

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, May 4, 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, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole. Council member A.D. Reid was absent.

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

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order and presented the agenda items for the May 11, 2016, regular Council meeting for discussion.

Public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the sale of the Travis property – Mayor Whitus stated public hearings are not a time for Council to engage in dialog with the public, it is a time for Council to hear what the public has to say.

Consent agenda – no discussion.

Bills and Treasurer's Report – no discussion.

Request authorization to proceed with the sale of the Travis building – Mr. Spates stated the purchaser has no immediate plans for the property. They will fix up the front of the property and install an awning to tie in to the downtown façade.

Request for conditional use permit at 308 Cedar Avenue and request for a conditional use permit on behalf of Farmville Associates, LLC – joint public hearing with the Farmville Planning Commission is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

Voluntary Boundary Adjustment – The Town Manager stated all paperwork had been submitted to the County and the Town Manager is waiting on confirmation on a joint public hearing date. It has been suggested the hearing be scheduled on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, in the Council Chamber.

Continue items referred to the Asset and Resource Committee – no discussion.

Resolutions, VDOT projects and USDA – Mr. Spates stated the USDA resolution is for a 55/45 percent grant/loan for three (3) police cars. He stated the cars cost a little more than originally budgeted. No comments on the VDOT resolutions.

Town Manager's Annual Performance Evaluation – Mayor Whitus stated the Personnel Committee would present Council with a draft of the Town Manager's evaluation for Council to review.

Resolution Hotel Weynoke – Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission for Tobacco Region Opportunity Funds (TROF) – Mr. Spates stated the TROF program is based on the number of jobs.

Reappointments to the Farmville Planning Commission and the Farmville Board of Zoning Appeals – Farmville Planning Commission reappointment is John Miller and Farmville Board of Zoning Appeals reappointment is Robert Glenn – no discussion;

Request authorization to advertise a public hearing on the proposed 2016-2017 Town Budget – Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Finance and Ordinance Committee provided a verbal report on the changes the Committee has recommended on the proposed 2016-2017 Town Budget. The changes included adding \$5,000 to maintenance of building under the Sports Arena and an increase to Council's salaries. Mr. Davis stated the Town's finances have drastically improved over the last six (6) years. Adding this year, the Town borrowed much less off its line of credit in October to help pay its note and paid off the line of credit in January before BPOL tax was received.

Town Manager's report and staff comments – Mr. Spates shared with Council a letter he received from Rodney Lewis, Market Manager of the Farmer's Market, on the market's participation in the SNAP program. Members also received a copy of the Farmville Police Department's monthly report. Mr. Spates informed members of the Heart of Virginia Board's decision to cancel the fireworks event held at the Farmville Regional Airport due to weather conditions. The bands and food vendors will be moved to the parking lot of Riverside Park or the Farmer's Market.

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

Comments by Mayor Whitus and Council members – Mayor Whitus congratulated Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Davis on their reelection as members of Town Council.

Alcohol and Drug Policy for the Farmville Area Bus – Mr. Spates stated the FAB receives federal funds. One of the requirements in doing so is to have an alcohol and drug policy with specific criteria that differs from the Town's policy. A draft of the policy will be presented at the Wednesday Council meeting.

Members were reminded their Statement of Economic Interest forms are due in the Town Clerk's Office no later than June 15, 2016.

Council members moved to the Town Manager's Conference Room, located on the first floor of the Town Hall for lunch and a presentation by Mrs. Hollie Cammarasana, Director of Communications with the Virginia Municipal League. The presentation was titled Media Relations and Crisis Communications.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk