

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

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 11:00 a.m., 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, T.M. Pairet, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole. Council member S.B. Thompson was absent.

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

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order.

Mr. Spates stated members of the Farmville Prince Edward Historical Society were present to address Council. He then announced Mr. Bob Flippen, Ms. Kay Whitfield and Mr. Jimmy Hurt. Mr. Flippen spoke on behalf of the Historical Society and presented Council with a ribbon from the 1949 Firemen's Convention and a tin photo from the late 1800s of two Farmville Volunteer Firemen along with other memorabilia from the late 1800s that Mr. Flippen discovered on EBay. Mr. Spates and Mayor Whitus thanked the Farmville Prince Edward Historical Society for the donations.

Mr. Spates stated that the Town is in possession of an old Longwood Restaurant neon sign and he had asked Mr. Flippen if the Historical Society had any knowledge of the restaurant or its location. It was discovered that in September of 1948, the Snack Spot opened in the A & P old stand. A year later, it was sold and the name was changed to the Longwood Restaurant. In the summer of 1949, the State Teachers College officially changed its name to Longwood College.

Mayor Whitus presented the July 13 agenda items for discussion.

Consent Agenda – includes the draft minutes of the June 1, 2016 work session meeting, the June 8, 2016 regular Council meeting and the June 22, 2016 continued Council meeting

Treasurer's Report – will be added to dropbox

Bills – no discussion

Farmville Planning Commission Ordinance Amendments – The proposed amendment includes language that states “one member shall be appointed from each Ward” and rescinds the language permitting a member of Council and an administrative official of the town to serve on the Planning Commission.

Request for street abandonment – At the June meeting the request was referred to the Special Project Committee for their recommendation to Council. Mr. Cole, Chairman of the committee stated a meeting has been scheduled for July 12, 2016 and a report will be presented to Council at the July 13, 2016 Council meeting.

Request for conditional use permit, Farmville Associates, LLC – Mr. Spates introduced Mr. Don DeBerry, Senior Traffic Engineer with McCormick Taylor. Mr. DeBerry is the traffic engineer that prepared the mini traffic study that analyzed the proposed development's access to South Main Street. Mr. DeBerry explained his report, and clarified the use of the traffic count peak hour figures from the 2013 Virginia Department of Transportation Traffic Count Report. He spoke on the accident history in the area of the proposed entrance/exit, saying both locations (property owned by the developer and the Town property) provide an acceptable level of service. During questions by Council, Mr. DeBerry stated neither location (Town property or the property owned by the developer) will be a significant safety issue for the town; however, he said he always prefers to move farther away from an intersection (Town property).

Mr. Will Allen, with Farmville Associates, LLC provided an update on the efforts in obtaining easements with Rosemyr. (Owners of the shopping center). He stated there are some concerns expressed by one of their tenants, which may pose a problem. The exit/entrance by Tractor Supply is not abandoned; but, they may need to look at a different access point. He stated he foresees no issues with the proposed exit/entrance in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center and will continue to explore other options.

Members discussed the project. Included in discussions were moving the entrance/exit onto the Town property, selling a portion of the Town property to Farmville Associates, LLC, the letter sent to Mrs. Wood, traffic data, and buffers.

Asset and Resource Committee – continue item

Petitions in opposition to the proposed 100 unit apartment complex – it was suggested that the agenda item of “Petitions” be included as a sub- item under the request for a Conditional Use Permit on behalf of Farmville Associates, LLC. The petitions are in “opposition to the apartment complex and the roadway emptying onto South Main Street.”

Annual appointments – no discussion

Request Council's support in the appointment of Fire Chief – no discussion

Standing committees and specific committee appointments – Mayor Whitus stated he is working on new committee structures.

Appointment of Vice Mayor/President of Council – no discussion

Authorize advertisement of 2016-2017 Town Council meeting dates – no comments

Request to close Hill Street for an event on September 3, 2016 – Mr. Spates stated this is an annual event and will take place on September 3, 2016.

Request authorization to amend/rescind Town ordinances as reviewed by the Town Attorney – no discussion

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

Town Manager’s report and staff comments – Mr. Spates reported paving of Osborne Road will begin tomorrow. On September 9, 2016, Town Council from the Town of South Boston will be visiting Farmville. They will tour the Town Hall and use the Council Chamber to hold a retreat. Farmville Town Council members are invited for lunch.

Comments by Mayor Whitus and Council members – no comments

Closed Session Prospective Business and briefing by Public Safety – 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.5** of the Code of Virginia for discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business or industry’s interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community and **Section 2.2-3711(A)(19)** of the Code of Virginia, for briefing on the planning by the Public Safety Unified Command for the Longwood University Vice Presidential Debate.

Mayor Whitus called for a five (5) minutes recess 11:45 a.m.

Council convened in closed session at 11:50 a.m.

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: Six (6)

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Hunter

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

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Thompson

ABSENT DURING MEETING: Thompson

Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk