JOINT MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION
HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2018

Mayor Whitus opened the joint meeting of the Farmville Town Council and the Farmville Planning Commission held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia and called to order the Farmville Town Council. Chairman Honeycutt called to order the Farmville Planning Commission.

Roll was called by the Town Clerk. Present for Town Council were Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding and Council members D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, B.R. Vincent, A.D. Reid, J.J. Davis and G.C. Cole. Council member T.M. Pairet arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Present for the Planning Commission were Chairman S. Honeycutt, and Commissioners J. Miller, and J. Davenport. Commissioner A. O'Connor arrived at 5:37 p.m. and Commissioners C. Ross, P. Crute and C. Patterson were absent.

The Town Manager read the special call meeting notice:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND
THE FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

CALLED BY THE
HONORABLE DAVID E.
WHITUS, MAYOR

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VA CODE § 15.2-1418 ON AUGUST 13, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M. A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THE TOWN HALL, 116 NORTH MAIN STREET, FARMVILLE, VA, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A BRIEFING BY THE BERKLEY GROUP ON UPDATING THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES.

Mayor Whitus stated the purpose of the joint meeting was for the Berkley Group to brief members of Council and the Planning Commission on the process of updating the Town’s comprehensive plan, zoning and subdivision ordinances. He said there is a public session scheduled at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, August 23, at the Firemen’s Sports Arena, at that meeting, the public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The Assistant Town Manager introduced Mr. Darren Coffey, AICP, Chief Executive Officer of the Berkley Group. Mr. Coffey spoke of the comprehensive plan as a document to be
used as a guide and the importance of having an up-to-date plan. He described a comprehensive plan as the foundational document by which all land use regulations apply. He provided an overview of the steps of updating the comprehensive plan, zoning, and subdivision ordinances. He stressed the importance of having community input in the process.

Mr. Coffey introduced Ms. Catherine Redfearn, Principal Planner with the Berkley Group. Ms. Redfearn presented a Power–Point presentation on the steps of updating the Town’s comprehensive plan. She described a comprehensive plan as being all inclusive, with land use, transportation, natural resources, demographics, housing, culture and history, economy and public facilities. She spoke of the comprehensive plan as being the document that showcases a locality’s assets and areas for improvements. She shared the scope of the project and the steps taken to reach the public hearing and adoption of the plan. Ms. Redfearn reiterated the importance of community involvement and the need to include regional groups, advocacy groups, and local businesses. She estimated completion of the project in January, February or March of 2020. In closing, Mr. Coffey stressed community involvement, mentioning planned community workshops, group exercises, and surveys.

Mayor Whitus reminded guests of the community meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2018 at the Firemen’s Sports Arena.

There being no other business, the Farmville Town Council and the Farmville Planning Commission adjourned.

APPROVED: FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

David E. Whitus, Mayor
Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk

APPROVED: FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

Sherry Honeycutt, Chairman
Charles Ross, Secretary