

RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 22, 2018

Mayor Whitus called to order the reconvened meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 2:00 pm 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.L. Hunter, J.D. Miller, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid and J.J. Davis.

Council members were D.E. Dwyer and G.C. Cole.

Staff present were Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Treasurer, Carol Anne Seal; Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF 2018-2019 TOWN BUDGET

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Hunter, Miller, Pairet, Reid and Davis voting “aye,” the motion to adopt the 2018-2019 Town Budget as presented was approved. Prior to voting on the budget, Mr. Reid read a statement as set forth in **Section 2.2-3112H of the Code of Virginia** disclosing an interest in the budget transaction and declaring that he can participate in the matter fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

Vice Mayor Reid’s disclosure statement – I, Vice Mayor Reid declare I am able to participate in matters related to the discussion and adoption of the Town of Farmville 2018-2019 budget, pursuant to the disclosure requirements set forth in **Sections 2.2-3112H of the Code of Virginia**, I hereby declare that I have an interest in the budget transaction as my wife is an employee of the Town of Farmville and that I am able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

BACKGROUND: Mayor Whitus stated the public hearing on the 2018-2019 Town Budget was held on Wednesday, June 13 and no one appeared before Council.

The 2018-2019 Town 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.

Council supported the Finance and Ordinance Committee’s recommendation on financing projects with loans funded by Benchmark Bank. The 2018-2019 budget includes \$300,000 for Financial Software/Computers for the Treasurer’s Office, with a 7 year note and \$286,297 for 4

police cars, golf course equipment and surveillance cameras for entry ways, with a 5-year note, for a total of \$586,297.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN OFFICES AND PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO USE THEIR PERSONNEL LEAVE FOR ADDITIONAL TIME OFF ON JULY 3, 2018

On motion by Mr. Hunter, second Mr. Davis and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion to close town offices at 12:00 noon on July 3, 2018, with town employees using four hours of their personnel leave was approved. Staff was directed to post the information on the town’s Facebook page.

BACKGROUND: Council spoke in support of the July 4th fireworks event at the Farmville Regional Airport on July 3, and of their desire to allow employees and their families time to attend the festivities.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN LOAN DOUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES AND FINANCIAL SOFTWARE

On motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved to grant the Town Manager and the Town Treasurer authorization to sign the loan documents for the purchase of police vehicles and the financial software for the Treasurer’s Office.

BACKGROUND: Mrs. Seal stated that Benchmark Bank is working on the loan documents for the purchase of police vehicles and financial software for the Treasurer’s Office. The bank has asked who on behalf of the Town of Farmville will be authorized to sign the documents. Mr. Spates stated with previous loans Council has authorized the Town Treasurer and the Mayor or the Town Treasurer and the Town Manager.

Mayor Whitus mentioned the Garden Club’s bench dedication for David Fowkles, the Town’s Horticulturist, that retired at the end of last year. The bench is located by the Herb Garden at the Farmers Market. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Spates reminded members of the dedication of the Daughters of the Confederates Highway Market that is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk