

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2016

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.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, A.D. Reid, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole. Council member T.M. Pairet was absent.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Gary Elder; Acting Chief of Police, Andy Ellington; Town Treasurer, Carol Anne Seal; Director of Public Works, Robin Atkins; Town Planner, Cindy Morris and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Whitus called the August Council meeting to order and welcomed guests. Mr. Cole provided the invocation and Vice Mayor Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Whitus announced the public comment period and reminded guests to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

Mr. John Burton, Director of the Downtown Farmville Partnership updated Council on several projects. He spoke of the grant Downtown Farmville received for the “bistro table and chairs sets” placed in several locations along Main Street and the mural that will be painted on the side of the building at Third and Main. Mr. Burton invited the Mayor, Council members and the Town Manager to attend the dedication of the mural scheduled on Friday, August 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Jennifer Cox, Director of Local and Community Relations of Longwood University updated Council on several activities taking place on campus. She provided members with a calendar of events for the Fall of 2016, along with a traffic flow map for the August student move ins. The move in schedule is as follows: Thursday, August 18, first year students move-in; Friday, August 19, apartment move-in; and Saturday, August 20, upperclassmen, etc. move-in. Ms. Cox stated classes will begin on Monday, August 22, Rock the Block is September 16 and Family Weekend is September 16 – 18. Ms. Cox also invited the community to attend the free Night in the Park event presented by the Longwood Athletics Department; showing on the baseball video board will be Madagascar. In summation, Ms. Cox mentioned the upcoming housing rental fair and that 483 first year students will be living off campus.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Whitus stated the draft minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular Council meeting would be removed from the consent agenda.

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended was approved. The consent agenda included the amended draft minutes of the July 6, 2016 work session meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to approve the amended draft minutes of the July 13, 2016 regular Council meeting was approved as presented.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE BILLS

On motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Davis and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay the bills, as presented was approved.

REQUEST BY MR. MATT KING ON BEHALF OF WALK2CAMPUS HOLDINGS, LLC TO VACATE TWO PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to grant the request on behalf of Mr. Matthew King, President of Walk2Campus Holdings, LLC to vacate the right of way of Garden Street, from its intersection with Appomattox Street to the Appomattox River and to vacate the right of way of St. George Street, from its intersection at the High Bridge State Park Trail to the Appomattox River, was approved, with a reversion clause that commencement of the development must begin within twenty-four (24) months of this date or the property will revert back to the Town of Farmville; and in addition, all legal fees, recording fees and any costs associated with the vacation of said properties shall be paid by Walk2Campus Holdings, LLC.

Legal description of property – Garden Street, from its intersection with Appomattox Street to the Appomattox River Beginning at a point on the north right of way line of Appomattox St.,

described as Parcel A of a deed recorded in instrument 200700402, at the intersection of the west right of way line of Garden St.; thence North 8 deg 10 min 12 sec East, a distance of 85.10' to a point; thence North 27 deg 33 min 12 sec East, a distance of 405.68' to a point on the west bank of the Appomattox River; thence along the west bank of the Appomattox River South 3 deg 36 min 16 sec East, a distance of 36.89', thence South 12 deg. 19 min. 30sec. West, a distance of 27.62'; and South 4 deg. 18 min. 10 sec. East, a distance of 6.93' to a point on the east right of way line of Garden St.; thence along the east right of way line of Garden St. South 27 deg. 33 min. 12 sec. West, a distance of 336.45' to a point; thence South 8 deg. 10 min. 12 sec., a distance of 79.98' to a point on the north right of way line of Appomattox St.; thence North 81 deg. 49 min. 48 sec. West, a distance of 30.00' to the point of beginning. This description represents all the 30' wide Garden Street right of way north of Appomattox Street and contains 0.314 acre as surveyed by Maxey and Associates on 15 June 2016; and St. George Street from its intersection at the High Bridge State Park Trail to the Appomattox River.

Legal description of property – St George Street, from its intersection at the High Bridge State Park Trail to the Appomattox River Beginning at a point on the north property line of the High Bridge Trail State Park, conveyed in instrument 200603679, at the intersection of the west right of way line of St. George St. thence North 27 deg. 52 min. 35 sec. East, a distance of 278.87' to a point on the south bank of the Appomattox River; thence along the south bank or the Appomattox River South 51 deg. 49 min. 46 sec. East, a distance of 49.85', thence South 73 deg. 10 min. 40 sec. East a distance of 9.16' to a point on the east right of way line of St. George St.; thence with the east right of way line of St. George St. South 27 deg. 52 min. 35 sec. West, a distance of 250.96' to a point on the north property line of the High Bridge State Park; thence North 81 deg. 48 min. 8 sec. West, a distance of 61.64' to the point of beginning. This description represents the entire 58' wide St. George Street right of way north of the High Bridge Trail State Park and contains 0.351 acre as surveyed by Maxey and Associates on 15 June 2016.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager stated the public hearing was held this evening and no one attended or has spoken against the request. He stated he recommends Council approve to vacate the properties with the reversion clause of two years.

REQUEST AMENDMENTS TO THE FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on amendments to Town

Code Section 20-28 Members, - Appointments; term; compensation; qualifications as recommended by the Finance and Ordinance Committee was approved.

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to amend the term dates of the current Planning Commission members was approved, as follows:

Mrs. Sherry Honeycutt – term expires on June 30, 2018

Mrs. Abigail O’Conner – term expires on June 30, 2017

John Miller – term expires on June 30, 2018

L.D. Phaup – term expires on June 30, 2018

Chuck Ross – term expires on June 30, 2017

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Reid and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to remove Gerald Spates, Town Manager and Dan Dwyer, Council member from the Farmville Planning Commission was approved.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Dwyer and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to adopt a policy stating all new Farmville Planning Commission members shall attend training in July of their appointment year was approved.

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to adopt a policy stating individuals interested in serving on the Town’s Planning Commission, Boards or Authority shall complete a Volunteer Application; and in addition, the Personnel Committee shall review the applications and make recommends to Council on appointments was approved.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Finance and Ordinance Committee provide an overview of the Committee’s recommendations and reviewed the Committee’s proposed amendments to Town Code Section 20-28 Members, - Appointments; term; compensation, qualifications.

Ordinance #177

ARTICLE II. PLANNING COMMISSION

Sec. 20-28. - Members—Appointment; term; compensation; qualifications.

- (a) The planning commission shall be composed of not more than **fifteen (15)** ~~seven (7)~~ nor less than five (5) members. ~~appointed by the council. One (1) of the members may shall be a~~

~~member of the town council and one (1) of the members may shall be an administrative official of the town.~~ **Members of the planning commission shall reside within the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville and All other members, who shall be appointed by Council. Council shall attempt to appoint one member from each Town Ward. In the event that a vacancy on the planning commission cannot be filled with a qualified candidate from a specific Ward, Council shall fill that vacancy by appointing a qualified candidate from any of the other Wards. In addition to the voting members appointed by Council, Council may also appoint ex-officio members comprised of staff administration, who shall have no power to vote. The role of ex-officio members shall be to assist and advise the voting members, and ex-officio members shall not be subject to the same residential or other requirements as voting members. All voting members, who shall be known as appointed members, shall be qualified registered voters of the Town town residing within its corporate limits, and shall be qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community growth and development. At all times, a minimum of provided, that at least one-half (1/2) of the voting members so appointed shall be owners of real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville.**

- (b) All voting members of the commission shall serve with compensation as set by council. The appointed members shall hold no other municipal office or position, except that they may serve on the board of zoning appeals. **The appointed members shall serve a term of four (4) years. Ex-officio members shall be appointed by council at its first regular meeting in July.** ~~term of office of the administrative official member shall correspond to his respective official tenure. The appointed members shall serve for a term of six (6) years.~~

REQUEST APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FROM THE NARCOTIC'S FUND TO THE PIEDMONT DRUG AND TASK FORCE

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis, and Cole voting "aye", the motion to approve payment of \$2,800 from the Narcotic Fund to the Piedmont Regional Drug and Task Force was approved.

BACKGROUND: The funds are to pay the Town of Farmville's 2016/2017 annual dues.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Ordinance Committee, Chairman Davis – Mr. Davis, no comments

Public Safety Committee, Chairman Hunter – Mr. Hunter, no comments

Parks and Recreation Committee, Chairman Cole – Mr. Cole stated a Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Personnel Committee, Chairman Reid – Mr. Reid stated a Committee meeting is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Town Property/Buildings, Chairman Thompson – Mrs. Thompson, no comments

Ethics Committee, Chairman Hunter – Mr. Hunter, no comments

Infrastructure (Water/Sewer/Roads) Committee, Chairman, Pairet – Mr. Pairet was absent, no comments

FERN Committee, Chairman Dwyer – Mr. Dwyer stated the Town is seeking bids on the creation and maintenance of garden locations. He stated four (4) gardens have been sold and anticipates having those gardens installed by October 4.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Crestview Subdivision Traffic Concerns - Members discussed an email received from Ms. Deana Bennett requesting “Town Council look at eliminating the convenience of shoppers using the Peery Drive through Crestview Subdivision before any more businesses or subdivisions are routed along Peery Drive.” The email mentions the developments being built in the area of Peery Drive: the construction of residential homes, Tru Hilton Hotel and the proposed 120-unit apartment complex, along with the Schewels Furniture and Murphy Gas. Ms. Bennett stated the area is residential and expressed concern with the additional commercial traffic and nonresidents speeding and throwing trash out of the vehicles. Mr. Spates stated the residents had voiced concerns with traffic in the past. In 2007, the Virginia Department of Transportation performed a traffic study of the Peery Drive and Williams Street area. The report indicated the majority of motorists obeyed the speed limit signs and additional “No Truck Traffic” signs were installed. Members discussed commercial traffic in the area and recommended the Town Manager write a letter to all businesses in the area of Peery Drive and Williams Street asking business owners/managers to remind their delivery drivers that truck traffic is not permitted on Peery Drive.

Lottery for Localities – Mr. Greg Eanes, Mayor of the Town of Crewe has requested the Farmville Town Council and the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors join the Nottoway County communities and support the request to change the current Virginia state law to allow a five percent return of lottery sales to Virginia localities. In Mayor Eanes’ email to the Town, he states, “this proposed plan will not take away money from the school system.” Council directed the Town Manager to write a letter of support on behalf of the Town of Farmville.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spates stated he had been contacted by the manager of the Farmville Bojangles Restaurant asking for permission to set up the Bojangles food truck in the municipal lot behind the Town Hall. Council discussed the request and members stated they had no objections.

During the Council comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Davis asked that this matter be revisited. He stated by allowing the food truck in the municipal lot, the Town is providing a free location to Bojangles. Members spoke in support of allowing the food truck to set up in the municipal lot, stated Bojangles has a Town business license, and vendors are allowed at the Farmer Market and the airport.

The Town Manager provided an update on several Town projects. Mentioned were:

- Special clean-up scheduled on the third Monday in September, prior to the October 4 Vice Presidential debate;
- TRIAD meeting scheduled for Friday, August 12 at the Firemen's Sports Arena. Acting Deputy Chief Bill Hogan spoke on the program. He stated the TRIAD is a local crime prevention association geared towards senior citizens. The program in this area began seven (7) years ago and has approximately 200 people attending its quarterly meetings. The topic for the fall meeting will be "scams". In closing, Acting Deputy Chief Hogan stated the meetings are open to the public and invited anyone interested to attend the August 12 meeting.
- Labor Day fireworks event will be held on Saturday, September 3 at the Farmville Regional Airport beginning at 5:00 p.m., with fireworks at 8:30 p.m. Local bands will be providing entertainment. Mr. Spates encouraged students to attend.
- Soon to begin construction – Tru Hilton, 106 rooms, main entrance will be on Main Street with exit on Peery Drive. Also mentioned was the Holiday Day Inn Express.
- Anticipate paving the Sports Arena parking lot soon;
- Working on scheduling a date for the Burn Building dedication.

Andy Ellington, Acting Chief of Police updated Council on the Vice – Presidential Debate. He expressed appreciation to Council for their participation in the National Night Out event. He commended Acting First Lieutenant Chris Moss for organizing the event together.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR WHITUS AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Whitus spoke of the update and rebuilding of the Town's website. Council members will be sent a link in approximately two weeks to review the new site before it goes live. He stated that Ilsa Loeser with Letterpress Communications will be working on media relations for the Town during the debate. She will be handling all press releases and be the point

of contact for the media. She along with Ms. Amy Houck, Vice President & Managing Partner with DIA will be at the September work session to provide training on media relations.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk