

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2017**

Mayor Whitus called to order the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 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, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Gary Elder; 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 welcomed guests and then gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Reid.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. John Burton, Program Manager for the Farmville Downtown Partnership, updated Council on the recent changes to the Board. He stated John Miller, President, and Board members Pam Butler and Paul Brammer have completed their terms. Mr. Burton thanked them for their service and commitment to the Downtown Partnership. He then announced the new Board members: Sheri McGuire will be serving as Farmville Downtown Partnership's President, Ilsa Loeser as Vice President, Jen Cox as Secretary and Jimmy Johnson will continue as Treasurer. Mr. Burton recapped some of the organization's events for 2016 and spoke of several events and plans for the downtown area for 2017. He thanked Council for their continued support and looks forward to a strong working relationship.

Mayor Whitus set the agenda aside to hear a brief presentation by Park Ranger Daniel Jordon, Manager of High Bridge State Park.

Ranger Jordon updated Council on the High Bridge Trail. He stated the Park received 239,622 visitors for 2016, which is a 9 percent increase from last year. The Rice parking area received 25,000 visitors and the River Road parking area 29,000. Parking revenue for this fiscal year, starting July 1 through the end of the year is just over \$16,000, which is a 4 percent increase from last year. Ranger Jordan said merchandise sales for the fiscal year are down and attributes that to the hot July and August weather. Volunteerism has increased from 28 to 74 volunteers. He provided Council with a brochure from the Virginia Association of the Friends of

the Park which highlights the economic impact of the State Parks and what it costs each taxpayer.

Police Chief, Andy Ellington introduced Peter Carter. Officer Carter is Farmville's newest Police Officer having recently graduated from the Criminal Justice Academy. Mayor Whitus and members of Council welcomed Officer Carter.

Council returned to the regular order of business.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye", the consent agenda was approved as submitted.

**BACKGROUND:** The consent agenda includes the draft minutes of the November 2, 2016 regular work session meeting, the draft minutes of the regular November 9, 2016 Council meeting and the draft minutes of the December 7, 2016 Council meeting.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting "aye", the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was approved.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE BILLS**

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

**REQUEST REZONING OF 1412 LONGWOOD AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT R-1 TO BUSINESS DISTRICT B-3**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting "aye", the motion to accept the recommendation of the Farmville Planning Commission and grant the request on behalf of 1412 Longwood Ave., LLC and rezone the property located at 1412 Longwood Avenue from Residential District R-1 to Business District B-3 was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the public hearing was held this evening and no one spoke against the rezoning. He asked Council to accept the recommendation of the Farmville Planning Commission and rezone the property to Business District B-3.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #180 AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 29 BUSINESS DISTRICT B-3, DEFINITIONS AND USES**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to accept the recommendation of the Farmville Planning Commission and adopt Ordinance #180, was approved. The amendment adds the definition of a domestic violence shelter to the Business District B-3 zoning and adding a domestic violence shelter with a conditional use permit as an allowed use, in a Business District B-3 zone.

**ORDINANCE #180**  
Chapter 29  
Article I – In General

AMEND:  
Sec. 29-1 Definitions

*Domestic Violence Shelter means a temporary safe housing shelter for those who experience domestic violence.*

Article III – District Regulations  
Division II. Business District B-3

AMEND:  
Sec. 312 Uses

*(30) Domestic Violence Shelters, with a conditional use permit*

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated he is recommending Council accept the recommendation of the Farmville Planning Commission and adopt ordinance #180, which will allow temporary safe housing shelters, as referred to as “domestic violence shelters” in Business District B-3 zones.

**CONTINUE – REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ON BEHALF OF SOUTHSIDE CENTER FOR VIOLENCE PREVENTION / MADELINE’S HOUSE**

On motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Davis and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to continue the request for a conditional use permit on behalf of the Southside Center for Violence Prevention to operate a domestic violence shelter at 1412 Longwood Avenue was continued, pending recommendation from the Farmville Planning Commission.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated this matter is presently before the Farmville Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing in January and will then present its recommendations to Council.

**REQUEST REZONING OF REMAINING INDUSTRIAL M-1 ZONES TO BUSINESS DISTRICT B-3 ZONES**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to accept the recommendation of the Farmville Planning Commission and approve the rezoning of the former Buffalo Shook and W.C. Newman Co. properties from Industrial District M-1 zone to Business District B-3 was approved.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO REMOVE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT M-1 LANGUAGE FROM THE TOWN’S ZONING ORDINANCE**

On motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to advertise a public hearing on striking the Industrial District M-1 language from the Town’s Zoning Ordinance was approved.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #179 ADDING A BULK WATER USAGE RATE FOR WATER CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to adopt Ordinance #179 adding a rate for bulk water usage outside the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville was approved. The ordinance amendment is to be effective with the first utility billing in January 2017.

**ORDINANCE #179**

**ARTICLE II WATER**

**Division 2. Connections and Charges**

**AMEND:**

Sec. 28-58. - Rate schedule.

(a) The charge for water *within the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville* shall be:

- (1) First 1,500 gallons ..... \$10.75, *based on monthly consumption*
- (2) Over 1,501 gallons to 10,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons ..... \$3.50, *based on monthly consumption*
- (3) Over 10,001 gallons, per 1,000 gallons ..... \$5.00, *based on monthly consumption*

- (b) *The charge for water outside the corporate limits of the Town of Farmville shall be:*
- (1) *First 1,500 gallons .....\$16.13, based on monthly consumption*
  - (2) *Over 1,501 gallons to 10,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons .....\$5.25, based on monthly consumption*
  - (3) *Over 10,001 gallons to 500,000 per 1,000 gallons .....\$7.50, based on monthly consumption*
  - (4) *Over 500,001 gallons per 1,000 gallons .....\$7.00, based on monthly consumption*
- ~~(b) The minimum charge for water service to locations within the town shall be ten dollars and seventy five cents (\$10.75) for up to and including one thousand five hundred (1,500) gallons, based on a monthly consumption. The minimum charge for service to locations outside of town shall be an additional fifty (50) percent more than the minimum charge within the town. Where consumption outside the town is in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) gallons, the charge shall be fifty (50) percent more than the charges within the town, based on a monthly consumption.~~

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the public hearing was held this evening. The ordinance amendment establishes a bulk user rate of \$7.00. Any out of town water customer using over 500,001 gallons of water will be charged \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons instead of \$7.50.

**REQUEST REMOVAL FROM THE AGENDA – THE REQUEST TO ADD CAR LOTS AS AN ALLOWED USE IN A BUSINESS DISTRICT B-4 ZONE.**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye” the request to add car lots as an allowed use in a Business District B-4 zone was removed from the agenda.

**CONTINUE – REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO CONVERT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING LOCATED AT 306 CEDAR AVENUE INTO DUPLEX**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, this matter continued pending recommendation from the Farmville Planning Commission.

**REQUEST APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to request the Circuit Court of Prince Edward County appoint Mr. Southard Brumfield to the Farmville Board of Zoning Appeals was approved. Mr. Brumfield’s term will run through November 30, 2021.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Brumfield will be filling the seat vacated by Scott Smalley on November 30, 2016.

**REQUEST COUNCIL REMOVE SOUTHARD BRUMFIELD FROM THE LOCAL BUILDING OFFICIAL BOARD**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council removed Mr. Southard Brumfield from the Local Building Official Board.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY TO THE TOWN MANAGER’S DEPARTMENT**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to transfer \$60,000 from the contingency fund to the Town Manager’s Department was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the funds would be used to cover the salaries and fringes for the Communications Specialist and the Administrative Support position.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO ENDORSE A PROPOSED TOURISM PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE OTHER ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE VIRGINIA CORPORATION TOURISM – TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FINANCING PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Davis and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Manager and adopt the ordinance endorsing the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Farmville (proposed tourism project) and authorize actions consistent with the Virginia Corporation Tourism’s – Tourism Development Financing Program was approved.

AN ORDINANCE TO ENDORSE  
A PROPOSED TOURISM PROJECT  
AND AUTHORIZE OTHER ACTIONS CONSISTENT WITH  
VIRGINIA CORPORATION TOURISM’S (VTC’S)  
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FINANCING PROGRAM (TDFP)

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville established a Tourism Zone identified as Ordinance No.173 on January 13, 2016 in accordance with the Code of Virginia Section 58.1-3851; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation enacting a Tourism Development Financing Program (TDFP) under the purview of the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), which entitles an authorized tourism project to receive certain state and local tax revenues from the tourism project as outlined in Section 58.1-385.1; and

WHEREAS, the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Farmville has proposed the construction of a hotel located at 404 Sunchase Boulevard with a total of 98 guest rooms (31 suite/67 standard) with the following amenities; breakfast bar, indoor pool, 24 hour fitness center, conference/meeting room, 24-hour business center, mini-market convenience store and laundry rooms; and

WHEREAS, the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Farmville Project is located in Farmville's Tourism Zone and has submitted proof of the need for GAP financing; and

WHEREAS, this Project will fuel the development efforts and growth occurring in Farmville and the surrounding area by providing additional hotel rooms in Farmville; and

WHEREAS, the development plans calls for a \$6 million investment for the construction of the new hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Project will create an estimated 15 new FTE jobs at an annual salary/wage of \$20,000; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has identified a plan of finance for the Project which includes private debt and equity financing along with other funds totaling at least 70% of the cost of the project, leaving a financing gap of no more than 30%; and

WHEREAS, under the Commonwealth of Virginia's Tourism Development Financing Program, eligible projects are entitled to receive one percent (1%) each of the State and Local share of Sales Tax Revenues generated from the Project, together with a one percent (1%) Access fee to be paid by the Developer, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest on the GAP Financing which would complete the plan of finance for the Project and incentivize the full Project implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Farmville Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of the Town of Farmville is authorized by the charter granted to it, by the General Assembly of Virginia, to participate in economic development activities within the Town of Farmville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Farmville Town Council hereby authorizes the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Farmville, a Tourism Project eligible under VTC's Tourism Development Financing Program for GAP financing, and directs the Town Manager, upon review and approval by the Town Manager to work with the Farmville IDA to develop the necessary agreements for submission to the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT this Ordinance shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, January 11, 2017.

Adopted by the Farmville Town Council, Virginia on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the ordinance is a requirement in order for the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Farmville to be eligible for the GAP financing. The program is a

reinvestment of sales tax and is through the Virginia Corporation Tourism's Tourism Development Financing Program.

**REQUEST COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN THE FARMVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S APPROVAL OF THE HILTON TRU LOCAL INCENTIVE SUMMARY AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Reid, Davis and Cole voting "aye", the motion to support the Farmville Industrial Development Authority's approval of the Hilton Tru Local Incentive Summary and Investment Agreement Acceptance, as presented.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the investment agreement is the reinvestment of personal property and real estate tax for a ten year period, with years one through five at 100 percent and an annual 20 percent declining rate for years six through ten.

**REQUEST COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN THE FARMVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S APPROVAL OF THE HOTEL WEYANOKE, LLC INCENTIVE SUMMARY AND INVESTMENT AGREEMENT ACCEPTANCE**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting "aye", the motion to support the Farmville Industrial Development Authority's approval of the Hotel Weyanoke, LLC Incentive Summary and Investment Agreement Acceptance, as presented.

**REQUEST PARTIAL BUSINESS LICENSE REFUND – STEPHEN H. GOLDBERGER, M.D.**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting "aye", the motion to grant authorization to the Town Treasurer to refund Stephen H. Goldberger, M.D. \$384.72 on his 2016 business license, provided his 2016 business personal property tax is paid, was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Dr. Goldberger closed his business this past summer and has requested that the overpayment of his business license be refunded.

**REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA REGIONAL LIBRARY**

On motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all Council members voting "aye", the motion to remove the two (2) Library representatives from the Oversight Committee was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated that several years ago the Oversight Committee was created to oversee the library's escrow account. The committee consists of two (2) library representatives appointed by the Library Advisory Board, two members of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors and two Town Council members, along with the Town Manager and County Administrator as ex-officio members. Mr. Spates stated the Library is requesting that their two (2) seats on the Committee be removed and the Library Director be authorized to work directly with the Oversight Committee when requesting funds from the escrow account. Mr. Spates stated there was approximately \$209,000 in the escrow account earmarked for library projects.

**REQUEST REAPPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT TO THE FARMVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

On motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Davis, and with all Council members voting "aye", the motion to reappoint Mr. William Overstreet and Rev. Olin R. Williams to the Farmville Industrial Development Authority was approved.

The Town Clerk was directed to prepare the documents requesting that the Prince Edward County Circuit Court reappoint Mr. William Overstreet and Reverend Olin R. Williams to the Farmville Industrial Development Authority. Their new terms will run through February 28, 2021.

**BACKGROUND:** William Overstreet and Rev. Rex Williams have both expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the FIDA.

Mr. Spates stated that he received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Ragland resigning from the FIDA, due to health issues. He commented on Mrs. Ragland's dedication as a representative on the Authority and how she will be greatly missed.

Mayor Whitus suggested that Council recruit someone to fill the remaining term of Mrs. Ragland, due to past difficulty in finding volunteers through local advertising.

**REQUEST TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE GOLF COURSE FUND**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye", the motion to transfer \$46,000 from the contingency fund to the Golf Course Fund to repair the roof on the clubhouse was approved.

**VDOT PERRY DRIVE TRAFFIC STUDY SENT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Spates stated that VDOT had completed its traffic study on Perry Drive. Mayor Whitus referred the VDOT Perry Drive Traffic Study to the Infrastructure Committee. Mayor Whitus recommends the Committee review the report and meet with the engineers and provide Council with a report.

**REQUEST TO DONATE A RESERVE POLICE VEHICLE TO THE TOWN OF BURKEVILLE**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion to donate a reserve police vehicle to the Town of Burkeville Police Department was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated the Town is taking four (4) police vehicles and one pick-up truck out of service. Mr. Joe Morrissette, Mayor of the Town of Burkeville has asked the Town Manager when the Farmville Police Department has a vehicle that is being taken out of service that the Town consider donating the police vehicle to the Burkeville Police Department. Mayor Morrissette has stated the Town of Burkeville does not have the funds for a much needed police vehicle. Mr. Spates stated the Town has donated police vehicles to the Town of Burkeville in the past and he is recommending Council grant the request. Mayor Whitus stated he and several members have also been contacted by Mayor Morrissette.

**JOINT GREYHOUND BUS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Spates stated Prince Edward County has created a committee to look into the request to have Greyhound Bus service return to Farmville and asked Town Council to consider appointing two members. Mayor Whitus asked for volunteers and Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dwyer elected to serve on the Joint Greyhound Bus Committee, along with Mr. Spates. Town representatives will work with representatives from Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors and the County Administrator, to explore ways to encourage the return of Greyhound Bus service to Farmville.

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING FIRM OF McCORMICK TAYLOR FOR THE STUDY OF INTERSECTION OF GRIFFIN, HIGH AND OAK**

On motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye”, the motion to engage the engineering firm (McCormick Taylor) in the study of the intersection at Griffin, High and Oak at a cost of \$44,000 was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated that an interview panel had interviewed three (3) traffic engineer firms and recommended Council select McCormick Taylor. McCormick Taylor has submitted a scope of the work and cost study of \$44,000. The scope of work states that a public meeting should be held and Mr. Spates spoke his support of the public meeting. He stated that Longwood University has agreed to pay half the cost of the study and has asked that two Longwood representatives, Jen Cox and Louise Waller, collaborate with the Town on this project.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Mr. Spates reported on the following matters:

- Arbor Day Program will be on March 25, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Farmers Market. This year the organization will be giving away 1,000 White Dogwood Trees, 250 Chinese Chestnut Trees and 250 Common Apple Trees. The trees are free to the public.
- Members had previously expressed concerns with the deer population. The Police reports show that there have been four (4) deer vs. vehicle accidents last year.
- The Heart of Virginia Festival will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May. The streets will be closed from 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. for downtown events. And then move to Riverside Park for a joint evening event with the Jaycees, that will end at 8:30 p.m. There will be no activities at the airport and no fireworks.
- Burn Building dedication is January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., with light refreshments to follow at the Train Station
- Expected completion dates on the following hotels: Hilton Tru, October 2017; Weyanoke Hotel, March 2018 and Holiday Express, December 2017

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Committee, Chairman Cole – the Committee met to go over the RFP’s for Parks and Recreation and has selected and scheduled interviews with three (3) firms for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will then recommend a firm to Council to hire for the project.

Finance and Ordinance Committee, Chairman Davis – no report; will meet in February to begin the budget preparation process.

Personnel Committee, Chairman Reid – no report

Infrastructure Committee, Chairman Pairet – no report

Town Property Committee, Chairman Thompson - the Committee met to go over the RFP's for Public Works Facility and has selected and scheduled interviews with four (4) firms for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. They will then recommend a firm to Council to hire for the project.

Public Safety Committee, Chairman Hunter – no report

Fern Committee, Chairman Dwyer – no report; but hopes to generate some interest in starting the project back up.

### **TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS**

Police Chief, Andy Ellington informed Council that the Police Department is currently taking applications for their Citizen's Academy. He encouraged Council to recommend people or for members themselves to take part. He stated he has been working with Ms. Eggleston (Communications Specialist) to revise the Police Department webpages and that he will be hosting "Coffee & Conversation" at Merks on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Pairet thanked the Public Works staff for the snow removal.

### **CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSSION OF AWARD OF A PUBLIC CONTRACT**

On motion by Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye", Council went into closed meeting to discuss a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds pursuant to **Section 2.2-3711.A.29 of the Code of Virginia** for the discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditures of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town of Farmville.

A five minutes recess was taken in order to clear the Council Chambers.

Council returned to closed session.

### **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, Thompson, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole

NOES: none

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

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Clerk

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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David E. Whitus, Mayor

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk