

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there were present Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding, and Council members D.E. Dwyer, 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 and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order and presented the January 13, 2016 agenda items for discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA – includes the draft minutes of the December 2, 2015 work session and the draft minutes of the December 9, 2015 regular Council meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Spates stated the \$208,345.57 from the sale of the old library building has been placed in an escrow account at Benchmark Bank and is included in the Treasurer's Report under Restricted Funds. He also stated that the Town has paid off its line of credit.

BILLS – the bills have been placed in the dropbox folder.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Spates updated Council on several town projects:

- Members discussed the cigarette tax and its year to date revenue; also mentioned was the meals tax;
- Landfill Engineering Services– the Selection Panel interviewed four engineering firms and selected Joyce Engineering, located in Richmond. Joyce Engineering has extensive experience in landfill closings.
- Voluntary Boundary Adjustment – no additional information;
- Burn Building – anticipate completion in March;
- 2016-2017 Town Budget – the Finance and Ordinance Committee will begin the preparation process soon;
- Water Treatment Plant – received the Fluoridation Quality Water Award from the Virginia Health Department;
- Dog Park – Gemini will be making the dedication plaque, at no charge. Also mentioned was installing a camera system to monitor the park and adding lighting by the sign.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. Pairet reminded members of the Dog Park dedication on Friday, January 8, 2016.

PROPOSED TOURISM ZONE ORDINANCE – no discussions

AMEND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – Mr. Hunter, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee will present the Committee’s recommendation to Council.

FERN COMMITTEE – Proctor Harvey will be at Council to discuss the project. Mr. Spates said the garden prices are determined by traffic count and visibility.

PROPOSED PARKING AGREEMENT – Mr. Spates stated he will be meeting with Mr. Fickenscher on Friday and hopes to present a draft of the parking agreement to Council on Wednesday night. He stated a public hearing must take place before Council can enter into a parking agreement. Members discussed parking space rental rates.

RESOLUTION – JAMES ENNIS – Mr. Spates stated Mr. Ennis, Commonwealth Attorney for Prince Edward County retired on December 31, 2015.

REQUEST ADVERTISING A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON BEHALF OF RUSSELL HARPER – the CUP is to build an apartment complex on property Mr. Harper owns located off of South Main Street. Once the site plan is prepared Mr. Spates stated he will present it to Council.

REQUEST PAYMENT FROM THE NARCOTIC’S FUND – no discussions.

REQUEST LONG TERM LEASE ON RENTING A PARKING SPACE IN THE MUNICIPAL LOT – Mr. Frisbie-Fulton purchased the Ashby Antiques building at 235 N. Main Street and plans on he and his wife living upstairs. Mr. Frisbie-Fulton is requesting a long term lease for an assigned parking space in the municipal lot behind his building.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – Mr. Spates provided members with the proposed language on requiring a meal to be provided when renting a Town facility and having alcohol at the event.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF – Mr. Spates stated after the work session, Chief Davis would like Council to come to the Police Department so he can show Council members the Department’s new analytical computer program.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS - none

CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSSION OF THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLICLY HELD REAL PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed meeting pursuant to **Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia, as amended** for discussion or consideration of the disposition of publicly held real

property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

On motion Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all 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:

MOTION:

SECOND:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT DURING VOTE:

ABSENT DURING MEETING:

Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk