

June 25, 2015

The Town of Warsaw Board of Commissioners held a budget Public Hearing on June 25, 2015 at 7:30pm in the conference room of the Town Hall.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Town Manager, Shawn Condon
Public Works Director, Ivey Knowles
Wellness & Recreation Director, Josh Crowell
Police Chief Eric Southerland

Mayor Russell Eason opened the meeting, and turned the meeting over to the Town Manager. The Manager presented the final and current draft of the budget. The Manager explained that this version of the budget sought to move the Town back to operating levels at around the 2010 mark. The budget seeks to cut costs related to personnel through a combination of RIF and attrition with positions. This would result in a budgeted reduction of 4.5 FTE regarding personnel in a combination of RIF and attrition, and would affect the Town Hall, Police Department and the Recreation Department.

The proposed budget includes no proposed ad valorem tax increase. It proposes to re-enforce the \$5 motor vehicle fee. There is a proposed 2% cost of living increase for remaining positions. This is not a merit increase, but a COLA increase to keep existing positions up with projected inflation. There are no proposed rate increases for water, sewer, stormwater, or garbage. The only proposed increase is a proposed increase for commercial/industrial users located outside of the corporate limits for sewer. This would bring the outside commercial/industrial rate for sewer to a rate three times higher than inside the corporate limits. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with this version of the budget, and vote on it at the Board special meeting on June 29th.

The Mayor opened the floor for the Public Hearing public comments. Chief John Blackmore thanked the Town for their continued support of the Warsaw Fire Department. No other public comments were made.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to go into closed session to discuss

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personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tommy Jones. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Joal Smith made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scotty Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor

Attest

Town Clerk