

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 11:00 am, 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 D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid and G.C. Cole. Council member J.J. Davis was absent.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates, Town Attorney, Andrea Erard and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order and presented the September agenda items for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA – includes the draft minutes of the August 5th, 2015 works session, the draft minutes of the August 12, 2015 regular Council meeting and the Treasurer’s Report.

BILLS – in Dropbox

TOWN MANAGER’S VERBAL REPORT – Mr. Spates updated Council on various projects.

- Farmville Regional Airport RFP for Fixed Base Operator – to date the Town had received any response to the RFP. Members discussed the airport and establishing Minimum Standards. Mayor Whitus referred that matter to the Asset and Resource Committee for their recommendation to Council.
- Patrick Henry Boys Home – the Town Attorney is working on the closing
- Executive Mansion Ornament – have received no responses
- Osborne Road project – water flow analysis has been completed. Mr. Spates stated due to estimated costs of the project, he recommends that in July the project be submitted to VDOT for the Revenue Sharing Funds. If approved, the project would begin in about two years. Mr. Spates stated he suggests Council approve repaving Osborne Road, making it wider and designate a walking/pedestrian lane.
- Burn Building – received permit and will be moving forward with the grading of the site.
- Dog Park – sidewalk, curb/gutter, water line and two frost proof hydrants have been installed. Shortly, the property will be seeded, followed by the installation of water stations. Members discussed the location of the fence in relation to the sidewalk. Mr. Spates stated he will contact the donors that pledged funds for their donations.

- Buffalo Creek Project - Pedestrian Bridge across Buffalo Creek to tie into High Street/Dogwood Trail – AMT Engineering has been awarded the contact. Sidewalk construction in front of the hospital should begin within the next week or so.
- Main Street/Milnwood Road Project – working on obtaining some right of ways. Currently this VDOT project qualifies for 95% reimbursement. Mr. Spates stated VDOT has a new program offering 100% reimbursement for qualified projects. He stated he feels this project meets the criteria and will be submitting the Main Street/Milnwood Road project for new program.
- Roundabouts – Mr. Spates reported that when he Mayor Whitus and Vice Mayor Reid met with representatives from Longwood University for an update on the University’s Master Plan, they were informed that the University had purchased the old Brumfield house and was interested in working with the Town on straightening out Griffin Blvd. to tie into Oak. Two options were discussed – swapping property with the Town, giving the Town the right of way to straighten out Griffin or constructing a roundabout and doing away with the traffic signal. Members stated their concerns with a roundabout and the high number of pedestrian traffic in that area. Mr. Spates recommended the Town’s engineer look at both options and present his recommendation to Council. Council supported the recommendation and supported Mayor Whitus’ suggestion of holding a public meeting for community input.
- Traffic Signal grant – the Town received a grant for two traffic signals: Oak and High and Oak and Third. The Public Works Department has begun work on the installation of the traffic signal at Oak and Third and will hold off on Oak and High until the it is determined if the intersection is to be straightened.
- Light Pedestrian Crosswalks – materials have been ordered

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – presented at the regular Council meeting

Mr. Spates stated the Finance and Ordinance Committee met today to discuss charging the sanitation fee of \$10.00 to vacant houses. The Committee supported the Town Manager and agreed to recommend Council continue to access the fee.

VACANCY FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

VACANCY FARMVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

COUNCIL MEETING PROTOCOL

REMOVE FROM THE AGENDA – REQUEST USE OF WILCKS LAKE

REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON BEHALF OF TERRY BREUSCHER

FIREWORKS EVENT

FOOD DAY PROCLAMATION

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS