

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 3, 2016

At the regular work session meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, August 3, 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, 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 August agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARING – request to vacate two public right of ways (Garden Street and St. George Street). Mr. Cole stated the Special Project Committee met in July and had recommended Council vacate the two right of ways and supported the request of a letter of intent for the closure of Appomattox Street pending the holding of a public hearing at a later date. The letter of intent will help in securing financing of the project.

CONSENT AGENDA – no discussion

TREASURER'S REPORT – will be added to dropbox

BILLS – no discussion

REQUEST TO VACATE TWO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS ON BEHALF OF WALK2CAMPUS HOLDINGS, LLC – no discussion

FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS - Mayor Whitus stated this matter had been referred to the Finance and Ordinance Committee. Mr. Davis, Chairman stated the Committee met this morning and provided an overview of the Committee's recommendations:

Amendments to Planning Commission ordinance:

- Members, not more than fifteen (15) nor less than five (5);
- Council shall attempt to appoint one member from each Ward; if unable to do so, Council shall appoint a qualified candidate from another Ward;
- Amend current members' terms to expire on the 30 of June in 2017 and 2018;
- Appoint administrative staff to serve as ex-officio member(s);
- Also discussed was recommending training of new members to take place in July of their appointment year, create a volunteer application form, the Personnel Committee will

review forms and make its recommendation to Council and remove the Town Manager and Councilperson from the Commission.

REQUEST PAYMENT FROM NARCOTIC'S FUND – no discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mr. Cole, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., in the Town Manager's Conference Room and Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Personnel Committee scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Town Manager's Conference Room.

TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS – Mr. Spates stated he had received an email from the Mayor of the Town of Crewe asking for Farmville's support in requesting a change in the current Virginia state law to allow a five percent return of lottery sales to Virginia localities. Copy of the email is in the packet.

He said that at the National Night Out event, he received a complaint about the graffiti on the side of Huddle House building. Mr. Spates said the Town would pressure wash the building and bill the property owner, Mr. Harper. Mr. Spates informed members that the Downtown Partnership has received a grant and will be placing new bistro tables in various locations in the downtown area. The grant was for 12 tables with two chairs apiece.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR WHITUS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Whitus and Mrs. Thompson commented on the success of the National Night Out event. Mayor Whitus stated preparations for the Vice Presidential Debate are going well and that Farmville will be receiving much media publicity as the event approaches.

Mr. Cole stated he received an email from a resident of the Crestview subdivision, expressing concerns with increased traffic on Peery Drive and Williams Street. The email states with the additional homes being built in Crestview, the commercial growth of the area and the proposed apartment complex, traffic is increasing and there have been no enhancements to the roads, sidewalk and lighting of the area. She stated Crestview is a residential area and she is requesting Council look at eliminating the convenience of shoppers using Peery Drive going through the Crestview Subdivision. Mr. Spates stated area residents had expressed concerns with commercial traffic in the past and signage had been installed. He said he would provide Council with a copy of the last VDOT traffic report. Members discussed this issue and it was suggested that the Infrastructure Committee review this matter.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk