

**RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

Mayor Whitus called to order the reconvened Council meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Whitus, presiding and Council members D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, A.D. Reid, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole. Council member T.M. Pairet arrived at 11:04 a.m. and Council member D.E. Dwyer was absent.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Communications Specialist, Kate Eggleston and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mr. Mayor stated the purpose of the reconvened Council meeting was to adopt the 2017-2018 Town budget.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF 2017-2018 TOWN BUDGET**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to adopt the 2017-2018 Town of Farmville Budget was approved.

The budget includes a real estate tax rate of .12 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value, a personal property tax rate (business only) of \$1.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value, and a .27-cent per pack cigarette tax rate, a 2 percent increase for full time employees and a years of service bonus.

**BACKGROUND:** Mayor Whitus spoke on the proposed budget. He stated Farmville’s tax rate in July of 1984 was .22 cent per \$100.00. From July of 1991 – 1996, the rate was .18 cents per \$100.00. In July of 1997 – 2009, the tax rate was .14 cents per \$100.00. From July of 2009 – 2010, the tax rate was .10 cents per \$100.00 and from July 2011 – 2017 the tax rate is .12 cents per \$100.00. Mayor Whitus stated he had look at other localities tax rate similar in population and Farmville has one of the lowest tax rates in southside southern Virginia. He added the Town’s largest revenue item is water and sewer at \$4.5 million and meals tax generates over \$2 million. Mayor Whitus described the Town as being in great financial shape.

**REQUEST TO CANCEL THE JULY 5, 2017 REGULAR WORK SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to cancel the Wednesday, June 5, 2017 Council work session was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mayor Whitus stated he had spoken with the Town Manager and with Council’s reconvened meeting of today, and with Monday, July 3, 2017 and Tuesday, July 4, 2017 being Town holidays he was suggesting that the Wednesday, July 5, 2017 Council work session be cancelled.

Mayor Whitus asked if there were any additional comments before entering closed session.

Mr. Spates informed Council of a “run” taking place at the State Park beginning this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. – Sunday at 2:00 a.m. He also provided members with a revised paving map, which includes the cost of milling.

**CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL AND PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed session under **Section 2.2-3711.A.1** of the Code of Virginia for the discussion of the annual evaluation of the performance of the Town Manager; and **Section 2.2-3711.A.5** of the Code of Virginia for the discussion concerning a prospective business where no previous announcement has been made of the business locating in the community.

Council returned to their 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: Davis

SECOND: Reid

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

NOES: none

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Dwyer

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Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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David E. Whitus, Mayor

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk