

April 28, 2021

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on April 28, 2021 at 6:00pm at the Warsaw Recreation Center, 309 Memorial Dr.

Present:

Mayor A.J. Connors
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Russell Eason
Commissioner Jack Hawes

Also Present:

Town Manager, Scotty Summerlin
Town Clerk, Lea Turner

Mayor Connors opened the meeting and turned it over to Manager Scotty Summerlin.

Manager Summerlin advised that Commissioner Martin had an animal emergency so he would not be able to make tonight's meeting. He however, did review the highlights of the budget with Commissioner Martin. Summerlin advised Commissioner Martin was in favor of the recommendations of the presented budget.

Manager Summerlin stated that he and the Finance Officer had tightened up the line items and what he was presenting was a tight budget. Manager Summerlin advised that this was a tight budget but this proposal was done without a tax increase.

He advised that the mowing contractor had agreed to extending the contract for an additional 5 months. This change has been reflected in the newly presented budget. Tyndall Lewis, McDavid Associates, spoke at the last meeting in reference to the importance of a water/sewer rate increase. Manager Summerlin stated that he was proposing a 3% increase. For customers with a minimum bill this would be less than a \$1 increase. This change would be reflected on the fee schedule that would be presented to be adopted with the new budget. Another change on the fee schedule would be the name for the fee charged on cutoff day for those who are delinquent. This will now be called a non-payment fee.


There have also been some recent inquiries at the cemetery. A survey will need to be done to ensure the availability of plots. A recommendation was made to use donated funds to conduct the needed surveys to prepare the lots.

Manager Summerlin advised he had done a salary study based on the numbers provided by the League. Based on other towns our size we are currently paying about 86%. With this budget there is a proposed 10% salary increase which would bring us up to 94% of what other towns are paying.

This budget does not include the \$900,000 COVID incentive that is to come. We are still awaiting guidance as to what these funds can be used for.


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The next budget meeting will be held May 26, 2021 at 6pm at the Town Hall.



Mayor

Attest



Town Clerk