

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 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, 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.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE REALLOCATION OF
REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FROM PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TO THE TOWN OF
FARMVILLE

On motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to adopt the resolution endorsing the reallocation of the revenue sharing funds from Prince Edward County to the Town of Farmville was approved.

RESOLUTION
ENDORSING REALLOCATION OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS
FROM PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TO THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County received Fiscal Year 2005 Revenue Sharing Program funding for a project - UPC 72615 – that has been completed and has surplus state funds in the amount of \$158,745; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Vice Presidential debate will be held at Longwood University, located within the Town of Farmville; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for this event the Town of Farmville has established a project – UPC 108420 – to pave various routes within the town; and

WHEREAS, Prince Edward County has, by separate resolution, requested the surplus funds of \$158,745 on UPC 72615 be reallocated to fully fund the paving project – UPC 108420 – within the Town of Farmville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Farmville hereby supports Prince Edward County’s reallocation of \$158,745 state revenue sharing funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Farmville commits to Revenue Sharing Program requirements to provide matching funds and hereby grants authority for the Town Manager to execute the project administration agreement for this project.

Adopted this 2nd day of March 2016, Farmville, Virginia, by the Town Council of the Town of Farmville.

BACKGROUND: The Virginia Department of Transportation has requested the Town and County adopt resolutions acknowledging the reallocation of \$158,745 in state revenue sharing funds that are to be used to pave various routes within the town.

Mayor Whitus introduced the agenda items for the March 9, 2016 regular Council meeting.

TOWN MANAGER'S VERBAL REPORT – Mr. Spates provided a verbal report on various projects, including:

- Voluntary boundary adjustment – Due to continued delays, Mr. Spates suggested the Town proceed with the voluntary boundary adjustment on the two properties that submitted letters requesting to be brought into town: Mr. Robert J. Smith, III and Mr. Russell Harper.
- Burn building – should be completed by the end of the month. Members requested a tour of the building once it is complete.
- FERN project – Mr. Spates stated he has received positive responses about the program from the civic organizations and the hospital.
- The signage will be added in the lot behind the Police Department designating two parking spaces, during certain hours, as an internet commodity exchange location.
- Crews will be working on West Third Street in front of Fas Mart. A piece of concrete is lodged in the culvert pipe.
- Mr. Hunter and Mr. Reid have scheduled a Ward C and D Community meeting on Wednesday, March 16th in the Council Chamber.

STANDING COMMITTEE VERBAL REPORTS – reports will be given at the March 9th Council meeting.

REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON BEHALF OF FARMVILLE ASSOCIATES, LLC

This matter will be continued. The Farmville Planning Commission has expressed safety concerns with the entrance/exit for the development, because of the already heavy traffic volume on South Main Street at the intersection of Milnwood Road. The Commission has requested additional information from the developer.

REQUEST TO LEASE PARKING SPACES ON BEHALF OF HOTEL WEYANOKE – The Hotel Weynoke has agreed with the revisions to the Parking License Agreement requested by Town Council and the Town Attorney. In discussing parking spaces in the municipal lot, Council agreed that the County should provide parking spaces for jurors. The Town Manager was directed to contact the County Administrator to notify him of the change.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION FOR 2016 EARTH DAY FARMVILLE – no comments or discussions.

REQUEST SALARY BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Hunter stated the Public Safety Committee reviewed the salaries in the Police Department. It was determined that the Town's Salary Compensation Scale was not increased as the Council gave cost of living increases. As a result, a few of the Officers are below their compensation level. Mr. Hunter stated the Public Safety Committee is recommending an increase in the Police Department budget of \$19,479.06 for this fiscal year.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER AND/OR STAFF – no comments

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Dwyer stated he had received a request that additional lighting be added in the area of Appomattox, Buffalo and Oak Streets due to the Longwood students walking to and from Lancer Park. In discussing the issue, Mr. Cole suggested Longwood University may want to consider installing an emergency call box in that area. Mr. Dwyer suggested the Public Safety Committee explore the request for additional lighting. Mayor Whitus stated that Mark French has asked about installing street lights on Creekwood Trail subdivision and he would pay the cost for special globes. Mr. Spates stated in that area the electrical is underground and the Town would probably have to pay the cost to have the lights install. He stated he would look into both areas. Mr. Dwyer also requested the Police Department patrol the Avenues for residential parking violations. Mr. Dwyer asked for an update on the dilapidated houses.

Mr. Hunter stated a resident had contact him expressing concerns that she was billed a sanitation fee when her rental property is vacant.

Mr. Davis asked that consideration be given to include the grassy bank area next to the Farmers Market as a FERN garden location. He also asked for a status on the closing on the Mottley Lake. Mr. Spates stated the attorneys anticipate closing on the property in about a week. Mr. Davis updated members of the recommendation of the Finance and Ordinance Committee on employee salaries. He stated for the fiscal budget 2016-2017, the Committee is recommending a 2 percent cost of living increase for full time/part time employees and a years of service bonus in lieu of a holiday bonus. Members discussed compensation, and benefits.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk