

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

Mayor Whitus called to order the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia.

Those present were Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding, and Council members D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, B.R. Vincent, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid, J.J. Davis, and G.C. Cole.

Staff present were Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Assistant Town Manager, C. Scott Davis, Ph.D.; Town Attorney, Gary Elder; Town Treasurer, Carol Anne Seal; Chief of Police, Andy Ellington; Administrative Assistant, Jackie Vaughan, and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Whitus called the meeting to order. Rev. Dr. James H. Taylor, III, Pastor of Jericho Baptist Church, gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Reid.

The Town Clerk called the roll, noting all members as present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mayor Whitus announced the public comment period and reminded guests to limit their comments to three minutes.

Ranger Daniel Jordan, Park Manager of the High Bridge State Park, introduced Ranger Rebecca Flint, the new Park Manager of Twin Lake State Park. Ranger Flint provided Council with a brief update of Twin Lakes State Park. The park offers a boat launch and rental along with fishing, playgrounds, swimming, trails, and camping. The 2018 annual attendance was 137,120 visitors with a revenue of \$443,705. The park had a total camp booking of 4,455 nights with a revenue of \$28,438, adding that those campers probably visited Farmville contributing to the Town's revenue.

Ranger Jordan updated Council on the High Bridge Trail State Park. He described High Bridge Trail State Park as being a weather dependent agency. He spoke of the effects Tropical Storm Michael and the continued rain has had on the High Bridge Trail, mentioning the decrease in the number of visitors and a decline in revenue. He added that a section of the trail remains closed from Tropical Storm Michael, but the contract has been awarded and the permit process is complete. The contractors should be on site soon to begin repairs. He was pleased to announce that Camp Paradise will be adding a new Visitor Center and construction on that project will start soon. The High Bridge State Park is currently working with Virginia Tech and a group of landscaping

architect students who will be spending a semester assisting with ADA compliance issues, natural playgrounds, and sun/shade enhancements.

Ms. Jen Cox, Director of Local & Community Relations at Longwood University, addressed the Council on the following matters: The Off-Campus Housing Intent Process was held the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>. Students who want to move off campus to live with a private landlord for the 2019-2020 academic year must let the housing office know during this time. As of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 278 students have completed the intent form, and by the end of the application period, there usually are 350 students moving off campus. Spring Break is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>, and the University will be closed on March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cox stated that the Longwood Center for Visual Arts will once again host the Community Achievement in the Arts Awards. Nominations will be accepted through March 1, 2019. And lastly, the Love Your Longwood Day, Longwood's annual day of giving will be on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Sophie Zarski, a Longwood University student and Town resident, addressed Council. She stated she is forming a group of about 25 students that will not be affiliated with Longwood University. The group will work with local officials on local, state and national issues regarding community development, economic development, and social justice. She asked for Council's advice on how to proceed. Mayor Whitus recommended she begin with reaching out to Town administration – Mr. Spates and Mr. Davis; and if she needed additional information contact elected officials. Ms. Zarski spoke of her concerns regarding a recent event and the manner it was handled at Longwood University. She questioned the lack of notification that the students received when a person with a semi-automatic rifle was walking around the parking lot of an off-campus student apartment housing complex. Chief Ellington suggested she contacted him directly and provided her his information.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Davis, and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was granted to approve the consent agenda, as presented. The consent agenda included the draft minutes of the January 9, 2019, regular Council meeting.

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

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was granted to approve the Treasurer's Report, as presented.

**BACKGROUND:** Mrs. Seal provided the Council with a brief update of transactions made during January. \$214,925.67 was transferred from the General Fund to Street Maintenance Fund due to the low operating balance in the Street Maintenance Fund. A payment was made from the Capital Improvement Account for graphics on the new Dodge Police vehicles, leaving a balance of \$304,477.58; and in January the Town returned to depositing a \$150,000 in the Set Aside Account – due to limited cash flow for October – December. Originally \$100,000 was deposited monthly in the Set Aside Account. Mrs. Seal stated the Town’s Real Estate and Personal Property taxes were due December 15<sup>th</sup>, a total of \$847,030 was billed, in which \$815,473 had been collected, making a 96.28% collection rate.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE BILLS**

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

**BILLS PRINTED IN MINUTE BOOK**

**INTERSECTION OF OAK, HIGH AND GRIFFIN**

On motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Reid and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved directing the Town Manager to proceed with applying for STARS funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation for the intersection of Oak, High, and Griffin.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Pairet, Chairman of the Infrastructure Committee, provided an update on the intersection of Oak, High, and Griffin. Mr. Rick Youngblood, District Planner with the Virginia Department of Transportation, is in the process of searching for available funding for study of the intersection of High, Oak, and Griffin that will include a footprint of a roundabout and a detailed cost estimate. The request to fund the study will be submitted under the VDOT STARS program. Mr. Spates provided a brief overview of the STARS program and gave examples of projects that qualify. He said that the two previous studies of the intersection, the one by VDOT, prepared by Jerry Harder and the study by McCormick Taylor have been sent to VDOT’s Central Office in hopes that the intersection will qualify for the STARS program. Mr. Spates stated he feels the study will be 100 percent funded; however, if there is a cost associated with the study, the Town is under no obligation to proceed. Members stressed the importance of making informed decisions and of the intersection’s vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Spates stated, if accepted

in the STARS program, VDOT will perform traffic counts, look at pedestrian safety, etc. and prepare a footprint of the roundabout, a cost estimate, and possible funding options.

**REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE HEART OF VIRGINIA BOARD**

On motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion to approve a transfer of \$5,000 from the General Fund contingency to contribute to the 2019 Heart of Virginia Festival.

**BACKGROUND:** At the January Council meeting, Council had referred the request on behalf of the Heart of Virginia Board to the Infrastructure Committee, with the power to act. The Board is requesting for the festival evening fireworks to return to the Farmville Regional Airport or change the entertainment night to Friday at Riverside Park with fireworks. The Committee met with a representative of the Heart of Virginia Board and questioned shooting the fireworks in town, parking at Riverside Park and the costs associated with the fireworks. The Committee suggested that the Town Manager meet the Board to discuss their request. Mr. Spates provided a followup from that meeting. He reported that the Board has stated that for this year they will not be doing fireworks for the festival and they will be partnering with the Jaycees on the First Friday event at Riverside Park that will take place the Friday before the Saturday festival. When discussing the event, it was brought to light that the cost to shoot fireworks in-town would be \$1,000 per minute based on what Longwood University paid for a similar event. Mr. Spates stated for the town to assist with the Heart of Virginia festival holding the fireworks event on Saturday evening at the airport the cost was \$35,000, which included manhours to set up and take down the event, police presence and the town paying for the fireworks. The cost to assist with the festival on Main Street is approximately \$8,000. Mr. Spates stated Prince Edward County contributes \$2,000 to the festival and the Board is requesting the Town contribute \$5,000 this year due to decreased sponsorship and lack of funds. Questions on the town’s budget, sponsorships, civic groups, and church participation and available grant funds continued. Council spoke in support of the community event but questioned the planning process when requesting financial assistance three months before the event. It was suggested that the Heart of Virginia Board meet with the Council or the Finance and Ordinance Committee before 2020 to discuss plans for the festival.

**REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT ON JESSE’S WAY**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Cole and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting “aye,” the motion directing

the Town Manager to move forward with the installation of the transformer and street light on Jesse's Way was approved.

**BACKGROUND:** At the January Council meeting, the request for a street light to be installed on Jesse's Way was referred to the Infrastructure Committee. Mr. Pairet, Chairman of the Committee stated the Committee had discussed solar-powered street lights because the electrical power lines on Jesse's Way are underground. However, upon investigating the solar lights, the lumens did not seem bright enough. Mr. Spates added solar power street lights cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. He stated that Virginia Dominion Energy visited Jesse's Way and gave him a price of \$6,500 to install a transformer and a street light. If approved by Council, there would be a monthly charge of \$29.00 for the street light. Council questioned if there was an urgent need to install the street light now or could funds be allocated in next year's budget. Mr. Fauci, a resident of Jesse's Way, addressed Council. He spoke the lack of adequate lighting and said the street is dark and the residents feel unsafe walking. Mr. Spates stated funds are available in the Street Maintenance Fund. He added that future developers will be required to install the street lights during construction. Members discussed the request and also questioned if there are any other areas requesting street lights. Mr. Spates stated he is working on a request at Gilliam Drive and Sixth Avenue. Virginia Dominion Power provided a cost of \$3,000 for the transformer and street light.

**BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT UPDATE**

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Boundary Adjustment Committee, stated staff is working on the maps, and he has no report.

**UPDATE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE EXPANSION**

Mr. S. Davis reported that he is working with Thompson and Litton and hopes to have the cost estimate by the end of the week and will provide those costs to the Department of General Services.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO DONATE AN OUT OF SERVICE POLICE VEHICLE TO THE TOWN OF BURKEVILLE**

On motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Reid and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Reid, Davis, and Cole voting "aye," the motion was approved to donate the out of service 2010 Dodge Charger with 140,000 miles to the Town of Burkeville.

**REQUEST AMENDMENT OF THE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL WORK SESSION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 REGARDING THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE**

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved to amend the typographical error in the regular work session minutes of September 5, 2018, to reflect the square footage of the Farmville Probation and Parole Office to 4,570 square feet.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

On motion by Mr. Cole, seconded Mr. Pairet and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved to accept the Farmville Planning Commission’s 2018 Annual Report as presented.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. S. Davis stated the annual report is mandated by State Code. It includes recommendations that the Commission made to Council made during the year and requests that the Farmville Planning Commission has.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON BEHALF OF MR. MIKE PAPANDREA**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved to authorize a public hearing on the rezoning request on behalf of Mr. Mike Papandrea.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. S. Davis reported that Mr. Papandrea has requested the property at 1017 N. Main Street, Partial Parcel #110AR(0A)00-005, 3.99 acres be rezoned from Business District B-3 to Residential District R-2. The six rear properties are Residential District R-2, and Mr. Papandrea feels housing would be more productive. Mr. S. Davis stated the Planning Commission had some discussion about the future development of the Route 45 area.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON BEHALF OF LOCKET CREEK REAL ESTATE GROUP LLC**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on behalf of Locket Creek Real Estate Group, LLC to rezone four properties.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. S. Davis reported that from Wiley Lane along Longwood Avenue to the approximate properties in question are zoned Residential District R-2. It appears that these four

properties were previously part of a larger parcel that now adjoins them fronting East Third. It may be that the map was not changed. Rezoning the properties would clear up the issue for the property owner.

Three of the four parcels have existing duplexes on the property, and one of the parcels is vacant but between two parcels with duplexes. Mr. Furlong would like to construct a duplex on the vacant parcel. Currently, the parcels with the three duplexes are non-conforming uses, and Mr. Furlong would not be able to build a duplex on the vacant parcel because a B-3 zone does not allow for duplex style housing

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL SOFTWARE**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Reid and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Reid, Davis and Cole voting "aye," the motion was approved to accept the recommendation of the Finance and Ordinance Committee and authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract with Edmunds and Associates for the Town's financial software.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. S. Davis stated that negotiations with Edmunds and Associates are complete and he is recommending that the Council move forward with authorizing the Town Manager to sign the contract for the Town's the financial software package. The contract included offsite hosting, and he added that he anticipates these programs meeting the town's needs for the next ten years and possibly longer.

The Finance and Ordinance Committee had also recommended moving forward with the contact with Edmunds and Associates.

**REQUEST TO ALLOCATE \$10,000 FROM THE CONTINGENCY FUND FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE FARMVILLE LOCAL VETERANS OFFICE**

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Vincent and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Reid, Davis, and Cole voting "aye," the motion was approved to award a \$10,000 appropriation from the 2018-2019 Contingency Fund to the Veterans, and to consider funding the Veterans Office in next year's budget.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated that last year Council approved allowing the Veterans office to operate out of the house that the Town owns, next to the Public Works Building. The

Veterans Office was funded by the American Legions. However, funding ran out two months ago and now has been operating on a volunteer basis.

The Farmville office not only processes claims for veterans in Farmville and the adjacent counties but also other states. Last year those benefit claims amounted to over 8 million dollars for our veterans and their families of Prince Edward and counties in the vicinity. Mr. Spates stated he spoken with other localities and there is support to keep this office open. There is an individual that has agreed to donate \$25,000 if \$50,000 can be raised. Mr. Spates stated he would like for Farmville to be the lead agency in working to keep this office open.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2018-2019 TOWN BUDGET**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Cole and with all Council members voting “aye,” the motion was approved to authorize the advertisement of a Public Hearing to amend the 2018-2019 Town Budget.

**BACKGROUND:** The Town of Farmville and Longwood University have entered into an Agreement for the Town to provide dispatch services to the Longwood University Police Department. The Agreement states that the University would pay the Town, the prorated amount of \$175,000 for dispatch services from January 25, 2019, through June 30, 2019 (2018-2019 fiscal year) and \$350,000 in next year’s budget. The Agreement has been signed and the Town has billed Longwood for the \$175,000. Mr. Spates stated that public hearing needs to be held to amend the 2018-2019 Budget to reflect the revenue and expenditure of the \$175,000.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Parks and Recreation Committee, Chairman Cole—Mr. Cole spoke of the exciting things happening on the west end of town mentioning the connecting trails (Pedestrian Bicycle Trail, Sarah Terry Trail, and the Dogwood Trail) and of the new playground equipment that was donated by the Lions Club that will be installed at Wilck’s Lake.

Finance and Ordinance Committee, Chairman Davis—No report

Public Safety Committee, Chairman Hunter—No report

Personnel Committee, Chairman Reid—No report

Boundary Adjustment, Chairman Reid—No additional information

Infrastructure Committee, Chairman Pairet— No additional information

Town Property/Building Committee, Chairman Dwyer—No report

FERN Project Committee, Chairman Dwyer—No report

**REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND DR. JAMES H. TAYLOR III AS CHAPLIN FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE**

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” the Council agreed with the recommendation of the Town Manager and appointed Reverend Dr. James H. Taylor, III as Chaplin for the employees of the Town of Farmville.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Spates stated that Reverend Dr. James Taylor, III assisted employees that were affected by the tragic event that took place in Cumberland County. He asked Council to consider appointing him Chaplin for employees of the Town of Farmville and spoke of Reverend Dr. James Taylor experience and commitment to this community.

Dr. James H. Taylor, III is a Pastor, Lecturer, and Trainer. He has done extensive work in the area of Church Leadership and conducts Leadership Training Seminars for Churches, Associations and Ministerial Organizations. He is the Senior Pastor of the Jericho Baptist Church, formerly known as Race Street Baptist Church of Farmville. Dr. Taylor has earned a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio and a Master of Divinity Degree from Virginia Union University, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. His Undergraduate work was completed at Virginia Commonwealth University and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, where he earned a Bachelor and Associate Degree, respectively.

Dr. Taylor served on active duty and the Reserves in the United States Army and was honorably discharged and retired as a Command Sergeant Major, Infantry. He served two overseas tours in Southeast Asia.

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

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vincent and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Reid, Davis, and Cole voting “aye,” the motion was approved to turn the proceeds from the sale of the old library building over to the Library.

**BACKGROUND:** When the old library building was sold the proceeds from the sale were put in an escrow account, controlled by the County and Town. A committee was formed with two representatives from the Council and two representatives from the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors all as voting members. The Town Manager, County Administrator and two members of the library shall serve in an advisory capacity without the right to vote.

Mr. Spates informed Council that Mr. Jim Wilck, Chairman of the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors contacted him today and said the Board met last night and was in agreement to turn the escrow account over to the Library.

Mr. Ewing, Director of the Central Virginia Library Board, addressed Council. Mr. Ewing stated it has been over two years since the Library Board requested funds from the escrow account. They need to update their computers and servers, add some furniture and some minor renovations – mentioning moving some shelves and artwork. He is requesting the escrow account be turned over to the library. He assured Council that any use of funds from that account would have to be approved by the Central Virginia library Board.

**REQUEST TO GRANT THE TOWN TREASURER AUTHORIZATION TO RELIEVE THE PENALTY ASSESSED ON TWO TAX LIENS (REBECCA BROWN AND STEVEN MARTIN)**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Reid, Davis, and Cole voting “aye,” the motion was approved to grant the Town Treasurer authorization to relieve the assessed tax penalty of \$710.00 for Rebecca Brown and \$1,560.75 for Steven Martin.

**BACKGROUND:** Mrs. Seal, Town Treasurer, stated the former auditors for the Town of Farmville brought to her attention that when recording a tax lien into the tax system a penalty should not be assessed. Ms. Rebecca Brown’s account has a penalty of \$710.00, and Mr. Steven Martin account has a penalty of \$1,560.75. Mrs. Seal has requested authorization to relieve the penalty on the two tax liens.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE U.S. 460 HIGHWAY (EAST FARMVILLE) INTERCHANGE**

On motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye,” and the motion was approved to adoption the resolution of support for the completion of the U.S. 460 highway interchange.

**TOWN OF FARMVILLE RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETION OF THE  
U.S. 460 HIGHWAY (EAST FARMVILLE) INTERCHANGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Farmville several years ago participated with Prince Edward County on a Feasibility Study for the completion of the Farmville East U.S. 460 Interchange; and

**WHEREAS**, this corridor has been identified in VDOT’s Trans America Corridor Feasibility Study as an important corridor that traverses the Commonwealth from Berkeley West Virginia to Hampton Road, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, the TransAmerica Corridor Study states that, *“Prince Edward County is experiencing growth along the corridor east of Farmville, and that the area is home to Longwood University and Hampden Sydney College;”* and

**WHEREAS**, The current interchange does not accommodate westbound access from Business 460 to U.S. 460 or eastbound access from U.S. 460 to Business 460; and

**WHEREAS**, motorists are currently performing U-turns on U.S. 460 or driving through the Town of Farmville to head westbound on U.S. 460; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that recent and future planned developments on the east side of the Town of Farmville will increase the traffic volume. These developments include Sunchase Apartments, Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn, a shopping center and cinema, and Longwood University’s two-field athletic stadium complex with a seating capacity of 600 to 1,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Town of Farmville urges the Virginia Department of Transportation to recognize the need for this Interchange to be completed and provide the necessary funding for this project as it serves as a significant east/west transportation corridor, would decrease traffic on Milnwood Road (as this road is widely used by motorists who wish to head westbound on U.S. 460, would be an economic development tool and would enhance traffic safety measures.

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

Mr. Spates reported on the following items:

- Council has received an invitation from Piedmont Regional Jail to view their new Booking Intake Facility on Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- Buffalo Creek Trail is 30 percent complete – running a little behind schedule due to weather-related issues;
- Milnwood Road project – anticipate going out for bids the first part of March, with completion December 2020. When the project began 5 years ago, the estimated cost was 3.7 million dollars now the estimated cost is 2 million. He presented a brief power point presentation of the project.
- The Town received a VDOT grant for approximately \$500,000 to upgrade the traffic signals to include the traffic cameras and battery backup.

- Joint Planning Commission and Council work session will be held on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to meet jointly with the Berkely Group.
- Town/County Library meeting tomorrow
- Members received copies of the Longwood Pedestrian Study
- FERN garden update

Chief Ellington thanked the Council and the community for their outpouring of prayers and support in the passing of Trooper Lucas Dowell. He spoke of the upcoming Police Academy and said registration is still open for anyone wishing to sign up.

Mr. Atkins, Director of Public Works, stated he was looking forward to the Milnwood Road project and excited to hear of the possibility of the East Third Street bypass.

**MAYOR WHITUS AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTED ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS**

Mr. Hunter asked Chief Ellington if he was addressing the radio situation since Prince Edward Sheriff's Office had updated the radio system and is no longer able to communicate vehicle to vehicle with Farmville Police Officers. Chief Ellington stated he has contacted Commtronics and has included cost estimates in the Department's 2019-2010 proposed Town Budget.

Mr. Reid welcomed Revered Dr. James Taylor III and commended him for the work he has done in the community.

**CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL**

On motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting "aye," the motion was approved to convene in closed session for discussion with the Town Manager pursuant to personnel, under the exemption provided for in **Section 2.2-3711(A)(1)** of the Code of Virginia.

Mayor Whitus announced a five (5) minute recess.

Council returned to the 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: 7

MOTION: Davis

SECOND: Pairet

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

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: No one

ABSENT DURING MEETING: No one

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