

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2021

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there were present Vice-Mayor A.D. Reid, presiding, and Council members S.O. Amos, D.E. Dwyer, B.R. Vincent, and D.L. Hunter.

Council members G.C. Cole and Mayor David E. Whitus were absent. Council member T.M. Pairet arrived late at 11:05 a.m.

Staff present were Town Manager C. S. Davis, Deputy Police Chief & Captain William H. Hogan, Treasurer C.A. Seal, IT Support A. Atkins-Austin, and Deputy Clerk J. Vaughan.

Vice Mayor Reid called the meeting to order.

DISCUSSION: RELOCATION OF THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

No decisions were made at this meeting.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager provided a verbal report. Council approved a motion to advertise for requests for proposals for moving the confederate monument from its current location on High Street to the Confederate cemetery. The Town received two proposals. The lowest bid came in from Stratified, Inc., and is not to exceed \$46,000. The previously selected area at the confederate cemetery which has been scanned with ground penetrating radar will be cleared. A concrete pad will be installed, and the Confederate monument will be disassembled and reassembled. Once in place, the bronze figure will be replaced to the top of the monument.

DISCUSSION: SOLAR PROJECT – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

No decisions were made at this meeting. A letter of intent will be provided to Council at the Regular Meeting in November.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager provided a verbal report. The Town put out a request for proposals for a solar project at the old landfill. Six companies provided proposals. Four were interviewed. After review, the Town as decided to move forward with a proposal by AC Power, LLC, based on their knowledge, abilities, the scope of the project, and the cumulative payout. The company is a woman owned business. They have worked several projects at closed landfills, and they work with LaBella which the Town uses for monitoring of the landfill and post closure reports. A letter of intent will allow AC Power, LLC to do their due diligence in researching the project, permits, etc. before a contract is in place.

DISCUSSION: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA) FUNDS

Council agreed to hold a public hearing to discuss ideas for the allocation of these funds. Mr. Pairet also suggested putting information into water bills for citizen information.

BACKGROUND: The Town Manager provided a verbal report. The Town is receiving approximately \$4,000,000 this year. The funds will need to be allocated by 2024. The Town will receive an additional approximate amount of \$4,000,000 next year that will need to be allocated by 2026. Council was provided a “wish list” of items that are needed at the Water Treatment plant and the Wastewater Treatment plant. These items alone total \$3,600,000. It is also suggested that recreation items be considered. The Town is seeking public input. The Town Manager suggested that Council consider holding a public hearing on the matter.

COMMENTS BY THE TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF

Mr. Reid asked the Town Manager for a status update regarding redistricting. The Town Manager noted that he had sent a request to the Commonwealth Regional Council (CRC). They replied that they are still waiting on additional information.

The Town Manager reminded citizens that the Town is following state holidays. There are several in November. Mr. Reid also asked for an update on Town vacancies. The Town manager stated that the Town has provided a conditional offer to a candidate for the Director of Community Development position. The Police department has provided two conditional offers to candidates for police officer recruit positions, and Public Works is continually working to fill vacancies.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Dwyer mentioned that the newly installed stop signs on Fourth Avenue Extension were creating some public input and calls. The feedback has been mostly positive, but citizens are stating that the signs were put up with no community information prior to the installation. The Town Manager will work with the Police department to see if the Town’s sign boards can be placed on each end of the road for public information.

There being no other business and on a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Steven B. Wood, Clerk of Council