

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 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, Daniel Dwyer, Tommy Pairet, and John Hardy.

Staff present were Town Manager Scott Davis, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Police Chief Andy Ellington, Public Works Director Robin Atkins, Finance Director Julie Moore, 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, and all guests were welcomed.

The Clerk called the roll, noting Council members Adam Yoelin and Donald Hunter were absent.

The Lord’s Prayer was recited for anyone wishing to join in prayer. Vice-Mayor Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Hardy made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with all in favor stating “aye”, the motion passed.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 236 – TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO REZONE APPROX. 0.278 ACRES FROM B-3 TO R-2 (GEORGIA STREET AND MONROE STREET INTERSECTION)

With no one signed up to provide comments, the public hearing on Ordinance No. 236 was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

With no one signed up to speak, the public comment period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Reid made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with all in favor stating “aye”, the motion passed. The Consent Agenda included the draft minutes of the August 7, 2024, Work Session and the August 14, 2024, Regular Council Meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Hardy made a motion to adopt the August 2024 Finance Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with all in favor stating “aye”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Finance Director Julie Moore reported on the August 2024 Finance Report and reviewed the amounts of earned income:

- ABM Building Solutions - \$17,340
- Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) - \$16,835
- Benchmark Community Bank - \$16,625
- Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) - \$36,595
- Total for the month of August excluding ABM income - \$70,055
- Total for fiscal year to date - \$142,919

Ms. Moore pointed out from the Finance Report that \$1.5 million has been moved and is restricted, with half being placed in VIP and the other half in LGIP. The exact figure was stated as \$1,583,909, with \$83,909 interest already earned on the million that had been placed in the VIP. Beginning September 2024, \$85,000 will be transferred each month for the future water and sewer line replacement project.

REQUEST TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 236 – TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO PROVIDE FOR THE REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 0.278 ACRES FROM B-3 TO R-2

Mr. Pairet made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 236, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Hardy and Amos voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND:

Community Development Director Ashley Atkins-Austin reported at the September 4, 2024, Work Session on the request to rezone one parcel containing approximately 0.278 acres from B-3 Highway Commercial to R-2 Medium Density Residential and identified as Tax Map Number 110AV(02)0A-049A. The site is located on the southeast corner of the Georgia Street and Monroe Street intersection. The rezoning would require a zoning map change. The Planning Commission recommended approval to the Town Council with a vote of 6-0 at their Wednesday, August 21, 2024, meeting. Staff also recommended approval.

A public hearing was held September 11, 2024. Adjoining property owners were notified by mail of the scheduled public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 236

Amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Farmville to provide for the rezoning of parcel 110AV(02)0A-049A at the intersection of Georgia and Monroe Streets.

WHEREAS, the property owner of parcel 110AV(02)0A-049A has requested their parcel be rezoned from B-3 to R-2; and

WHEREAS, the amended Official Zoning Map (Exhibit 1) reflects the rezoning and serves as the Official Zoning Map of the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council, this Zoning Map Amendment (Exhibit 1) repeals and replaces the current Zoning Map in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

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 Sallie O. Amos _____.

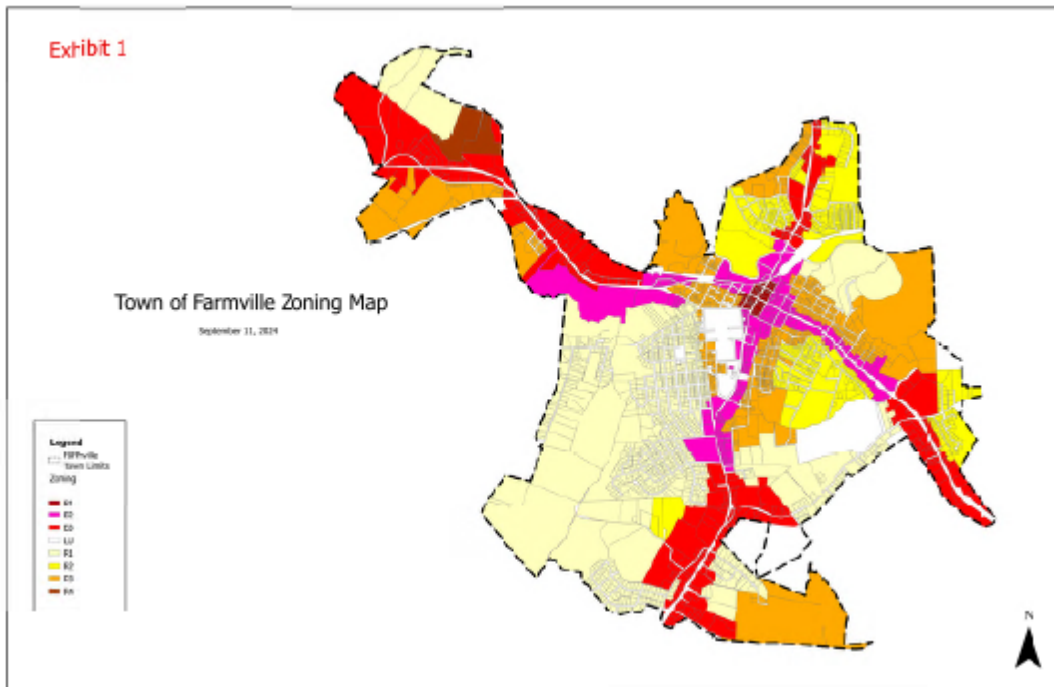
The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer _____.

The Honorable Tommy Pairet _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Adam Yoelin _____.

The Honorable John Hardy _____.



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Davis reported that the topic of speed monitoring on First Avenue was discussed at the August 14, 2024, meeting. Speed monitoring was set up in the 500 block from August 15-22, 2024, and the 800 block from August 18-24, 2024. Council members were provided with a review of the data obtained and advised a copy would be sent to each member. An additional round of speed monitoring is planned in the upcoming week with more information to be provided.

Staff from the engineering firm of TRC Companies, Inc. have picked up the plans to begin work on the town's lead survey.

It was reported that Hurt & Proffitt staff are continuing to access manholes for the town's asset management plan.

The design drawings from Hill Studio for the splashpad bathroom should be completed in about two months with a cost estimate to be brought forward to the Council.

The sidewalk at Reed and Main Streets has been completed.

Leaf pickup will begin October 30th and continue through December 2024, throughout town as scheduled.

Fall cleanup is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2024. Anyone who has household items to discard and wants the town to pick up, were reminded of the date.

The Heart of Virginia Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, 2024. With an increase in vendors and crafts, the area has been extended to near Madison Street, making the festival larger than in most previous years.

Farmville Downtown Partnership is working with Piedmont Senior Resources to hold the Duck Derby event on Friday, September 13, 2024. Music and a beer garden will be set up in the parking lot behind Green Front Furniture. All were asked to go out and offer them support.

The Rock the Block event will be held downtown on October 5, 2024.

As an important piece for town employees to grow, several staff will be engaged in their career development over the next several months:

- Public Works Department - utility locator course
- Police Department - Captain Bill Hogan will attend a four-month program at Liberty University
- Community Development - Director Ashley Atkins-Austin will attend a Lead class at Virginia Commonwealth University
- Human Resources – training conference
- Clerk and Deputy Clerk – training conference

Some residential parking enforcement is being planned. Next month information will be sent out to ensure that residents are getting their decals. A reminder also was sent out in July.

One of the Council members noticed an issue with parking in the upper lot at the Farmville Train Station. Staff from the Public Works Department will be posting signs this week at each end of the lot which states, *No Parking 12AM-6AM*. Ticketing will begin after the signs have been placed to see if this resolves the issue. The Town Manager also reported if the issue is not resolved, he may be coming back to Council to discuss whether to make the upper lot, not the lot closest to the train station, a type of metered parking.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Pairet asked Town Manager Davis if there was a timeline yet from Hurt & Proffitt as to when they might provide some figures on the water and sewer lines. The same date of December 2024 was reported.

Mayor Vincent provided a thank you to Vice-Mayor Reid for presiding over the September 4, 2024, Work Session in his absence. He was attending a collaboration event in Oklahoma City for the industry he works in and serves as a board member for that association. While there, he was voted by that membership to serve as liaison to the legislative body in Washington DC for outdoor recreation. While away at the out-of-town event, he virtually attended a Virginia Municipal League Legislative Committee meeting.

The mayor reported his attendance of the Wal-Mart Grand Reopening the previous month along with Police Chief Andy Ellington and Town Manager Scott Davis. There was mention of the beautiful mural on display and appreciation was expressed for the outreach from the store manager and for his commitment to involve the community.

A WFLO lunch/information session also was attended with other members from the community around a potential project WFLO is trying to lift off the ground. An announcement of the community-based project is anticipated in the near future, and he looks forward to helping in any way he can.

The mayor attended a political science class at Longwood University earlier in the day and spoke to students about public service, what it is like to serve, and encouraged their participation in democracy.

Recognition was made of the 23rd anniversary of September 11, 2001, by reflecting on the days that followed and how this country united outside of political faction. Everyone worked together, saw the best in each other, and endeavored to support one another. Mayor Vincent concluded by stating this reflection is a great way to honor those who were lost on that day.

There being no other business and on a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Reid, with all in favor stating “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council