

REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2014

At the regular work session meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 11:00 am in the Town Manager's Conference Room located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville VA, there present were D.E. Whitus, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, J.J. Davis and E.I. Gordon. Members absent were Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr. and Council member Reid.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Donald Blessing and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

The regular work session meeting was called to order. Mr. Spates presented the February 2014 agenda items. The following matters were discussed:

- Treasurer's Report – will be provided prior to the Council meeting. The Business Professional Occupational License tax was discussed. The Town receives approximately \$1.3 million dollars from the BPOL tax. The proposed amendments could create a tremendous deficient in the Town's operating budget.
- The February 5th Finance and Ordinance Committee meeting will be rescheduled. Due to scheduling conflicts, Mr. Reid is unable to serve and has recommended Mr. Hunter be appointed to fill his position.
- Bills
- Staff Reports – Mr. Spates provided an overview of the monthly staff reports. Mrs. Thompson asked that members be provided a cost comparison of heating fuel costs and usages compared to last year
- Town Manager's Report – Joint Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Committee – Members discussed possible areas for consideration. Chairman Simpson stated he was not interested in moving the Town boundaries outside the bypass. Mr. Spates said the Town was interested in some retail property past the bypass and would be excluding the Dowdy's Corner area, at this time. The Joint Committee directed Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Spates to prepare a map of the proposed areas. The map will be presented to the respective committees for discussion prior to next Joint Voluntary Boundary Adjustment Committee meeting.

- Farmers Market – members were presented with Farmville Community Marketplace Committee draft rules and regulations along with a job description for a Market Manager. Mr. Spates said the Committee has requested Town Council authorize the hiring of a Market Manager. The person will receive \$75.00 a day for each market day worked. Lengthy conversations took place regarding the Farmville Community Marketplace. Council restated their desire to broaden the base of the market to create a multifaceted shopping experience for the community. Mr. Spates said the Farmers Market Association is welcome to use the facility at no cost on Wednesdays and Saturdays, until April 1.
- Longwood University parking - working on drafting an Agreement regarding the leasing of parking spaces on Town owned streets;
- The Covington Group is interested in leasing parking spaces on Hill Street. Mr. Spates said the diagonal spaces will be used by the employees at the Southgate Shopping Center. The Town currently has two parking leases – charging \$23.00 to \$25.00 per space.
- Sale of four acres of land – to date the Town has not received any bids;
- Farmville Community Marketplace Committee (Farmers Market Committee) – The Committee is chaired by Mrs. Thompson. Council will be asked to appoint the following representatives to serve a one year term on the Farmville Community Marketplace Committee:

One representative from the Farmers Market Association,

Mr. Jamie Davis

Ms. Allison Crews

Ms. Pam Butler

Mr. Steve Wall

Mr. Gerry Spates

- Amendments to **Chapter 15 Motor Vehicles and Traffic** – proposed amendments to parking fines. The public hearing is at 6:45 pm;
- Request payment from the Narcotic’s fund to pay Third Street Wrecker;
- Farmville Town employee disability insurance – request that Council approve changing the employee disability insurance from long term disability to a short term. The short term disability allows the employee to begin drawing benefits after 15 days of the disability. The current long term policy requires employees to use all their personal leave

time before being eligible for disability benefits. Monthly cost for long term disability is \$4,450 compared to short term monthly premium of \$2,450.

- Request use of Crute Stage for the Main Street Music Series 2014 – Farmville Downtown Partnership has requested the use of Crute Stage to host this year’s music event. The free concert will be held on the third Thursday of the month from May until September and will run from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Mr. Spates said the event promotes the area and is recommending Council waive the Crute Stage rental fee for this year’s music series. Members spoke in support of the event and appreciated the efforts of the Farmville Downtown organization.

REPORT - IMPACT TO MOTTLEY FROM ADJACENT AGGREGATE MINING

At the direction of Council, Mr. Thomas Rice, PG was instructed to determine if the proposed Luck Stone Rock Quarry project would have an effect on Mottley Lake, the Town of Farmville’s emergency water supply. Mr. Rice was present to provide an overview of his report, “Impact to Mottley Lake from Adjacent Aggregate Mining” dated December 16, 2013.

Mr. Rice said, “Based on field operations in the area of Mottley Lake, as it pertains to the proposed Luck Stone operation, it was determined that water levels will decrease through time as a result of aggregate mining. The time factor of when the Lake will be impacted is unknown.” He said “The streambed where Mottley Lake is dammed is highly suspect of being a geologic fault. Several perpendicular features are noted in the topographic map projecting from the streambed onto the quarry site thus providing a hydraulic connection between the two areas. If correct, the plumbing is established to lower water levels in the area through prolonged pumping.” Mr. Rice spoke of the Luck Stone Corporation as being a highly reputable organization and encouraged Council to contact Mr. Charles Luck to negotiate a solution. The addition of 12” inch high yield wells were discussed as being a possible emergency water supply solution. The presentation concluded. Council had several questions. Mr. Spates was directed to write Mr. Luck to request a meeting and enclose a copy of Mr. Rice’s report. Mr. Rice agreed to represent the Town of Farmville during the required public hearing process.

CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 2.2-3711A.4 PRIVACY OF INDIVIDUALS AND SECTION 2.2-3711A.7 LEGAL CONSULTATION

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed session under **Section 2.2-3711A.4** of the Code of Virginia for

the protection of the privacy of individuals on personal matters not related to public business and under **Section 2.2-3711.A.7** of the Code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members, consultants or attorneys, pertaining to actual or probable litigation, and other specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by counsel.

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council returned to the regular order of business.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Farmville Town Council has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Farmville Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmville Town Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Farmville Town Council.

VOTE: 6 “Ayes”

MOTION: Gordon

SECOND: Hunter

AYES: Whitus, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Davis and Gordon

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Reid and Newman

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Reid and Newman

Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk