

MINUTES
WARSAW TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The Warsaw Town Council held the advertised public hearing and regular meeting on Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 78 Belle Ville Lane, Warsaw, VA. Council Members Present: Mayor Randall L. Phelps, Vice-Mayor Paul G. Yackel, Ogle E. Forrest, Sr., Ralph W. Self, Mary Beth Bryant, Jonathan English, and Rebecca Hubert. Councilman Faron Hamblin was absent.

Town staff present: Town Manager Joseph N. Quesenberry, Police Chief Joan N. Kent, Community Development Specialist Melissa Coates, and Treasurer/Clerk Julia Blackley-Rice.

Others present were Sara and Caleb Carroll.

The meeting was live streamed on the Town of Warsaw’s Facebook page.

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Phelps called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Forrest moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bryant and carried with the following votes:

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Aye
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Phelps opened the public hearing by reading the Notice that was published in the newspaper.

Mrs. Sara Carroll, President of the Warsaw-Richmond County Chamber of Commerce, spoke on behalf of the businesses. There were no other public comments and Mayor Phelps closed the floor to the public comments portion of the hearing. During the discussion by Councilmembers, Councilwoman Hubert asked Ms. Carroll how many businesses had reached out to her as the Chamber President after she sought comment. Ms. Carroll heard from one business, but that business has discussed it with others within the town. There was a discussion surrounding the topic of trash collection in the town. Councilman Forrest spoke regarding adding the \$9 residential trash pick-up fee back into the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Mayor Phelps then polled Council to get their thoughts and feelings on the matter.

- Councilman Self: Leave it as \$30 and \$0, but revisit next year.
- Councilwoman Bryant: leave it.
- Councilman English: leave it.
- Councilwoman Hubert: leave it.
- Vice-Mayor Yackel: leave it.
- Councilman Forrest: add \$9 charge.

The Consensus is to remain at \$30 and \$0. Mayor Phelps closed the public hearing.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report:

Deferred

Town Manager's Report:

- Positions at the Waste-Water Treatment Plant were filled. There is a good group of guys there working. Believes that things will move smoothly.
- Crosswalk Safety and enforcement: Need pedestrians to activate lights; the Town Manager has ordered a crosswalk sign for the middle of the road
- The Fourth Fridays Concert Series begins the end of May and there will be 5 events between May and September
- The AED Equipment was successfully installed
- An ad was run to celebrate Warsaw's "Best of" winners

Police Report:

Chief Kent reported that for the month of April, they had 127 calls for service, 34 summonses, 36 traffic stops, and 8 arrests. They also escorted the Easter bunny and Chief Kent has applied for a grant for vests.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Report:

This report was deferred.

Planning Commission:

Did not meet.

Northern Neck Regional Jail:

Report is in packet.

Council Committee Reports:

No committees met.

OLD BUSINESS

Northern Neck Regional Visitor's center: Plan to have it open at the end of the month.

Street Signage: Great feedback on the new street signs.

The Bounds: Trails should be done by the end of the month. The pond needs more aerators to keep it clean. Should have a quote for next month's meeting.
Rappahannock Outdoor Adventures is open and is hiring.

NEW BUSINESS

Boating Week Resolution: The Coast Guard would like Warsaw to adopt this resolution. Councilman Forrest moved to approve and adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and carried with the following votes:

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Aye
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

2021 American Rescue Plan Act: The Town Manager provided guidance as to the funds that we anticipate receiving and how those must be utilized.

NNRJ Budget approval: The annual budget was attached in the packets. Vice Mayor Yackel moved to approve the budget as presented by the Northern Neck Regional Jail. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrest and carried with the following votes:

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Abstain
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

TAP grant: The Town Manager needs authorization to proceed with or decline the TAP Grant. Mayor Phelps polled the council on their thoughts.

Councilman Self- move forward with the project.
Councilwoman Bryant- move forward with the project.
Councilman English- move forward with the project.
Councilman Forrest- move forward with the project.
Vice-Mayor Yackel- move forward with the project.
Councilwoman Hubert- move forward with the project.
Mayor Phelps- move forward with the project.

The consensus was that the town move forward with the TAP Grant.

Councilman English moved to authorize the Town Manager with the authority to proceed with the TAP Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrest and carried with the following votes:

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Aye
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

Closed Session: Section 2.2-3711 (A5) – Prospective Business

Vice-Mayor Yackel moved to enter closed session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711A (5) – Prospective Business of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bryant and carried with the following votes.

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Aye
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

Vice-Mayor Yackel moved to come out of closed session and reenter regular session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrest and carried with the following votes.

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Aye
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

Council then certified by roll call vote that they only discussed matters cited in the motion to enter closed session and legally permitted to be so discussed in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act subsections cited in the motion to enter closed session. The roll call votes are as follows:

Randall L. Phelps	Aye	Paul G. Yackel	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Jonathan B. English	Aye
Ralph Self	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye		

There was no action out of closed session.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mary Beth Bryant- Each meeting gets more interesting to her; enjoys being on the Town Council.

Ralph Self- Each meeting brings more opportunities to work together for the Town. Even with the good, bad, and the ugly, Warsaw is still doing well, and he is looking forward to a great summer. The town park is a huge asset to the town.

Ogle Forrest- Once again we showed why this council is so great and effective. We had a lively debate, but we come together to do what is best for the town.

Jonathan English- Can't go anywhere without hearing how great Warsaw is. Thank you to Town Staff for their hard work and effort.

Paul Yackel- Asked the Town Manager how the meeting with other Town Managers went; he said that things went very well, and it was a great experience.

Randy Phelps- The Town is doing great things. Everyone is thinking outside the box, and we need to keep that up. Everyone is doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

There being no further business, Mayor Phelps adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Julia Blackley-Rice, Clerk