

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners met in regular session on April 13th, 2015 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor Russell Eason
Commissioner Al Searles
Commissioner Scotty Smith
Commissioner Joal Smith
Commissioner Tommy Jones
Commissioner Dr. Owen Martin

Also Present:

Town Manager, Shawn Condon
Town Clerk, Lea Futrell
Code Enforcement Officer, Ed Collins
Public Works Director, Ivey Knowles
Wellness & Recreation Director, Josh Crowell
Fire Chief, John Blackmore
Police Chief, Eric Southerland
Town Attorney Jene Thompson

Mayor Russell Eason opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the March 9th, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Public Comments:

Mayor Eason asked for a motion to open public comments.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to open for public comments. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to open for public comment.

Mr. Blackburn spoke in reference to Taylor Field. Mr. Blackburn stated that the park had been neglected. Mr. Blackburn addressed the bathrooms didn't work and that individuals were urinating in the public. Mr. Blackburn also addressed that the area needed to be cleaned up or condemn it and close it down.

Ms. Bowden stated that she lived at 114 W John St and the ditch beside her home was full of water and would not flow. Ms. Bowden also stated that the Mexican Restaurant had a pipe running into this ditch. Town Manger Condon advised he would check into the situation.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to close public comments. Commissioner Tommy Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to close public comment.

Consideration of Proposed Cemetery Ordinance:

Manager Condon presented the new proposed Cemetery Ordinance. Manager Condon advised that changes were made to sections involving time of notice and vault requirements.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to accept proposed ordinance. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept the proposed Cemetery Ordinance.

Consideration of Dissolution of Town of Warsaw Cemetery Trustees:

Manager Condon advised that the Trustees committee was created on August 4, 1974 and was codified in Town Ordinance § 32.35-32.39. Since the creation of the Warsaw Cemetery Trustee was codified in the town ordinance the board would have to adopt an ordinance to amend the above ordinance.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to adopt an ordinance to amend Town Ordinance § 32.35-32.39. Commissioner Tommy Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to amend Town Ordinance § 32.35-32.39.

Consideration of Proposed Golf Cart Ordinance:

Manager Condon advised that the Chief of Police had received several requests from citizens regarding using golf carts within the town streets. Manager Condon stated that the state has regulations about prohibiting golf carts on state maintained DOT streets. NCGS 160A-300.6 gives municipalities the authority to allow golf carts on town maintained streets as long as the street speed limit does not exceed 35 MPH. This ordinance would provide a registration procedure which would rest with the police department.

Discussion involved verification of which streets were DOT maintained streets. Discussion also consisted of driver eligibility, such as maintaining a valid driver's license, and having liability insurance. Discussion was also made about how DOT streets broke the town up in such a way that only certain neighborhoods would benefit.

Board of Commissioners decided against adopting an ordinance to allow golf carts.

Consideration of Request from Warsaw Fire Department to Donate Fire Truck to Warsaw Fire Department:

Fire Chief John Blackmore advised that the town has in the past donated Fire Trucks to the Fire Department. Mr. Blackmore stated that last year there was no request for the town to purchase a fire truck for the Town. With the new station the fire department is in need of another truck due to having to keep the Bay Street station open.

Discussion consisted of making sure there were enough members to operate two stations. Mr. Blackmore advised that he has a total of 38 members and the state requires that you have to have 22 members and if you have another station you must have another 10 members.

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to donate the truck to the Fire Department. Commissioner Al Searles seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to donate the truck to the Fire Department.

Consideration of Resolution in Support of the Brody School of Medicine:

Manager Condon stated that at the last Duplin County Municipal Association meeting there was a request for all towns to adopt a resolution of support for the Brody School of Medicine. Manager Condon stated that there was possibly a budget restriction to cut funds to the facility.

Commissioner Joal Smith made the motion to adopt a resolution to support the Brody School of Medicine. Commissioner Tommy Jones seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adopt a resolution to support the Brody School of Medicine.

Mayor's Update:

Mayor Eason advised that at the new ball field site they would begin to take down the trees to make room for the future planned parking lot at Memorial Park.

Manager's Report:

Manager Condon advised that he was currently working on the proposed budget but was still waiting for bids and figures to come in. Manager Condon advised that he hoped to have the proposed budget ready by the end of April or by early May. Manager Condon advised beginning this week he would have budget surveys for the commissioners to express their concerns or recommendations.

Manager Condon stated that a new company, NFI Logistics, located in Warsaw. They are located at Carter Best Rd. They currently employ 13 permanent and 12 temporary

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employees with plans to make the temporary employees permanent within the next 6 months.

Board Comments:

Commissioner Searles asked for Manager Condon to check on the setbacks for the new Solar Farm.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Tommy Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Joal Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Attest

Town Clerk