RECONVENED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 18, 2020

Mayor Whitus called to order the reconvened Council meeting held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there present were Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding, and Council members G.C. Cole, D.L. Hunter, B.R. Vincent, T.M. Pairet, D.E. Dwyer, A.D. Reid, and J.J. Davis.

Staff present was Deputy Clerk Jackie Vaughan.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll, noting all members present.

ADOPT THE 2020-2021 TOWN BUDGET

On the motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Cole, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Dwyer, Reid, and Davis voting “aye,” the motion to adopt the 2020-2021 Town Budget, was approved.

BACKGROUND: Mayor Whitus mentioned that Council held a public hearing at the regular Council meeting on June 10, 2020, with no comments and asked Mr. Jamie Davis, Chairman of the Finance and Ordinance Committee to share a few comments about the budget. Mr. Davis said the Committee and staff went over the 2020-2021 budget numerous times, more than in previous years, and the Committee was being very directive given the circumstances of the economy and he feels it is a good guideline budget. Mr. Davis stated he will be gone at the end of the month, and Council will need to continue to keep an eye on the budget and willing to adjust it, as needed. Mr. Davis mentioned there are no tax increases, and there is a built-in incentive that will allow investors a reduced rate in water and sewer taps, in the 2020-2021 Town Budget.

CLOSED SESSION – TOWN PROPERTY

On the motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all Council members voting “aye,” Council went into closed session under paragraph A.1 of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, for the discussion or consideration of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the strategy of the Town of Farmville.

Council returned to the regular order of business.

CLOSED MEETING CERTIFICATION

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 “ayes,” No “noes”

MOTION: Davis                      SECOND: Hunter

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

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Jacqueline B. Vaughan, Deputy Clerk

REMOVAL OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGH AND RANDOLPH STREETS

Given the concern for public safety and the preservation of the soldier, I, Council member Brian Vincent, move that we remove the confederate soldier from the confederate monument located at the intersection of High and Randolph Streets. I further move that the soldier be preserved and stored until Council, in consultation with various community groups and citizens can determine a plan for final disposition of the soldier and the base of the monument. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Vincent, Pairet, Dwyer, Reid, Davis, Cole, and Hunter voting “aye,” the motion was approved.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

APPROVED:                               ATTEST:

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David E. Whitus, Mayor          Jacqueline B. Vaughan, Deputy Clerk