

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2021

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 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 David E. Whitus, presiding, and Council members D.E. Dwyer, D.L. Hunter, G.C. Cole, S.O. Amos, T.M. Pairet, B.R. Vincent, and A.D. Reid.

The staff present were the Town Manager C. Scott Davis; Acting Director of Finance Carol Anne Seal; Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Deputy Police Chief and Captain William Hogan; Town Attorney Gary Elder, IT Support Kim Thompson, and Deputy Clerk Jackie Vaughan.

Mayor Whitus welcomed guests and announced Reverend Scott Curtis with the Heritage Baptist Church would provide the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor Reid.

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

Mayor suspended the regular order of business and asked the Clerk to read a Resolution of Appreciation in recognition of Pairet's Store. Mr. Hunter made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with Council Members Hunter, Cole, Amos, Pairet, Vincent, Reid, and Dwyer voting "yes", the resolution was adopted. Mayor asked Mr. Thomas Pairet and his father, Mr. E.M. "Sonny" Pairet, to join him down front as he presented the Pairets with the Resolution. Mayor returned to the regular order of business and opened up the public hearings.

TOWN OF FARMVILLE
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
PAIRET'S STORE

WHEREAS, Thomas Pairet and his father E.M. "Sonny" Pairet have served the Farmville community by operating a family business which has served downtown Farmville and its residents for 76 years; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Pairet credits the store's success to his father, E.M. "Sonny" Pairet's recommendation for him to look into the screen printing process, and

WHEREAS, Pairet's is known across the area for its licensed Longwood apparel and successful screen printing and engraving business; and

WHEREAS, Pairet's has provided friendly service to the community while offering a wide variety of personalized clothing; and

WHEREAS, Pairet's has provided three generations of local business offering sporting goods and other hunting and fishing supplies to Farmville and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Pairet's has served as a Main Street staple in the community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmville Town Council does hereby recognize and express its appreciation to Pairet's for decades of service and commitment to this community, with providing retail services to downtown Farmville.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, by the Farmville Town Council.

APPROVED:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE NO. 207 - ADDING SECTION 2-27 – ELECTION OF MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF ARTICLE II – TOWN COUNCIL OF CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION

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

ORDINANCE NO. 208 - PERMITS THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER METER INSIDE OF THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS THREE ROADS BREWING COMPANY IN ORDER TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE WATER CONSUMED AND THE WATER RETURNED TO THE TOWN SEWAGE SYSTEM BY THE BUSINESS.

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

THE ABANDONMENT OF A TWELVE-FOOT ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 500 BLOCK OF SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET AND SOUTH BRIDGE STREET; AND A TWENTY-FOOT ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 600 BLOCK OF SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET AND SOUTH BRIDGE STREET, FARMVILLE, VA.

Ms. Rita Moseley called in to make inquiries in reference to the abandonment of the Town's alley. She asked when the Town abandons the 12ft./20 ft. alley the homeowners will then own, will the Town put stakes, etc. to show the homeowners exactly where the 6ft./10ft. alley begins and ends to eliminate confusion or uncertainty or will undue burden be placed on homeowners the expense of hiring a surveyor to find that out, and if she placed a narrow trench on her portion of the alley to reroute water that floods her yard, would it change from undeveloped to developed?

Mr. Davis advised the Town would not place stakes to show the location of the alley but there would be a plat recorded to show where those boundaries are. A survey for every homeowner would not be done. He also advised by placing the trench does not make it developed. He noted to ensure the trench does not flow any water onto anyone else's property.

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

THE ABANDONMENT OF A TWENTY-FOOT ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN THE 800 BLOCK OF HILL STREET AND FIRST AVENUE, FARMVILLE, VA.

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

CITIZEN INPUT FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE.

Mr. Edward Strickler called in to make suggestions on the possible usage of ARPA funds.

- Reliable affordable broadband for the education of youth, telehealth, job seeking, skills training, and appropriate devices for persons with disabilities and residents with special needs
- Mental health assessment and referral to care needs
- Additional programs to help youth recover lost learning from the pandemic/weekend learning programs that boost literacy, math, and science learning, tutoring programs
- Need for the PEFYA facility to be updated
- Continuing support of the public library
- Collaboration among religious congregations to develop and support local family needs

- Can local businesses be supported through these funds to do recruiting, training, and hiring to develop a workforce for people who were cut off from work who need to develop new skills and get new jobs

Mr. Strickler stated he believes the funds can be collaboratively considered from multiple jurisdictions which might be an excellent way to amplify the impact and effectiveness without adding costs.

Mr. Shawn Rozier, Vice President of Housing at STEPS, Inc. was present to speak on a project being undertaken in the region as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. STEPS, Inc. is sheltering the homeless exclusively in hotels throughout the region due to not having a homeless shelter facility. The Regional Homeless Housing Task Force has developed a plan to build a non-congregate emergency shelter and permanent supportive housing. A draft of the maps along with a summary of the project and its cost for consideration was distributed to Council. \$250,000 of these funds are requested from the Town towards the costs with a large portion of this funding request to be used for water and sewer lines on the property as well as any costs to hook these up. Any remaining funding after these costs are paid would be utilized to retrofit the community center being proposed.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Londell Talibdin was present to speak concerning the waterways in Farmville and asked if someone could look into and try to resolve the problem of the flooding that has been occurring. He stated nothing has been done over the years. He has talked to some businesses who report the flooding has taken a small toll. When flooding occurs, there is a problem getting from Cumberland to Keysville. Mr. Talibdin asked if someone possibly could give him the okay to keep on going about the flooding issue.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On the motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Dwyer and with all Council members voted “aye”, the consent agenda was approved. The consent agenda includes the draft minutes of

the regular November 3, 2021 Work Session of the Farmville Town Council, and the regular November 10, 2021 Town Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

On the motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Pairt, and with all Council members voting "aye," the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Seal provided a brief overview of the November Treasurer's Report. The 2021 real estate and personal property taxes are due on December 15th. As of November 30th, 33.13% has been collected for real estate and 29.43% for personal property tax. However, as of yesterday our percentage collected is 65.82% for real estate and 66.62% for personal property tax.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 208 – PERMITS THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER METER INSIDE OF THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS THREE ROADS BREWING COMPANY IN ORDER TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE WATER CONSUMED AND THE WATER RETURNED TO THE TOWN SEWAGE SYSTEM BY THE BUSINESS

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with a recorded vote with Council members Reid, Vincent, Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Hunter, and Pairt voting "yes", a motion was approved to adopt Ordinance No. 208.

ORDINANCE 208

PERMITS THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER METER INSIDE OF THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS THREE ROADS BREWING COMPANY IN ORDER TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE WATER CONSUMED AND THE WATER RETURNED TO THE TOWN SEWAGE SYSTEM BY THE BUSINESS

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville provides water meters to monitor water usage in buildings located in the Town of Farmville; and

WHEREAS, bills for water/sewer are based on the premise that a similar amount of water enters and exits the premises; and

WHEREAS, Three Roads Brewing Company has requested that the Town reduce its water bill on the basis that it brings in water that is used for the production of beverages and is never released back into the Town sewer system;

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville is willing to assist Three Roads Brewing Company by providing it with a second meter that will measure the amount of water entering its brewing tanks (and thereby not being released into the Town sewer system);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Farmville Town Council this 8th day of December, 2021, that a water meter will be installed inside of Three Roads Brewing Company for the purpose of measuring the water that enters the business's brewing tanks, and that the water/sewer bill for this business shall be calculated by subtracting the amount of water that is reflected on the interior meter from the amount of water that enters the building on the exterior meter. Three Roads Brewing Company shall be solely responsible for the cost of the installation of the water meter and shall be required to obtain any and all necessary plumbing permits.

Approved: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

I certify that the above ordinance was:

Adopted on its first reading on _____.

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

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

The Honorable Sally Amos _____.

The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer _____.

The Honorable Tommy Pairat _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND: This matter has been discussed previously in Finance Committee meetings. The owners of Three Roads Brewing Company use a lot of water in their processing. They have requested a discount in their rates to offset the water usage. The Acting Director of Finance provided a history of usage for Three Roads for a six-month period as well as a survey of other localities on any discounts provided. One locality surveyed allows property owners to purchase and install deduction meters. Council is being requested to adopt Ordinance No. 208 permitting the installation of a water meter inside Three Roads Brewing Company in order to measure the water that enters the business's brewing tanks, and that the water/sewer bill for this business shall be calculated by subtracting the amount of water that is reflected on the interior meter from the amount of water that enters the building on the exterior meter.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-01 - TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO ADJUST FOR CHANGES IN SALARIES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME RETENTION BONUS FROM 599 FUNDS

On a motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote with Council members Vincent, Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet and Reid voting "yes", a motion was approved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12-01.

Resolution # 2021-12-01

Transfer Funds To Adjust For Change In Salaries In The Police Department And Provide A One-time Retention Bonus From The 599 Funds

WHEREAS, Town Council recognizes the current difficulties of hiring qualified and quality applicants in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Town Council is committed to being competitive in hiring salary for law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Town Council recognizes the need to retain current employees in law enforcement while maintaining fiscal responsibility for the Town as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Town Council agrees for the hiring salary of the position of Police Officer to start at \$45,011.20, for current employees in the position of Police Officer to receive a 17.7% salary increase if the employee's current salary is under \$45,011.20, these increases will become effective at the beginning of the pay period on January 9, 2022, all sworn law enforcement employees in the police department who's current salary is above \$45,011.20 will receive a one-time retention bonus of \$1,000 to be paid on January 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Town Council approves the transfer of up to \$85,000 from general fund contingency to the police department in the general fund for the salary increases and the use of 599 funds for the one-time retention bonus; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. The hiring salary of the position of Police Officer will start at \$45,011.20, current employees in the position of Police Officer will receive a 17.7% salary increase if the employee's current salary is under \$45,011.20, sworn law enforcement employees in the police department who's current salary is above \$45,011.20 will receive a one-time retention bonus of \$1,000, and for all pay adjustments and bonuses to become effective at the beginning of the pay period on January 9, 2022.
2. The transfer of up to \$85,000 from general fund contingency to the police department in the general fund for the salary increases and the use of 599 funds for the one-time retention bonus.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

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 Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND: This matter has been discussed at previous Finance Committee Meetings. Town Manager Davis reported several vacancies in Public Works and in Public Safety. He noted the Town has been having a difficult time filling many positions. Mayor mentioned from recent meetings with Town Managers in other areas that Police starting salaries average between \$45,000 and \$46,000/yr. Mr. Hunter noted the state has approved a 25% increase for public safety positions. Chairman Cole suggested the Town consider a 15% to 20% adjustment of certified police positions. Town Manager Davis reported 599 Funds received in the amount of \$17,482.00, but are restricted for Law Enforcement Recruitment, Retention, or Criminal Justice Reform. It was suggested to use the funds for a one-time retention bonus for sworn Law Enforcement Officers.

Chairman Cole advised to bring the matter forward to the 12/01/2021 Work Session and the 12/08/2021 Council Meeting.

The resolution before Council is to approve the transfer of funds from General Fund Contingency for changes to adjust the hiring salary of the Police Officer position to \$45,011.20, and for current employees in the position of Police Officer to receive a 17.7% salary increase if the employee's current salary is under \$45,011.20, and all sworn law enforcement employees in the police department whose current salary is above \$45,011.20 will receive a one-time retention bonus of \$1,000 from 599 funds.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-02 - TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO ADJUST FOR CHANGES IN SALARIES IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with a recorded vote with Council members Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Reid and Vincent voting "yes", a motion was approved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12-02.

Resolution # 2021-12-02

Transfer Funds To Adjust For Change In Salaries In The Public Works Department

WHEREAS, Town Council recognizes the current difficulties of hiring qualified and quality applicants in public works; and

WHEREAS, Town Council is committed to being competitive in hiring salary for public works; and

WHEREAS, Town Council agrees for the hiring salary of the position of Laborer I will start at \$12.50 per hour and current Laborer I employees' salaries will increase to the hiring salary or by 6.6%, whichever is greater; and the position of Laborer II will start at \$14.56 per hour and current Laborer II employees' salaries will increase to the hiring salary or by 7.3%, whichever is greater; these increases will become effective at the beginning of the pay period on January 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Town Council approves the transfer of up to \$62,000 from general fund contingency to the public works department in the general fund for the salary increases; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

4. The hiring salary of the position of Laborer I will start at \$12.50 per hour and current Laborer I employees' salaries will increase to the hiring salary or by 6.6%, whichever is greater; and the position of Laborer II will start at \$14.56 per hour and current Laborer II employees' salaries will increase to the hiring salary or by 7.3%, whichever is greater; these increases will become effective at the beginning of the pay period on January 9, 2022.
5. The transfer of up to \$62,000 from general fund contingency to the public works department in the general fund for the salary increases.
6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

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 Pairt _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND:

This matter has been discussed at previous Finance Committee Meetings. Town Manager Davis reported several vacancies in Public Works and in Public Safety, and noted the Town was having a difficult time filling many positions.

Chairman Cole advised to bring the matter forward to the 12/01/2021 Work Session, and the 12/08/2021 Council Meeting.

The resolution before Council is to transfer funds from the General Fund Contingency for changes to adjust the hiring salary of the Laborer I position to \$12.50 per hour and current Laborer I employees’ salaries to increase to the hiring salary or by 6.6%, whichever is greater; and the Laborer II position to \$14.56 per hour and current Laborer II employees’ salaries to increase to the hiring salary or by 7.3%, whichever is greater.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 207

On a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with a recorded vote with Council members Cole, Dwyer, Hunter, Pairt, Reid, Vincent, and Amos voting “yes”, a motion was approved to adopt Ordinance No. 207.

ORDINANCE NO. 207

Adding Section 2-27 – Election of Mayor and Town Council of Article II – Town Council of Chapter 2 – Administration.

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville Town Charter Section 3 provides for the election of the Mayor and Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 General Assembly passed Senate Bill 1157, shifting all municipal elections for city and town council from May to November, beginning with elections held after January 1, 2022; and once this law goes into effect, it will apply notwithstanding any charter provision to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, amended Code of Virginia §15.2-1400(E) provides that “Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 24.2-222 and 24.2-222.1, any city or town charter, or any other provision of law, general or special, beginning with any election held after January 1, 2022, elections for mayor, members of a local governing body, or members of an elected school board shall be held at the time of the November general election for terms to commence January 1.”; and

WHEREAS, the Town is adding Section 2-27 – Election of Mayor and Town Council of Article II – Town Council of Chapter 2 – Administration of the Town of Farmville Town Code to conform with Code of Virginia §15.2-1400(E);

NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE HEREBY ORDAINS:

1. That Section 2-27 – Election of Mayor and Town Council of Article II – Town Council of Chapter 2 – Administration be added as follows:

The terms of the three members of the council who were elected in May 2020, shall expire on December 31, 2024. At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, 2024, and every four years thereafter three council members shall be elected for a term of four years each. The term of the present mayor and the four members of the council who were elected at the regular municipal election in May, 2018 shall expire on December 31, 2022. At the regular municipal election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, 2022, and every four years thereafter the mayor and four council members shall be elected for a term of four years each. Terms of office shall begin on the first day of January next following their election. Each council member and the mayor elected as hereinabove provided shall serve for the term stated or until their successor has been declared qualified.

The council shall have five members elected from wards and two members elected at-large. The three members elected in November 2024 and thereafter shall be one from ward D, one from ward E, and one at-large. The four members elected in November 2022 and thereafter shall be one from ward A, one from ward B, one from ward C, and one at-large. The mayor shall be elected at-large. Any vacancy in the office of any council member elected from a ward must be

filled by a qualified voter actually residing in the ward in which the vacancy shall have occurred.

2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

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 Pairet _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND:

As passed by the General Assembly, the elections will move from May until November 2022. Mr. Davis provided a verbal report noting the requirement that localities pass an ordinance the same as the legislation.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-03 - ALLOCATE UP TO \$29,000
FOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY**

On a motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Reid, Vincent, Amos, Cole voting “yes”, a motion was approved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12-03.

Resolution # 2021-12-03

Transfer Funds for Wayfinding Signage

WHEREAS, Town Council recognizes the need for wayfinding signage to assist tourist;
and

WHEREAS, Farmville Downtown Partnership received a \$25,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia for wayfinding signage; and

WHEREAS, Farmville Downtown Partnership is providing an additional \$25,000 in funding for the wayfinding signage project; and

WHEREAS, Town Council supports partnering with Farmville Downtown Partnership on these funds being used for wayfinding specifically for public parking areas in the Town; and

WHEREAS, Town Council approves the transfer of up to \$29,000 from general fund contingency to the non-street maintenance department in the general fund in support of this project; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

7. The transfer of up to \$29,000 from general fund contingency to the non-street maintenance department in the general fund for the support of this wayfinding signage project.
8. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

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 Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND: This matter was discussed previously in Finance Committee. A \$25,000 grant was received. Information was provided to the Infrastructure Committee who agreed the lowest bidder, RiteLite, should be selected to perform the work. RiteLite is amenable to allowing the Town to do the installation work for the signage thereby reducing the costs from approximately \$96,000 to approximately \$78,000. Jen Cox, Farmville Downtown Partnership, reported in addition to the \$25,000 grant, FDP would like to contribute an additional \$25,000 to help cover the costs (\$50,000 between the \$25,000 Cash and \$25,000 from the Grant.)

The Finance Committee recommended to Council to spend up to \$29,000 to fund this project through Contingency, with installation and removal of signage being completed by Town staff.

The resolution before Council is to transfer up to \$29,000 from General Fund Contingency to the Non-Street Maintenance Department in the General Fund for the wayfinding signage project.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-04

On a motion of Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Amos, and with a recorded vote with Council members Hunter, Pairet, Reid, Vincent, Amos, Cole, and Dwyer, voting “yes”, a motion was approved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12-04.

Resolution # 2021-12-04

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 § 15.2-2006 and Town of Farmville Town Charter Section 10 to vacate and convey public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this act was requested by a property owner in this area; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

9. 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.

10. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

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 Pairt _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND:

The Town received two alley abandonment requests for a twelve-foot alley located between the 500 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street; and a twenty-foot alley located between the 600 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street, Farmville, VA, and the abandonment of a twenty-foot alley located between the 800 block of Hill Street and First Avenue, Farmville, VA. The abandonment of alleys was discussed previously in the November 18, 2021 Infrastructure Committee meeting. The committee recommended to Council to abandon the two alleys.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-05

On a motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mrs. Amos, and with a recorded vote with Council members Pairt, Reid, Vincent, Amos, Cole, Dwyer, and Hunter voting “yes”, a motion was approved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-12-05.

Resolution # 2021-12-05

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

WHEREAS, Town Council is granted authority pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-2006 and Town of Farmville Town Charter Section 10 to vacate and convey public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, this act was requested by a property owner in this area; and

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

11. To vacate an alley situated between the 800 block of First Avenue and 800 block of Hill Street and to authorize conveyance of such property equally to each adjoining property.
12. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon approval.

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 Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

BACKGROUND: The Town received two alley abandonment requests for a twelve-foot alley located between the 500 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street; and a twenty-foot alley located between the 600 block of South Virginia Street and South Bridge Street, Farmville, VA, and the abandonment of a twenty-foot alley located between the 800 block of Hill Street and First Avenue, Farmville, VA. The abandonment of alleys was discussed previously in the November 18, 2021 Infrastructure Committee meeting. The committee recommended to Council to abandon the two alleys.

DISCUSSION – VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Town Manager gave a verbal report. There is a member who has come up for an extension of their term who is still interested and there is an applicant wishing to serve. The Personnel committee will be asked to meet to propose a person for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

DISCUSSION – CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Pairet noted Mr. Reid previously made a comment that he felt it might be to Council's advantage to abandon committees and meet as a general group. Mr. Pairet stated he would like to hear other comments from other Council members or call it for a vote.

Mr. Vincent commented he sees the value in the committees and sees that there could be value without them, however, he would like the meetings to be broadcasted as the Work Sessions and Regular Meetings are.

Mr. Cole commented he does not agree with getting rid of committees and that all the meetings are open for all Council members to attend. They are scheduled far in advance, and he feels that topics are discussed in detail. Mr. Cole reported he feels there is much more value to keep them than to get rid of.

Mrs. Amos commented it does not bother her either way however she would like to keep Finance and Public Safety in their own separate committees.

Mayor suggested since there is hesitation on both sides and in the middle of the year, to revisit the issue in July. Mayor asked Mr. Reid if he was okay to revisit in six months, and Mr. Reid commented he was fine with that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee, Mr. Hunter, Chairman

Parks/Recreations Committee, Mr. Vincent, Chairman

Infrastructure Committee, Mr. Pairet, Chairman

Personnel Committee, Mr. Reid, Chairman

Finance and Ordinance Committee, Mr. Cole, Chairman

Mr. Cole reported for the Finance Committee that all the variable meals tax and lodging tax are well above budget, and it is good to see those numbers back up almost to pre-pandemic level.

Mr. Hunter commented about a discussion from the Finance Committee about salaries that the state is proposing again. If we do not try to do something, we are going to be well-behind again once the state increases employee salaries. He commented to Chief Ellington that he knows he is on it, but any information he can provide that Council does not have, would be appreciated. Mr. Hunter commented that he knows Mr. Davis will get on it also.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

No comments noted.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Davis reminded staff of the Employee Christmas Luncheon next Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 11:30-2:00 p.m. at the Sports Arena. He noted offices will not be closed during this time.

CLOSED SESSION – 2.2-3711.1 DISCUSSION OF PERFORMANCE IN FINANCE OFFICE

On the motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all the Council members voting “aye,” the Council convened in closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2.2-3711.1, for the discussion of performance in the finance office.

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: seven "ayes", no "nays"

MOTION: Vincent

SECOND: Hunter

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

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Clerk

Mayor reported no action will be taken when Council comes out of Closed Session. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. in memory of our late Mayor Syd Newman, and say "Fly high, Mayor Newman."

Mrs. Amos inquired if the Town could offer to employees an additional holiday for Thursday, December 30, 2021, in lieu of a holiday bonus. The Town will follow the current employee policy unless changed by the Governor.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk