

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

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, April 6, 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 and presented the April work session agenda.

**REQUEST RATIFYING THE FINANCING OF THE MOTTLEY LAKE PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to amend the minutes of the Special Called Council meeting of March 17, 2016 ratifying the dropping of LIBOR as a rate option in the financing of the Mottley Lake property was approved. The interest rate on the financing of the property will be Prime.

**BACKGROUND:** At the January 13, 2016 regular Council meeting, Council accepted the terms on the sale of the Mottley Lake property. Included in the terms was *Years 6 – 10, \$95,000 per year, plus interest (prime rate versus LIBOR)*. At the March 17, 2016 Special Called Council meeting, action was approved amending the terms to “Years 6 – 10, \$95,000 per year, plus interest of LIBOR plus 200 points”.

Mr. Spates stated Mr. Harper has contacted the Town and stated the terms as approved by Council in January were Prime or LIBOR and he would like the interest rate to be amended to Prime, as previously agreed upon. Mayor Whitus stated at closing Prime interest rate is greater than LIBOR and it is in the best interest of the Town to amend the minutes and go with Prime interest rate.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED APRIL 13, 2016 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, ADDING GROVE STREET PARK**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to approve the amended April 13, 2016 regular Council meeting agenda was approved. The agenda will be amended by adding the issue of Grove Street Park.

Mayor Whitus presented the April agenda items for review and discussion.

Town Manager’s report – Mr. Spates provided a verbal report on various town projects.

- Voluntary Boundary Adjustment – Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors will advertise the joint public hearing notice on the voluntary boundary adjustment for the Smith property and the Martin property. Mr. Spates stated if an adjacent property owner appears at the joint public hearing and request to be included in the voluntary boundary adjustment, it will be considered. Mr. Barry Dowdy has expressed an interest. The Town Manager explained the process of a voluntary boundary adjustment.
- Burn Building – possible dedication in May;
- Additional street lights – the Town is working with Virginia Dominion Power on addressing the request on West Third and Creekwood subdivision. The Town will also be looking into Buffalo, Appomattox and Grove Street.

Standing Committee reports – reports will be presented at the regular Council meeting.

The Town Manager asked that the agenda be set aside in order for Chief Davis to share with Council the Police Department's new uniforms and patch design. Chief Davis stated each Officer will receive two short sleeve shirts and two long sleeve shirts. Officer Gary Williams modeled the tailored uniform. Chief Davis stated each Officer will receive one tailor fitted uniform for the Vice Presidential Debate. Members spoke in support of the uniform and the patch design and suggested the Department order each Officer four long sleeve shirts and four short sleeve shirts.

Chief Davis stated Officer Gary Williams has been awarded Officer of the Year for the Farmville Police Department and presented him with a plaque, honoring his achievement. He stated Officer Williams spearheaded Help Save the Next Girl and the Explorer Program. The Explorer Program has 15 active members and meets monthly. Council congratulated Officer Williams.

CRC request appointment of non-voting representative – no members expressed an interest in serving;

Central Virginia Regional Library Request for Increase in Annual Support – referred to the Finance and Ordinance Committee for recommendation to Council;

Heart of Virginia Board request to Sell Beer/Wine at the Festival's Fireworks Event at the Farmville Regional Airport – referred to the Asset and Resource Committee for recommendation to Council;

Residential Parking Areas, Holly Street and Grace Street – referred to the Asset and Resource Committee for recommendation to Council;

Residential Parking Letter – the Asset and Resource Committee recommended a letter explaining residential parking be sent to all residents. Members received a copy of the draft letter for discussion at the April Council meeting;

Request Council’s support for a citizen organizational committee to raise donations for Dog Park equipment – this issue was discussed at the Asset and Resource Committee, report will be given by the Committee at the April Council meeting;

Request for a Conditional Use Permit for 308 Cedar Avenue on Behalf of Eric Arthur, Jr. – will be referred the Farmville Planning Commission;

Request adoption of the resolution in support of the application to the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission – the Weyanoke project;

Request on Behalf of Prince Edward County Public Schools – Mr. Spates stated the County school is interested in working with the Town on creating playing fields (football) and a mountain bike trail on a portion of the 14 acres the Town owns at the Sports Arena. Members briefly discussed the proposed project. Mayor Whitus stated this request will be referred the Asset and Resource Committee;

2016 VML Policy Committee Nominations – Mayor Whitus asked members to let the Town Clerk know if they are interested in serving on a VML Policy Committee;

**REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE A 1978 FORD L-9000**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to purchase a 2009 Freightliner Century for \$24,950 with transferring funds allocated for backhoe and a dump truck, was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the purchase is to replace a 1978 Ford L-9000 which was vandalized at the Town’s closed landfill. He stated it would cost \$3,700 to replace the windows and the equipment is not reliable. The Town purchased the equipment used from VDOT over twenty years ago and is to be sold at auction.

Request adoption of Proclamation – the proclamation recognizes National Public Safety Telecommunication Week

**CLOSED SESSION – SECTION 2.2-3711.A.3 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA (LAND ACQUISITION AND LAND DISPOSITION)**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed session under **Section 2.2-3711.A.3** of the Code of Virginia, for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body; and **Section 2.2-3711.A.3** of the Code of Virginia, 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 by 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: 7 “Ayes”

MOTION: Hunter

SECOND: Davis

AYES: Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole

NOES: none

ABSENT DURING VOTE: none

ABSENT DURING MEETING: none

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Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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David E. Whitus, Mayor

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk