

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 7, 2014

At the regular work session meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 11:00 am, in the Town Manager's Conference Room, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, VA, there present were Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr., presiding and Council members D.E. Whitus, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, J.J. Davis, A.D. Reid and E.I. Gordon.

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

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order and the Town Manager presented the May 2014 agenda items.

Mr. Spates provided an overview of the staff reports and updated members on various town projects. There were brief discussions on the Mottley Lake/Luck Stone project, the issues regarding the thermopave problems on Main Street, the status of the proposed Longwood Street Agreement and an update on the voluntary boundary adjustments and the proposed homeless shelter in the Watkins-Abbitt Building.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2014-2015 TOWN BUDGET

At the Wednesday, May 14th Council meeting, members will be asked to authorize advertisement for a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00 pm. On the proposed town budget.

Mr. Davis asked that proposed budget be amended to include the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk along Osborn Road. There is a bus stop on Osborn Road but no sidewalk. He said residents in the area rely heavily on public transportation. Mr. Davis spoke of his concerns with public safety with residents walking in the roadway. Discussions followed. Mr. Spates proposed installing curb and gutter on one side of Osborn Road and curb, gutter and sidewalk on the other side of the roadway. The estimated cost is \$65,000. Members supported amending the proposed budget to include the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk along Osborn Road. The \$65,000 will come from the contingency fund.

REQUEST USE OF THE COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE PARKING LOT ON BEHALF OF THE HEART OF VIRGINIA CLASSIC AUTO CLUB

The Heart of Virginia Classic Auto Club has requested permission to use the Community Marketplace parking lot from 3:00 pm, to 6:00 pm on the third Saturday of May through September.

REQUEST REFUND OF PATRIAL PAYMENT OF THE 2014 BUSINESS LICENSE FOR DOWDY DISCOUNT FURNITURE, LLC

Dowdy Discount Furniture, LLC closed the business effective April 24, 2014 WRE, LLC has taken over the operation. The Town Treasurer is requesting a refund of \$228.64 be issue to Dowdy Discount Furniture, LLC provided the 2014 business personal property tax is paid.

REQUEST AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 2-67 PERSONAL DAYS OFF ANNUAL LEAVE POLICY AND SECTION 2-71 RESIGNATION

The proposed amendment decreases the maximum amount of personal leave hours a town employee is allowed to annually carry-over from 1040 hours to 480 hours. Mr. Spates said he has met with town employees and they are aware of the change. He said employees have been encouraged to take their time and the town has been working on buying back excess hours. Currently, employee carry-over hours are at 700.

REQUEST TO USE TOWN'S RIGHT OF WAY

Mr. Spates said he received a request from Mr. Chris Bjornsen of 615 Third Avenue to use the town's right of way to plant a vegetable garden located between his property and property at 701 Third Street owned by Ms. Jeanne Strunke. Ms. Strunke supports the request. Mr. Spates said he has no objections, with the understanding that if the Town needs access to its utilities, the garden will be damaged or destroyed. Council supported the request.

THE TOWN MANAGER AND/OR STAFF PROVIDED A VERBAL REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

The Town Manager provided an overview of the Town Employee Monthly Overtime Report and the Monthly ICA Housing Report.

FARMVILLE TOWN OCUNCIL MEMBERS INQUIRED OR COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Mr. Hunter recommended a member of the Police Committee sit in on interviews for Farmville Police Officers.

CLOSED SESSION - LEGAL CONSULTATION, SECTION 2.2-3711.A.7 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Whitus and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed session 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. Davis 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: 7 “Ayes”

MOTION: Gordon

SECOND: Hunter

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

NOES: 0

ABSENT DURING VOTE: 0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 0

Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

S.C. Newman, Jr., Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk