

MINUTES
WARSAW TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Warsaw Town Council was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 78 Belle Ville Lane, Warsaw, VA. Council Members Present were Vice-Mayor Paul G. Yackel, Ogle E. Forrest, Sr., Ralph W. Self, Mary Beth Bryant, and Rebecca Hubert. Faron Hamblin was present by phone. Those that were absent include Mayor Randall Phelps and Councilman Jonathan English.

Town staff present: Town Manager Joseph Quesenberry, Police Chief Joan N. Kent, Officer Bobby Moore and Treasurer/Clerk Julia Blackley-Rice.

Others present included the Vice Mayor of Kilmarnock, Curtis Smith.

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

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Yackel 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 Councilman Self and carried with the following votes:

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

Mayor’s Report:

The mayor was out of town and unable to attend.

Town Manager’s Report:

- The first concert of the series went great. It was a great night.
- The Town office can now accept debit and credit card payments.
- Rappahannock River Basin Association will be meeting and we are the host locality.
- The Town Manager will be attending the VLGMA conference this year.
- The Town Manager has been appointed to the Chesapeake Bay Stakeholders Group.
- Jacob Roberts has returned to work for the Town of Warsaw and Eric Travis has just begun employment with the Town. We are happy to have both of them.

Police Report:

Chief Kent reported that for the month of May they had 168 calls for service.

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

Budget Adoption:

Councilman Forrest moved to adopt the budget as proposed for Fiscal Year 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hubert and carried with the following votes.

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

Projects report:

The Bounds- New trail is going in; he has encountered a couple of setbacks, but they are anticipating completion and a ribbon cutting soon.

Saddlery- Thank you to Council for coming out for the ribbon cutting. Celebrated the grand opening on the day of the first concert. Very excited to see the turnout of the renovation.

Main Street- Is continuing to come together very nicely. New landscaping in front of Relish and Verizon will help tie everything together. New signage has made a big difference and looks very nice. Continuing to move forward with putting up new signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Warsaw Rotary Club- Would like to donate a flagpole at the Bounds. Warsaw Town Council may pick the location. The pole will be 40 feet tall. A location was discussed, and Councilman Forrest moved to graciously accept the donation from the Warsaw Rotary. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bryant and carried with the following votes.

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

2021 ARPA- The American Rescue Plan Act. Every locality in the country is talking about this. Council will need to come up with a concrete budget for it once funds are received. Aggregate amount is a little over \$1 million. The Town Manager and Treasurer/Clerk went over the things these funds can be used for. The Town Manager is going to gather a list of possible projects to disburse these ARPA funds amongst Councilmembers.

The Bounds Aerator Proposal- The current proposal is \$17,751.96 for 2 additional aerators. Councilman Forrest moved to authorize the purchase and installation of the 2 aerators up to \$18,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hubert and carried with the following votes:

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

Strawberry Hill Proposal- There was discussion among Council Members, weighing the pros and cons of treatment. It is a big expense; at \$25,986 for 213 acres. Councilman Forrest proposed that we get the VA Forestry Dept. on site to get their recommendation. According to John McGruder, we would have to apply this treatment in June. The Town Manager read the recommendation from Mr. McGruder to Council. Councilman Forrest moved to authorize the Town Manager, Joseph Quesenberry to accept the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bryant and carried with the following votes:

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	No
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	No	Faron Hamblin	Aye

USDA Community Market Funding Resolution- The Town Manager said that the USDA informed him that our grant was at the top of their list. They would like to provide funding for the Community Market. Hoping to receive \$25,000 from Richmond County Board of Supervisors. There needs to be a resolution from Council in order to proceed. The Town Manager typed up a resolution for council and Councilman Self moved to adopt the resolution as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrest and carried with the following votes:

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Forrest 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 Councilman Self and carried with the following votes.

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

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

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	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:

Paul G. Yackel	Aye	Ralph Self	Aye
Ogle F. Forrest, Sr.	Aye	Mary Beth Bryant	Aye
Rebecca Hubert	Aye	Faron Hamblin	Aye

There was no action out of closed session.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Mary Beth Bryant- Glad to hear about new businesses wanting to come to our town.
 Ralph Self- Great productive meeting. Seems like it is going to be a great summer here in the Town. Thank you to Joseph for the hard work in pursuing the grant opportunities for our town.
 Ogle Forrest- In the beginning when we undertook the Main Street Project, it was said that it was just the beginning, and he believes that is true. There are so many great projects going on in town.
 Faron Hamblin- Sorry to miss the meeting in person but glad he was able to join by phone.
 Paul Yackel- At the 4th Friday event there were people coming even in the rain. It is a great event and hopefully we can have an event soon where there is no rain.
 Rebecca Hubert- Great meeting and great job to the Vice-Mayor for being able to fill in.

There being no further business, Vice Mayor Yackel adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by: Julia Blackley-Rice, Clerk