades to the pump station on Penny Branch Rd.

Commissioner Owen Martin made a motion to approve the services contract contingent upon partial payment of the work. Commissioner Jack Hawes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the services contract with McDavid Associates, Inc contingent upon required payment being received from C2NC.

CN42 and CN43 Construction Update:

Trey Gurley with McDavid Associates advised that construction is progressing nicely even with all the rain. Both contractors appear to be on schedule. Currently, there is work being done around town to address the leaks through manholes. Covers are being replaced and rock is being placed around the covers until asphalt patches can be made. This explains some of the potholes that were mentioned earlier and will be addressed as soon as possible. The contractor has been informed several times to maintain the rock and manholes until completion of the work.

Reschedule 2021-22 Budget Work Session #1 for March 23, 24, or 25, 2021:

Manager Summerlin advised that due to scheduling conflicts there was a request to change the budget work session. The dates of March 23, 24, or 25 were given as an alternate date.

Commissioner Jack Hawes made a motion to have the meeting on March 24, 2021. Commissioner Russell Eason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to reschedule the budget work session for March 24, 2021 at 6pm.

Adoption of 2020 Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan (Updated):

Manager Summerlin advised that this is an update from the prior Plan from five years ago. It is imperative that Warsaw have a fully adopted plan in order to remain eligible for FEMA funding. This Plan must be updated at least every five years.

Commissioner Russell Eason made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan, as updated. Commissioner Valerie Pope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution for the Sampson-Duplin Hazard Mitigation Plan, as updated.

Manager's Update:

Manager Summerlin advised that the C2NC grant was underway and they are also working with the County on some incentives. NCDOT has made contact and it appears the streetscape project for Front St between Hill and Plank Streets has come back to life. The speed limit change for Dogwood has been advertised and the speed limit signs have been ordered. Manager Summerlin also announced that Captain/Interim Chief Patrick Gideons has been selected as the new Chief of Police and it will be made official later in the week.

Mayor's Update:


Mayor Connors inquired as to when the Board would be ready to return to the Board Room at Town Hall. Board members stated that until vaccines were more readily available and the public was more protected, they would like to remain in the open space at the Recreation Center. Mayor Connors announced that a COVID Vaccine clinic was held at KEMBA today and they were able to vaccinate 400 individuals. The clinic will be back on March 8, 2021 to administer the second vaccine.

Board Comments:

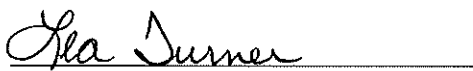
Commissioner Jack Hawes advised he had enjoyed the meeting tonight as he enjoys the interaction and debate. Commissioner Scotty Smith pointed out the Police Department reported 116 senior checks and he was glad to see that we were looking out for our elderly citizens. Commissioner Owen Martin spoke about Ms. Morrissey's comment of not seeing commissioners. He advised that during the week he is mostly out of town, but he can be reached Saturday mornings in Warsaw at the Clinic.

Adjournment:

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


Mayor

Attest:


Town Clerk