

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 10, 2023

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there were present: Mayor Brian R. Vincent, presiding, and Council members Sallie Amos, A.D. “Chuckie” Reid, Dan Dwyer, Adam Yoelin, Donald Hunter and John Hardy.

Staff present were Town Manager C. Scott Davis, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Finance Director Julie Moore, Interim Community Development Director and IT Support Ashley Atkins-Austin, Public Works Director Robin Atkins, Fire Chief Daniel Clark, and Clerk of Council Mary McKay.

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

The Lord’s Prayer was recited, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor Reid.

The Clerk called the roll noting Council member Thomas Pairet as absent.

UPDATE BY PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – DOUG STANLEY

- Prince Edward County Landfill - The current landfill permit from the Virginia Department of Environment Quality is capped at a maximum of 175 tons of trash allowed per day. A request was made last fall to increase the daily tonnage to 300 tons to avoid the 2-3 days the tonnage nears the limit allowed. It is anticipated the permit will be received within the next 60 days.
- Prince Edward County Emergency Management, in partnership with Buckingham County Emergency Management, hosted a search and rescue training on April 15-16, 2023, at Twin Lakes State Park.
- Route 460/307 Project - There has been recent paving and detours with the remaining paving completed on Route 307 last night.
- Poultry Processing Facility - Local poultry producers in the region are being impacted by the closing of the Tyson chicken processing plant off Staples Mill Road. Inquiries have been made about the potential for a site to replace the closing facility. The county administrators regionally are trying to coordinate some response.
- Courthouse/Cupola - has been repainted with the finials to be replaced in the next week.

- Prince Edward County Industrial Park/Access Road - An update was provided on the access road and waterline work set to be completed before the August 10, 2023 deadline.
- Heartland Innovative Technology (HIT) Park Marketing - The Industrial Development Authority has negotiated a marketing agreement with Rhett Weiss of DEALTEK, Ltd.
- Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO) – Prince Edward County is working with Cumberland, Buckingham, Amelia, and Nottoway on the development of a new local REDO initiative.
- Sandy River/VDH Grant - A \$5 million grant has been submitted to the Virginia Department of Health to help with the project.
- Sandy River/PPEA Comprehensive Agreement - Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors approved a 30-day public comment period.
- HIT Park Infrastructure Design – working with Timmons to complete off-site utility and elevated water storage tank design for the park.
- Rice Convenience Site – the site is being completely revamped and modernized with an anticipated completion date of July 1, 2023.
- Emergency Communications System – Prince Edward County received an \$88,500 State Homeland Security Program grant to help offset the cost of the radio system consultants who are assisting the County with the upgrade.
- Joint Projects – Prince Edward County is looking forward to working with Town staff and Council on several joint projects including Mary E. Branch Center, Emergency Radio Communications System, Joint Dispatch concept and Building Inspections.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-01 – AMEND FY2022-2023 BUDGET-ARPA

Town of Farmville
Town Council
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Farmville Town Council will hold a public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in Council Chambers, located on the second floor of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia to hear citizen comments on the following:

Resolution No. 2023-05-01 - To amend the Town Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 in a total amount of \$26,826,061.32. To record revenue and expenditures related to the use of American Rescue Plan Act for the FY 2022-2023 Budget in the aggregate amount of

\$1,786,514.74.

- ARPA revenue and expenditure for the Splashpad - \$623,321.74
- ARPA revenue and expenditure for the New Fire Truck - \$937,250.00
- ARPA revenue and expenditure for the Pistagrit - \$225,943.00

The Farmville Town Council will consider the request for the budget amendment following the public hearing. Any person(s) wishing to comment on the above matter should plan to attend this meeting or submit written comments. If you do not feel comfortable attending the meeting, you can participate by contacting the Clerk of Council's office and ask to participate in the public hearing by phone. Once a person has formally made this request, they will be provided a conference call number. Please send your requests to Mary McKay at mmckay@farmvilleva.com or by calling (434) 392-9465 by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Questions and comments related to this public hearing may be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 116 North Main Street, PO Drawer 368, Farmville, Virginia, 23901 or by calling (434) 392-5686, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

It is the intent of the Town to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special accommodation, please contact C. Scott Davis, LP.D., Town Manager, at (434) 392-5686, prior to the meeting.

With no one signed up or wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-02 – FY2023-2024 TOWN BUDGET

Public Hearing Notice

The Farmville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, VA. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear citizen comments on the following matters:

- **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-05-02, FY 2023-2024 Town Budget**

**TOWN OF FARMVILLE, VA
BUDGET SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Fund	Revenue	Expenditures
10 General Fund	14,390,195.56	14,390,195.56
15 Street Maintenance Fund	1,886,000.00	1,886,000.00

40 Water Fund	3,827,893.24	3,827,893.24
42 Sewer Fund	2,727,921.66	2,727,921.66
44 Transportation Fund	1,164,852.26	1,164,852.26
45 Airport Fund	<u>1,281,949.23</u>	<u>1,281,949.23</u>
Total	25,278,811.95	25,278,811.95

The above budget includes a real estate tax rate of \$0.13 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value, a personal property tax rate (business only) of \$1.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value, a \$0.27 cent per pack cigarette tax rate, and a 7 percent tax rate on amount paid for meals and lodging within the Town of Farmville limits.

- **Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-05-03, Capital Improvement Plan**

Citizens are encouraged to participate in this public hearing. Any person(s) wishing to comment on the above matter should plan to attend this meeting or submit written comments. If you do not feel comfortable attending the meeting, you can participate by contacting the Clerk of Council's office and ask to participate in the public hearing by phone. Once a person has formally made this request, they will be provided a conference call number. Please send your requests to Mary McKay at mmckay@farmvilleva.com or by calling (434) 392-9465 by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Questions and comments regarding the proposed budget may be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 116 North Main Street, PO Drawer 368, Farmville, Virginia, 23901 or by calling (434) 392-5686, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. It is the intent of the Town to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special accommodation, please contact C. Scott Davis, LP.D., Town Manager, at (434) 392-5686, prior to the meeting.

With no one signed up or wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-03 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

With no one signed up or wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jacob Romaine was present and addressed the Council on the topic of Planned Unit Development/Affordable Housing. Mr. Romaine spoke as the managing partner of the Farmville Affordable Housing Alliance. Some points noted were:

- Farmville Affordable Housing Alliance is committed to providing non-vouchered housing for Farmville's median income population,

- No special zoning requirements are needed, and Farmville Affordable Housing Alliance does not support special zoning requirements for one group,
- Farmville Affordable Housing Alliance does not need the Town of Farmville to change any rules to fit their needs and does not rely on subsidies,
- No special ordinance is needed, and their plan places no undue burden on the town or staff.

Mr. Romaine provided figures for new construction in the local area and added the population cannot afford new builds. The cost of new housing has outpaced what the local population earns.

Peter Gur was present and addressed the Council concerning the status of the ramp between East Third Street and Hwy. 460 West, that involves travel between Farmville and Lynchburg where the travelers don't need to pass through downtown.

Rhett Weiss addressed the Town Council to offer compliments of the Farmville Citizens Police Academy. Mr. Reiss recently graduated from the program which he stated was extremely well organized and executed. A donation was made to Chief Andy Ellington to help offset costs for his attendance.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Amos, and with all Council members voting "aye", the consent agenda was approved as presented. The consent agenda includes the draft minutes of the April 5, 2023 Work Session and the April 12, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE REPORT

On motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with all Council members voting "aye", the finance report was approved as presented.

BACKGROUND: A verbal report was provided by Finance Director Julie Moore. The golf proceeds were moved to the Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) account last month. Some unrestricted funds (Water/Sewer Funds) and some restricted funds (General Fund/E911 Wireless) were also moved to the VIP Account in April. From the three amounts that were moved over, there was \$9,333.09 earned and \$1,728.89 on the golf proceeds. For April, a total of \$11,061.98 was earned at VIP. For April, a total of \$37,084.27 was earned from the money placed with the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP), for a total earned of \$259,816.63 since investing at LGIP.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 222 – VACATE ALLEY BETWEEN 500 AND 600 BLOCK OF SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET AND SOUTH BRIDGE STREET

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, and Amos voting “yes”, the motion was approved to adopt Ordinance No. 222 – Vacate alley between 500 and 600 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street.

BACKGROUND: The proposed ordinance relates to Resolution 2021-12-04 which was approved already by Council on December 8, 2021, for an alley abandonment located between the 500 and 600 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street. A Public Hearing was previously held on December 8, 2021. It was determined the alley abandonment approval should be in the form of an ordinance instead of a resolution.

ORDINANCE NO. 222

To vacate an alley situated between the 500 and 600 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street and to authorize conveyance of such property equally to each adjoining property.

WHEREAS, Town Council is granted authority pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2006 and the Town of Farmville Town Charter to vacate and convey public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this vacation was requested by a property owner whose property adjoins this alley; and

WHEREAS, the attached exhibit shows the alley to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, Town Council properly advertised a public hearing on the matter and sent notices to each property owner being affected and held the aforementioned public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That the alley situated between the 500 and 600 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street be and hereby is vacated to the adjoining landowners.
2. That the conveyance of the abandoned property by deed shall be permitted if requested by the affected landowner(s).

Approved:

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

I certify that the above ordinance was:

Adopted on _____

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

The Honorable A.D. “Chuckie” Reid: _____

The Honorable Sallie O. Amos _____

The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer _____

The Honorable Tommy Pairt _____

The Honorable John Hardy _____

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____

The Honorable Adam Yoelin _____

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 223 – VACATE ALLEY BETWEEN 800
BLOCK OF FIRST AVENUE AND 800 BLOCK OF HILL STREET**

On motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with a recorded vote of Council members Dwyer, Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, Amos, and Reid voting “yes”, the motion was approved to adopt Ordinance No. 223 – Vacate alley between 800 block of First Avenue and 800 block of Hill Street.

BACKGROUND: The proposed ordinance relates to Resolution 2021-12-05 which was approved already by Council on December 8, 2021, for an alley abandonment located between the 800 block of First Avenue and 800 block of Hill Street. A Public Hearing was previously held on December 8, 2021. It was determined the alley abandonment approval should be in the form of an ordinance instead of a resolution.

ORDINANCE NO. 223

To vacate an alley situated between the 800 block of First Avenue and 800 block of Hill Street and to authorize the conveyance of such property equally to each adjoining property.

WHEREAS, Town Council is granted authority pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2006 and the Town of Farmville Charter to vacate and convey public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this vacation was requested by a property owner whose property adjoins this alley; and

WHEREAS, the attached exhibit shows the specific location of the alley to be vacated; and

WHEREAS, Town Council properly advertised a public hearing on the matter, sent notices to each property owner being effected and held the aforementioned public hearing;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. That the alley situated between the 800 block of First Avenue and 800 block of Hill Street be and hereby is vacated by the Town of Farmville.
2. That the conveyance of the abandoned property by deed shall be permitted if requested by the affected landowner(s).

Approved:

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

I certify that the above ordinance was:

Adopted on _____.

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

The Honorable A.D. "Chuckie" Reid: _____

The Honorable Sallie O. Amos: _____

The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer _____

The Honorable Tommy Pairat _____

The Honorable John Hardy _____

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____

The Honorable Adam Yoelin _____

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-01 – AMEND FY2022-2023
BUDGET – ARPA**

On motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Yoelin, and with a recorded vote of Council members Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, Amos, Reid, and Dwyer voting “yes”, the motion was approved to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05-01 – Amend FY2022-2023 Budget – ARPA.

BACKGROUND: A Public Hearing was held earlier this evening. The budget needed to be amended to add the revenue and expenditures due to the amounts being over one percent of the original budget.

RESOLUTION #2023-05-01

BUDGET AMENDMENT

To amend the Town Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 in a total amount of \$26,826,061.32. To record revenue and expenditures related to the use of American Rescue Plan Act for the FY 2022-2023 Budget in the aggregate amount of \$1,786,514.74.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE:

That additional revenue and expenditure in the amount of \$1,786,514.74 be added to the FY 2022-2023 Budget so that the amended total of the Town of Farmville’s FY 2022-2023 budget shall be \$28,612,576.06; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT \$1,786,514.74 shall be appropriated by the Town of Farmville as follows:

- ARPA revenue and expenditure for the Splashpad - \$623,321.74
- ARPA revenue and expenditure for the New Fire Truck - \$937,250.00
- ARPA revenue and expenditure for the Pistagrit - \$225,943.00

1. That this resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

I certify that the above resolution was:

Adopted on: _____.

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

The Honorable A.D. “Chuckie” Reid: _____.

The Honorable Sallie O. Amos _____.

The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer _____.

The Honorable Tommy Pairet _____.

The Honorable John Hardy _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Adam Yoelin _____.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF UPDATED FARMVILLE AREA BUS – DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the updated Farmville Area Bus-Drug and Alcohol Policy, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with a recorded vote of Council members Hunter, Hardy, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, and Yoelin voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: An updated Drug and Alcohol policy (revised 04/27/2023) for the Farmville Area Bus was received from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for approval by the governing body. DRPT is renewing all policies to ensure they contain all Federal Transit Administration compliant information.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Manager provided an update and a reminder of upcoming items:

National Police Week - May 14-20

National Peace Officers Memorial – May 15

National Public Works Week - May 21-27

- Installation of the playground equipment at the park beside Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library should begin next Monday, May 15, 2023.
- Colony Construction should begin the annual paving project on May 22, 2023.
- An annual presentation was provided to the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce and included Prince Edward County Administrator Doug Stanley and Cumberland County Administrator Derek Stamey who also shared updates from their respective budget and CIP projects.
- Spring Cleanup was Monday, May 8, 2023. A breakdown for the overall campaign was provided: 47.2 tons trash, metal was a little over 1 ton, electronics was about ½ ton, oil 53 gallons, for a total of 48.98 tons.
- Reminder of the Employee Spring/Summer Picnic to be held at Wilck's Lake on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 11:30 AM -2:00 PM.

Mr. Reid reported on complaints received from residents concerning trash receptacles being left out on the street after trash collection is completed. Town Manager requested residents call the town office so the issue can be handled through town code enforcement. Mr. Reid reported on another complaint concerning tall grass in the town and asked if there are any staff handling the issue. Town Manager advised both Interim Community Development Director Ashley Atkins-Austin and Building Official Phillip Moore are addressing the issue. He also noted residents must first receive proper notice of the violation by certified mail. Ms. Atkins-Austin was present to address the Council and reported staff have been throughout town looking for notices of violation. Seven notices have been sent out this week for tall grass and trash on property.

Also representing Habitat for Humanity, Mr. Dwyer recognized staff from North Street Press Club who were in attendance at the meeting, and for their help with the work being done at the Andrews and Parkview Drive location.

Mr. Yoelin thanked Jake Romaine, Rhett Weiss, and Peter Gur for their participation at the meeting.

Mr. Hardy reported on one complaint received concerning a Habitat for Humanity house location where some of the contractors have been parking alongside the curve of the road.

Mayor Vincent provided an overview of his recent activities.

- April 19-21, 2023 – Department of Wildlife Resources board held a retreat at the Breaks Interstate Park in southwest Virginia. (Mayor Vincent serves as a Region 2 Board Member representing the Farmville area.)
- April 22, 2023 – Welcome remarks provided for the Sigma Sigma Sigma 125th anniversary at Longwood University with President Taylor Reveley.
- April 25, 2023 – Participated in an interview with two Prince Edward County High School students on local government issues.
- April 27, 2023 - Attended the Rotary Club's Taste of Farmville event and the Citizens Police Academy.
- May 2, 2023 – Participated in an interview on WFLO Radio Call Flo program recapping some of the issues recently before Council. Attended meeting concerning the Ukraine Day event scheduled at the Moton Museum on Saturday, May 13, 2023.
- May 3, 2023 – Attended planning meeting for the July 3rd Fireworks After Dark event.
- May 8, 2023 – Attended meeting at the Moton Museum with Vice-Mayor Reid to visit with students in the Brock Experience program at Longwood University.
- Invitation received recently to become a member of the Virginia Municipal League's Legislative Committee.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Hunter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with all Council members stating “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council