

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2018

Vice Mayor Reid called to order the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 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 Vice Mayor A.D. Reid, presiding, and Council members D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, T.M. Pairet, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole. Council member B.R. Vincent arrived at 11:02 a.m.

Staff present was Town Manager, Gerald J. Spates; Assistant Town Manager, Scott Davis; Administrative Assistant, Jackie Vaughan and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mrs. Hricko called the role, noting Mayor Whitus as absent.

Vice Mayor Reid presented the August 2018 agenda items for discussion.

Consent agenda—no discussion

Bills—no discussion

Treasurer's report—no discussion

Request on behalf of Mrs. Frankie Todt for a conditional use permit—Mr. Spates stated that a public hearing is scheduled for 6:45 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting. No further discussion.

Council member B.R. Vincent entered the meeting.

Request for alley abandonment on behalf of Mr. Bruce Finch—Mr. Spates stated that he had received responses from the adjacent property owners regarding the abandonment. The responses have been about 50/50 for closing the alley versus keeping the alley open. He explained that the Infrastructure Committee and Gary Elder, Town Attorney will meet to discuss the procedures for alley abandonments. Currently when a property owner requests an alley to be abandoned, all adjacent property owners must agree. The matter is then brought before Council and the Town will then relinquish its rights to the alley. The property owners are to pay all the legal fees associated with a quitclaim deed.

Request to close a portion of Irving Street for a yard sale—Mr. Spates stated that Mrs. Mickie Carrington submitted a request to close a portion of Irving Street, from Griffin Boulevard to Hill Street, on August 18th, from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a church sponsored yard sale.

Request on behalf of Fred Pearson for a conditional use permit –Mr. Spates stated that Mr. Fred Pearson is requesting a conditional use permit to construct a 52-unit apartment development on Vernon Street. Mr. Scott Davis, Asst. Town Manager explained that the request was presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals on July 10th and the Board approved two (2) variances. One variance of having more than one building erected on any lot or parcel and the second variance was for the lot width of 457 feet, which is less than the Code Section’s minimum requirement of 815 feet. Council will now send the request to the Farmville Planning Commission for their recommendation. The housing development is targeted towards college and professional tenants. Mr. Spates stated all adjacent property owners will be notified of the request.

Information – street paving—Mr. Spates presented Council with a list of streets that are scheduled for paving. He stated 2018-2019 budget has \$250,000 allocated for street paving and he hopes that next year the town will receive funds through VDOT’s Revenue Sharing program. Mr. Spates stated the list of streets to be pave include: South Main, from the Corporate Limits to Williams Street; Fourth Avenue Extension, from Gilliam Drive to the end; Park Avenue, Glenn Street and Watson Street. He advises Council that Route 45 needs paving from the High Bridge Trail to the Corporate Limit; and if there are any funds available this year, he would like for Council to consider adding Route 45 to the paving list.

CLOSED MEETING – LAND ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” Council went into closed session under **Section 2.2-3711.A.3** of the Code of Virginia, for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town of Farmville; and **Section 2.2-3711.A.4** of the Code of Virginia, for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.

Vice Mayor announced a two-minute recess.

Council returned to the regular order of business and Mr. Davis read the closed meeting certification.

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: Seven

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Hunter

AYES: Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Vincent, Reid, Davis and Cole

NOES: No one

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Mayor Whitus

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Clerk

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Armstead D. Reid, Vice Mayor

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk