**WARSAW TOWN COUNCIL**

COUNCIL CHAMBER - 78 BELLE VILLE LANE

AUGUST 13, 2015- 7:00PM

Mayor Mark Milstead called the Warsaw Town Council regular meeting to order in Council Chambers at 78 Belle Ville Lane at 7pm on August 13, 2015. He then led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Council Members present were Mayor Mark E. Milstead, Vice- Mayor Paul G. Yackel, Ralph W. Self, Rebecca C. Hubert, Ogle E. Forrest, Sr. and William L. Washington, IV.

Staff present included John M. Slusser, Town Manager, Chief of Police Christopher J. Spare, and Kate Condrey, Administrative Assistant.

Others present were William L. Lewis, Town Attorney, Mary Beth Bryant, Anne and Rusty Gilfillan, Darleen Nichol, Mitchell Roberts, Dave Preston, Dan Ream, Darrell Katovsich, and Carolyn Bailey.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Councilman Forrest made a motion to accept the July 9, 2015 Council meeting minutes without addition or correction. Councilman Self seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

Mark E. Milstead Aye Paul G. Yackel Aye

Rebecca C. Hubert Aye William L. Washington, IV. Aye

Ralph W. Self Aye Ogle E. Forrest , Sr. Aye

Councilman Forrest moved that Council accept the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Special meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self. The following vote was taken:

Mark E. Milstead Aye Paul G. Yackel Aye

Rebecca C. Hubert Aye William L. Washington, IV. Aye

Ralph W. Self Aye Ogle E. Forrest , Sr. Aye

**MAYOR’S REPORT-**

Mayor Milstead invited the Vietnam Veterans in attendance up to the podium to present. Dave Preston came to the podium. He explained Virginia had 49 Medal of Honor winners and the goal of his group, The Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. is to make sure those Medal of Honor recipients receive recognition. His group proposed the Warsaw Town Council dedicates Richmond Road (US 360) to COL William A. Jones LLL, Medal of Honor recipient.

He further explained they picked Warsaw due to the small town nature and the patriotism the Town displays. He explained there will be three signs in Town, once of which will be a plague located at his previous residence on Richmond Road (US 360). Once a resolution is received from the Town, it will have to be approved through VDOT. The signs will be brown with white lettering, which is recommended from VDOT. They would like this project to be unveiled the Saturday before Veterans Day 2015. Councilman Washington read the following resolution.

**RESOLUTION**

 **FOR THE DEDICATION OF RICHMOND ROAD**

**(US 360) THROUGH TOWN OF WARSAW IN HONOR OF COL. WILLIAM A. JONES, III, MEDAL OF HONOR RECEPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, COL William A. Jones, III, was awarded the Medal of Honor on August 6, 1970 from President Richard Nixon; and

**WHEREAS**, COL William A. Jones, III, was on a rescue mission on September 1, 1968, working to rescue the pilot of an F-4 Phantom downed about 20 miles northwest of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam. COL Jones made several low passes across a valley to locate the pilot as well as enemy gun positions. Throughout the rescue mission, COL Jones aircraft was hit by enemy fire, however he continued through the mission. As COL Jones had located the downed pilot, his aircraft was hit badly and his cockpit had caught fire. As he tried to eject, the extent of the damage that had been suffered to the craft would not allow for ejection. Badly burned, COL Jones was able to safely land his aircraft with serious injuries, however prior to receiving critical medical attention first, he first relayed vital information to the whereabouts of the downed pilot who was later rescued that day; and

**WHEREAS**, through his dedication and selflessness, COL Jones was awarded the Medal of Honor; and

**WHEREAS,** COL William A. Jones, III was a resident of the Town of Warsaw and did reside on Richmond Road (US 360);

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Warsaw, hereby recommends that Richmond Road (US360) through the Town of Warsaw and its entire length through Richmond County, be designated to the honor of COL William A. Jones, III; and

**FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED;** that the Town of Warsaw pay for all road signs and incidentals associated with the markings and signage necessary to proclaim this honor and dedication within the limits of the Town of Warsaw.

Councilman Forrest made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilman Self seconded the motion. The following vote was taken:

Mark E. Milstead Aye Paul G. Yackel Aye

Rebecca C. Hubert Aye William L. Washington, IV. Aye

Ralph W. Self Aye Ogle E. Forrest , Sr. Aye

Mayor Milstead thanked the veterans and their families for their service and their families service.

The Mayor asked Dan Ream to come to the podium. Mr. Ream is the Library Coordinator for Rappahannock Community College. He explain author Tom Robbins, one of americas most famous authors and winner of the Library of Virginias Lifetime Achievement Award, actually had a child hood home in Warsaw. Mr. Ream got in contact with Tom Robbins and invited him back to Warsaw to speak at RCC. With such an event going on with such an influential person in town, Mr. Ream would like to propose the Council makes the day he comes to town, October 16, 2015, Tom Robbins Day. His latest book, Tibetan Peach Pie, has many references to Warsaw and speaks of many memories he had in the town.

The Warsaw Town Council Decided to proclaim October 16, 2015 Tom Robbins Day in honor of the famous author that had a childhood home in Warsaw.

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT-**

The Town Manager, John Slusser, explained the water usage from the Northern Neck Regional Jail was down by about 15%. He said there needed to be about 350 inmates or better to have the water usage to give the Town the revenues they budget for. The jail accounts for 15% percent of the revenue for the Town. John did not want this to surprise the Council at a later date.

The CDBG Grant is giving the Town $20,000 to develop solutions for the identified needs from their letter sent on July 30th. They originally gave the Town $5,000 up front to cover the preliminary costs to get the project going. Mr. Slusser believes the grant maybe short $5,000. He believes the grant was for $30,000. He will check into this.

**TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT-**

William Lewis is still working with Municode on the recodification.

**POLICE REPORT-**

Chief Spare is happy to be back with the Warsaw Police Department. He started the monthly report was available for Council to see in their packets. He mentioned there had been a larceny case in Town where bicycles had been stolen which opened leads to other cases. In all, it closed three cases and may help to solve more. These things happen when good people work together. Charges will be filed in Juvenile court. The next TRIAD meeting will be held on August 25, 2015 at Bay Aging.

Mayor Milstead asked if having a neighborhood watch would help in Town. Chief explained that in a way, Warsaw already has an informal program. There are many people at home during the day and call when they see suspicious activity. People watch out for each other. They give each other a heads up when people are selling door-to-door and let officers know when they are uncomfortable in situations. Having a formal neighborhood watch is not a bad idea. Mayor Milstead asked how the Town could set one up. Chief stated he would have to do some research and get back to him on that matter. He would also like to speak to the Sheriff on the topic.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT-**

Councilman Washington stated there was general discussion at the Planning Commission meeting. Mayor Milstead would like the Planning Commission to look at the overall vision of the town pertaining to sidewalks and curb appeal. He believes the Family Dollar looks very nice and maybe other parts of Warsaw could look like that area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS-**

WATER & SEWER CONNECTION/AVAILABLITY FEES

Councilman Forrest reported the Utilities Committee met and went over the topics of water and the ordinance. They need to do more research and will get back with the Council once it is complete.

PUBLIC USE OF WHC PARKING LOT

Town Manager Slusser stated there are people who would like to use the property for yard sales. He asked Carolyn Bailey to come to the podium. She would like to have a yard sale on the property on September 19, 2015 for her church to support a mission group.

John Slusser stated the property started to be used for yard sales when the neighbors from Warsaw Manor wanted a place to go and make a few extra dollars. He believes rules are extremely important and if handled properly, it could be a good thing.

Councilman Yackel explained that when people see other people out there, they think they can just use the space as well. They don’t understand they need a permit from the Town to have a yard sale. He believes the area looks like a flea market. He said he saw things hanging from trees and many things which he was not happy with when he drove by on the previous Saturday. Mr. Slusser mentioned maybe only having churches or non-profit organizations have events there. Councilman Self thought this was a good idea. He thought if they secured the right permit, and followed the right rules, they could have a nice sale on the property to help out a cause. Councilman Yackel said he had no problem with that. Chief Spare said he would like to make sure that all events are permitted. It gives the police the authority to do something if that need arises. He also has a concern with traffic coming and going from the location. He believes the grass area behind the parking lot would be a better location for items to be displayed instead of the actual parking lot. This frees up more room for parking and moving within the area.

Mr. Slusser mentioned doing a gathering permit instead of a yard sale permit. Councilman Yackel would like to see only one a day. Mr. Slusser said a person can only have 2 in a year. Councilman Washington brought the subject back to Carolyn Bailey. He believes she should be permitted to have her yard sale on September 19, 2015.

William Lewis thinks Town Manager Slusser should make a temporary set of rules for Carolyn Bailey to follow for her event on September 19, 2015. These rules will help her event go smoothly and then Council will be able to decide what to do from there.

Councilman Washington made a motion to let Carolyn Bailey hold a yard sale at the WHC parking lot on September 19, 2015 pending a set of rules which the Town Manager, John Slusser, will provide to her. Councilman Forrest seconded this motion. The votes were as follows:

Mark E. Milstead Aye Paul G. Yackel Aye

Rebecca C. Hubert Aye William L. Washington, IV. Aye

Ralph W. Self Aye Ogle E. Forrest , Sr. Aye

Councilman Yackel suggested there be a sign put up all at entrances to the property stating no yard sale without permit. He also explained he thought a yard sale was selling your own stuff in your own yard. Councilman Washington asked how soon can we get these signs together and put in place. Mr. Slusser stated he would get on them right away. They decided the sign would say something along the lines of “NO TRESSPASSING UNLESS PERMITTED.”

**COUNCIL COMMENTS-**

Councilman Self said exciting things were happing with famous author Tom Robbins coming to Town. He was excited that a small town like Warsaw was getting recognition in a big time book and was excited to be part of this community.

Councilman Hubert stated she was overly proud of the school system. They held the event “Rock the Bus” at Walmart over the weekend and Richmond County had the best turn out and filled the bus with back to school supplies.

Councilman Washington continued on about the great school system stating it was the best in the region. He explained that three groups want to have conventions there and people are wanting to come to Warsaw. We really need to put our best foot forward.

Councilman Forrest thinks everyone needs to come see the new school. They have put a lot of hard work into the place so the students can have the very best.

Councilman Yackel thinks a proclamation will suffice for Tom Robbins.

Mayor Milstead said there was a Redskins game on.

With their being no further business, the regular meeting of the Warsaw Town Council was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by:

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Laura K. Condrey

Acting Clerk