

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2023

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there were present Mayor Brian Vincent, presiding, and Council members Sallie Amos, A.D. “Chuckie” Reid, Dan Dwyer, Tommy Pairet, Adam Yoelin, and John Hardy.

Staff present were Town Manager Scott Davis, Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Finance Director Julie Moore, Interim Community Development Director and IT Support Ashley Atkins-Austin, Deputy Clerk Jacqueline Vaughan, and Clerk of Council Mary McKay.

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll, noting Donald Hunter as absent.

A moment of silence was offered for the families of Donald Hunter for the passing of his father, and for retired officer Richard Wallace, who gave 35 years of service to the Farmville Police Department.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Hardy to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with all in favor stating “aye”, the motion passed.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Julie Moore reported on preliminary June reports provided to Council members. A final June report will be provided once the annual audit is completed. From the preliminary reports, Ms. Moore advised revenues were up from last year due to an airport grant being received and the sale of the golf course. Expenses were less than 100 percent, which meant the departments ensured there was no overspending during the year. There were no major changes with expenses compared to prior year except that the Finance Department purchased procurement and budgeting software which will help the town stay in compliance with state and federal laws concerning bonds, accounting and budgeting policies and procedures.

Town Manager Davis reported that the software package purchased in June will assist in obtaining an additional award for budgeting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

DISCUSSION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS

Chief of Police Andy Ellington provided a PowerPoint presentation on the SafetyStick technology proven to reduce illegal parking. Chief Ellington reported that parking violations are captured by photograph, reviewed by law enforcement and, if approved, violators receive a parking ticket in the mail. The vendor, MPS Intelligent Infrastructure, is paid forty percent (40%) of each ticket issued, with a minimum of \$140 per month required per device. Installation of the devices is at no cost to the town.

A brief discussion was held with several Council members asking questions. The Town Manager advised approval is needed for placement of the devices on any private property.

There was consensus for a resolution to be brought forward for Council's consideration at the August 9, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

DISCUSSION OF BIG SOUTH TOURNAMENT

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to agree to partner for \$50,000 with Longwood University in pursuit of the Big South Tournament, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Yoelin, Hardy and Amos voting "yes", and Pairet voting "no", the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Mayor Vincent reported the Big South Basketball Tournament does not have a home this year. Longwood University is readying to open the Joan Perry Brock Center and will try to compete against some other universities to bid for the Big South Tournament being held at their new facility. Local support has been requested. The Town Manager and Finance Director were tasked with providing figures on full lodging for a week, with a conservative increase in food and beverage taxes being noted. A discussion was held with several Council members posing questions and providing comments.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

No comments were offered.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Reid asked for Town Attorney Gary Elder to provide a status report on the Hill Street alley abandonment.

Mr. Elder provided an update and advised that the alley abandonment just needs to be recorded in the Clerk's office. Council approved the abandonment, the appeal period has now expired, and the alley abandonment will be put to record as soon as possible. A brief discussion was held.

Town Manager Davis advised a letter can be sent to each property owner of both alleys.

Mayor Vincent noted going forward, we will make it a practice to send out a letter to property owners when an alley has been abandoned.

The Mayor recognized a job well done for Town Manager Davis who recently received an International City/County Management Association (ICMA)-Credentialed Manager designation by his peers.

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion by Mr. Yoelin, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with Council members Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, Hardy, Amos, and Reid voting "yes", Council went into closed session under **A.1 of Section 2.2-3711** for the discussion of performance of the Town Manager, **Section 2.2-3711 A.3** for the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body, and **Section 2.2-3711 A.5** for the discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

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: Six “yeses”, No “noes”

MOTION: Yoelin

SECOND: Pairet

YES: Pairet, Yoelin, Hardy, Amos, Reid and Dwyer

NO: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Hunter

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Clerk of Council

There being no other business and on a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, with all in favor stating “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council