

**SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017**

Mayor Whitus called to order the special called Council meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Friday, March 24, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia.

Present at the meeting 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 T. M. Pairet.

Council member G.C. Cole was absent.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Gary Elder; Communication Specialist, Kate Eggleston and Administrative Assistant, Jackie Vaughan.

Mrs. Vaughan called the roll for Council, noting that Mr. Cole was absent.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order and announced Council would be going into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION – LEGAL COUNSEL

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed session pursuant to **Section 2.2-3711.A.7** for the briefing by staff members pertaining to probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Town of Farmville.

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Pairet 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: Six (6)

MOTION: Mr. Davis

SECOND: Mr. Hunter

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

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Mr. Cole

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NAMING OF FARMVILLE/PRINCE EDWARD COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN HONOR OF BARBARA JOHNS

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter the motion was made to name the Farmville/Prince Edward Community Library in honor of Barbara Johns and that Council encourages the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors to do the same. It was stated that the motion include adding the name “Barbara Johns” to the name of the Farmville Prince Edward Community Library.

Prior to calling for a vote, the floor was opened for discussions. It was agreed that adding the name Barbara Johns to the library’s name was a suggestion. It was recommended that the Town’s Barbara Johns Committee meet with the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors Library Committee along with representatives from the Farmville Prince Edward Community Library to work together to come to an agreement on the appropriate way to name the library in honor of Barbara Johns.

Mayor Whitus asked the Clerk for a roll call vote. Voting in favor of the motion was Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Pairet, Mr. Reid and Mr. Davis. There were no votes of opposition.

BACKGROUND: Mayor Whitus established a Barbara Johns Committee at the February regular Council meeting. The Committee was assigned the task of looking into ways to honor Barbara Johns’ contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

Mayor Whitus asked Mr. Rick Ewing, Branch Manager of the Contral Virginia Regional Library to update Council on the various library boards. Mr. Ewing stated there are three library

boards. The Central Virginia Regional Library Board, referred to as the umbrella board, made up of four representatives from Buckingham County, four from Prince Edward County and one from Farmville. There is also a Farmville Local Board and a Buckingham Local Board.

Several Council members spoke of significant impact Barbara Johns had on the community and the country, stating how fitting it is that the naming of the library in her honor ties into her lifelong passion.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk

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