

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2014

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there present were Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding and Council members P.W. Butler, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Donald Blessing; Town Treasurer, Carol Anne Seal; Chief of Police, Douglas Mooney; Director of Public Works, Robin Atkins; Town Planner, Cindy Morris and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order and thanked Ms. Butler for agreeing to serve on Council. Ms. Butler was appointed by Council, at their July 9, 2014 meeting, to fill the At-large seat vacated by the election of David Whitus, as Mayor. Ms. Butler's term will run until the special election scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

Reverend Price gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Reid.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ms. Allison Crews addressed Council. Ms. Crews thanked the Town for the many community services it provides. She spoke of the mural painted on the side of the Farmville Presbyterian Church warehouse as being inspiring and an example a collaboration of efforts. She also mentioned the Crute Stage Main Street Music Series hosted by the Farmville Downtown Partnership. Ms. Crews informed members of the upcoming Virginia Children's Book Festival scheduled for October 10 and 11 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, at Longwood University. She said it is an opportunity to bring together prominent children's authors and illustrators and the general public in an annual event designed to foster the enjoyment of children's literature. The Virginia Children's Book Festival will be available to the public without an entrance fee. In closing, Ms. Crews spoke of her vision of there being a joint meeting of all the civic organizations (Lions Club, Rotary Club, United Way, etc.) in an effort to raise funds for a new playground area or new equipment for an existing playground.

Mrs. Helen Persons, Director of Farmville Downtown Partnership addressed Council. She too thanked the Town for its assistance on the mural, Main Street Music Series, Riverfront Festival and the Main Street storefront cast iron makeover project.

Ms. Jen Cox, Longwood University, Director of Commuter Life provided Council with an update on University student move-in dates and future events.

Mrs. Mary Prevo spoke to Council regarding the farmers market. She spoke of her desire that Town Council ask the Heart of Virginia Farmers Market organization to return to the farmers market (Farmville Community Marketplace). She said the Town has a wonderful facility but few, if any, produce vendors and that the facility is not being utilized to its fullest potential. She described the Heart of Virginia Farmers Market organization as an asset to the community and encouraged Council to actively seek a resolution that is agreeable to both the Town and the Heart of Virginia Farmers Market.

Mayor Whitus asked that an item on the agenda be addressed out of order.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ISSUANCE OF HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS ON BEHALF OF CENTRA HEALTH, INC AND CENTRA MEDICAL GROUP, LLC

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Butler, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the request to adopt the resolution supporting the application on behalf of Centra Health, Inc. and Centra Medical Group, LLC, to the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg, to issue one or more series of Hospital Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000, as presented.

BACKGROUND: *Section 15.2-4905 of the Code of Virginia, as amended* states that an industrial development authority may not finance facilities in another jurisdiction that has created its own industrial development authority “unless the governing body of such county, city or town in which the facilities are located or are proposed to be located, concurs with the inducement resolution adopted by the Authority, and shows such concurrence in a duly adopted resolution.

Approximately 12 million dollars of the Bonds are to finance costs of certain acquisitions, additions and improvements to Centra’s health care facilities, including acquisitions, construction and equipping of a 52,000 square foot facility to house a dialysis center, primary care clinic, specialty care clinic and medical offices for orthopedics located at

915 South Main Street, in the Southgate Shopping Center in the Town of Farmville. The required public hearing notice has been advertised and adoption of the resolution has no financial obligation to the Town of Farmville.

Council welcomed Mr. William L. Bass, Jr. and congratulated him on his recent promotion to Vice President and CEO of Centra Southside Community Hospital. Mr. Bass spoke briefly on Centra's on-going construction projects at the Southgate Shopping Center.

Council returned to their regular order of business.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2014 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye", the minutes of the July 9, 2014 regular Council meeting were approved, as presented.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2014 REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting "aye", the minutes of the August 6, 2014 regular work session meeting were approved, as presented.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2014 CONTINUED WORK SESSION MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Davis and with all Council members voting "aye", the minutes of the August 12, 2014 continued work session meeting were approved, as presented.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting "aye", the Treasurer's Report was approved, as presented.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Davis and with all Council members voting "aye", payment of the bills was approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Members received copies of the following monthly staff reports:

- Building Official's Report;
- Property Inspector's Report;

- Recreation Department Report;
- Sanitation and Recycling Report;
- Golf and Pool Report;
- Parking Meter Tally

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager provided a verbal review of the staff reports.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

RE: Mottley Lake – possible date for public hearing on quarry may be sometime in September;

RE: Joint meeting with the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors – scheduled for 12:00 pm on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at Charley's Waterfront Café;

RE: Voluntary Boundary Adjustment – Martin property, 50 acres on Milnwood Road and the Smith Farm, 225 acres on Germantown Road;

RE: Thermopave issues – certified letter sent to contractor's bonding company. The bond is still active until the end of August;

RE: New Horizon Community Action Partnership/Federal Building – no new information to report;

RE: Osborn Road – Engineering firm is in the process of doing a runoff study, anticipate receiving report within 30/45 days;

RE: Immigration Center of America, Farmville (ICA) – possible expansion of the facility, which would generate additional jobs and revenue to the town. This expansion would be on the same property and house families.

REQUEST FOR AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting "aye", the recommendation to request the Immigration Center of America, Farmville submit an economic impact study of the facility's effect on the Town was approved.

BACKGROUND: Members spoke in support of the facility and its possible expansion. In dealing with this subject members questioned the number of jobs and additional revenue ICA generates to the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and with all Council members voting “aye”, the recommendations of Mayor Whitus’ standing committees and appointments were approved. The 2014-2015 standing committees and appointments are as follows:

Finance Committee: J. Davis, Chair and Council members D. Hunter and G. Cole;

Public Safety: D. Hunter, Chair, and Council members T. Pairet and S. Thompson;

Town Assets & Resources: T. Pairet, Chair and Council members J. Davis and new elected;

Community Development & Marketing: S. Thompson, Chair and Council members A. Reid and new elected;

Personnel: A. Reid Chair and Council members D. Hunter and G. Cole

BACKGROUND: This matter was continued from the July Council meeting. Mayor Whitus encouraged members to develop a mission/vision for each standing committee. He said he would like the standing committees to be proactive and meet with some degree of regularity.

TOWN MANAGER’S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

This matter was referred to the Personnel Committee for their recommendation to Town Council.

REQUEST APPOINTMENT TO THE FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

This matter was continued, pending results of the special election being held Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

BACKGROUND: Currently there is one vacancy on the Farmville Planning Commission. The Town received two replies to their request for letters of interest. Pending the results of the special election being held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, there may be two vacancies. Council elected to continue the matter until after the special election.

REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE

On motion by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and with all Council members voting “aye”, the request for a conditional use permit on behalf of Mr. Michael Papandrea and Mr. William White to construct a multi-family residence on 1.636 acres located on Layne Street was referred to the Farmville Planning Commission.

BACKGROUND: The property is zoned residential district R-3 and multi-family residences are an allowed use, with a conditional use permit.

CLERK'S NOTE: The Town Manager later requested this matter be removed from the Planning Commission and a public notice be advertised. The request is to be addressed at the September 10, 2014 regular Council meeting.

REQUEST USE OF RIVERSIDE PARK FOR THE ANNUAL RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with all Council members voting "aye", the request for use of Riverside Park on behalf of the Farmville Downtown Partnership was approved. Farmville Downtown Partnership annually sponsors the "Riverside Festival".

BACKGROUND: This year, the event is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2014.

MATTER OF A DOG PARK

This matter was referred to the Town Assets & Resources Committee. The Town Manager will gather information regarding establishing a dog park and present it to the standing committee.

REQUEST FOR STREET CLOSURE

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting "aye", the recommendation by the Town Manager to grant the request on behalf of Mr. William Johnson, Jr. to block off Hill Street from Irving Street to Barrow, from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm on Saturday, August 30, 2014, for the annual Farmville All-Stars reunion/cookout was approved.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager said the Public Works Department will deliver the barricades on Friday. Members from the community block off the street on Saturday.

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

Mr. Spates updated or provided Council members with copies of the following reports:

Employee Overtime monthly report, Central Virginia Regional Library Board membership list, Farmville Downtown Partnership monthly report;

Town of Farmville's Outstanding Debt 2009 – 2014 – it was noted by Mayor Whitus that the Town's debt over the last five years has seen a 20% reduction and the per capita debt has dropped from roughly \$2,500 to just under \$2,000, per person.

Letter from Farmville Presbyterian Church thanking the Town for their assistance with gutter repairs on their warehouse;

The Office of First Year Experience, Longwood University shared information on the University's upcoming "Big Game" event, scheduled on Sunday, August 24, 2014.

Robin Atkins, Director of Public Works and Douglas Mooney, Chief of Police updated members on matters within their departments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

Members thanked Ms. Butler for agreeing to serve until the August 19th special election;

Mr. Davis, as Chair of the Finance and Ordinance standing committee established a standing meeting date of first Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 am, in the conference room of the Town Manager.

There being no other business, the meeting recessed until 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 21, 2014, at Charley's Waterfront Café, located at 201 B Mill Street, Farmville, VA.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

D.E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk