

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 11, 2025

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 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, Adam Yoelin, Donald Hunter, and John Hardy.

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

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance and everyone watching online.

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

Mayor Vincent provided remarks on his record of speaking for himself on partisan ideology in local government and his asking for grace to be extended to one another every election year. He advised that it had been reported that some are trying to inject hyper partisan ideology into local government, and he expressed that he will continue to have clear boundaries in the Council chambers. He believes partisan ideology often erodes trust and functionality in local government.

An invocation was recited for anyone wishing to join in prayer. Vice-Mayor Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Vincent noted one addition to be made to the agenda. After the declaration of personal interest, an introduction will be made of the new Public Works Director. Mr. Hardy made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with all Council members stating “aye”, the motion passed.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Town Manager Davis provided an introduction of the new Public Works Director, Stephen Edwards, and offered a review of his credentials. Mr. Edwards started in the position on June 1, 2025. Mayor Vincent provided a welcome remark.

NATIONAL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Vincent read a proclamation in recognition of:

National Cities, Towns and Villages Month

Whereas, the National League of Cities was founded in 1924 in Lawrence, Kansas, as the American Municipal Association by state municipal leagues seeking more coordination and national representation as cities, towns, and villages expanded rapidly;

Whereas, the nonpartisan National League of Cities is the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States, representing the interests of more than 19,000 cities, towns, and villages across the country;

Whereas today, the National League of Cities works in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues across the country to strengthen local leadership, drive innovation, and influence the federal policies that impact local programs and operations;

Whereas, as the voice of cities, towns, and villages in Washington, DC, the National League of Cities has successfully championed federal legislative solutions that support municipalities and has worked closely with Congress and the Executive Branch to educate policymakers on the realities of local implementation;

Whereas, Farmville is a proud member of the National League of Cities, and has benefited from the organization's research, technical expertise, federal advocacy, and opportunities to learn from other local governments;

Whereas, local governments are the bedrock of American democracy, providing 336 million residents with the most accountable, responsive, inclusive, ethical, and transparent government in the world;

Whereas, from the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history;

Whereas, Farmville was first incorporated in 1833 and is proudly served today by the Mayor and Town Council and a municipal workforce of 152 dedicated public servants;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Brian R. Vincent, the Mayor of Farmville, Virginia, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as **National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month** in celebration of America's local governments and the National League of Cities' historic centennial anniversary.

Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jen Cox Carne addressed the Council and provided some Longwood University updates:

- Anticipates a strong incoming class for the next academic year;
- Construction of the new music building is set to begin in fall 2025;
- Monthly update will be sent tomorrow to businesses and area landlords;
- Orientation sessions are set to begin the week of July 14th.

Mr. Reid asked about the field work being done at the sports complex. Mrs. Carne reported the fields are being changed to turf. She will check on the progress being made and provide a follow-up email.

Mr. Hardy asked about the location of the new music building. Mrs. Carne reported on the location being across from McDonalds on Main Street and provided a thank you for being able to utilize the golf carts to/from the new facilities building to campus.

Mayor Vincent provided a thank you for Longwood University's hosting of the Virginia Municipal League Small Towns Conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, with all Council members stating "aye", the motion passed. The Consent Agenda includes the draft minutes of the May 7, 2025, Work Session and May 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Reid made a motion to adopt the Finance Reports as presented, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with all Council members stating "aye", the motion passed.

BACKGROUND:

Finance Director Julie Moore reported on the April 2025 Work Session reports. Comparing

budget to revenue, the General Fund appears to be behind budgeted amounts for the first ten months due mainly to some revenue not being actual revenue but savings to cover future costs. Comparing revenue to the previous year, the General Fund and Airport Funds are below due to money recognized for the ABM project in the General Fund and some large projects at the airport

in the prior year but not in the current year. Comparing budgeted amounts to expenses, overall total expenses are below the ten-month mark. The water fund is above due to the payments for the ABM project. Expenses versus prior year are slightly above as discussed in past months.

Ms. Moore reported on the May 2025 Finance Report:

- ABM project - \$3,514. earned and this income will go towards future payments on the project;
- Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) - \$14,812. earned income;
- Benchmark Community Bank sweep accounts - \$ 6,090. earned income;
- Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) - \$38,231. earned income;
- The total income earned for May 2025 was \$59,133., excluding income received for the ABM project.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-01 FY 2025-2026 TOWN BUDGET

Mr. Pairet made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05-01, FY2025-2026 Town Budget, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, and Hunter voting “yes”, and Council members Amos and Hardy voting “no”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: The FY 2025-2026 Town Budget includes a real estate tax rate of \$0.22 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.

A Public Hearing was held at the May 14, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

Resolution No. 2025-05-01

Approving the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

WHEREAS, the Town Council has held the required public hearing on the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has thoroughly reviewed and discussed such Budget;

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

1. The Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Proposed Budget is hereby approved and adopted.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2025.

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 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05-02, FY 2026-2030 FIVE-YEAR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05-02, Capital Improvement Plan, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, and Amos voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: The Capital Improvement Plan outlines the Town’s planned capital investments over the next five years and supports long-term financial planning and project prioritization.

Resolution No. 2025-05-02

Approving the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the proposed Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan, describing and defining projected capital expenditures for all Town departments for the next five years;

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

1. The Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2026–2030 Capital Improvement Plan is hereby approved.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2025.

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 TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06-02, CLASSIFICATION AND
COMPENSATION PLAN FOR FY2025-2026**

Mr. Hunter made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06-02, Classification and Compensation Plan for FY 2025-2026, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with a recorded vote of Council members Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, Amos, and Reid voting “yes”, the motion passed.

The Town Manager reported the only addition being the Deputy Town Manager position which was reflected in the budget.

Resolution No. 2025-06-02

Town of Farmville Classification and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed and considered the Classification and Compensation Plan for fiscal year 2025-2026; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. The Town of Farmville Classification and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 is hereby approved.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2025.

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

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager and Finance Director met with Davenport staff and the bond council regarding going to rating agencies and obtaining a general obligation bond. An overview was provided of a different procurement method other than putting out a Request for Proposal (RFP), specifically related to dealing with building developments. The Virginia Code allows the adoption of a Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act (PPEA) which allows private entities/contractors to partner with public entities for development of public facilities. The Town currently does not have an adopted ordinance to use this process. Information will be provided hopefully at the July work session for discussion and possible consideration before the fire house renovation project begins.

The splashpad bathroom construction contract should be awarded soon after June 25, 2025, when the closing is set for all bids.

A notice to proceed has been issued for the UV treatment and cloth disk filtering work to be done at the sewer plant so that work should be starting soon.

A summary was provided of recent sewer issues at the Public Works building (the sewer line for the employee bathrooms is being replaced) and at the Farmville Police Department (a leak in the sewer pipes is being repaired in the Town Hall building).

Paving work is in progress and reported to be going well.

Staff are moving forward with obtaining a quote for the sidewalk study to bring back to the Council.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Hardy provided remarks on the good job being done by Public Works staff on the weeding of sidewalks on Main Street. He offered a thank you to Longwood University for hosting the Small Towns Conference and sent out a reminder that their basketball season tickets are still available. A welcome also was offered to the new Public Works Director with the hope of continued fantastic service at the Public Works Department.

Mr. Hunter asked if staff could check with the paving company to see if hand-display stop signs could be used instead of placing their hands up for pedestrians to stop. He asked for the status of the sports arena bathroom repairs. The Town Manager added that staff are working on replacing the whole toilet.

Mr. Yoelin provided welcome remarks and thanked the new Public Works Director for accepting the position.

Mr. Pairet asked for the status of the ABM project to be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Dwyer remarked for all to ride by the splash park to see the area being enjoyed.

Mr. Reid welcomed Stephen Edwards to the team.

Mrs. Amos also welcomed Mr. Edwards and mentioned his impressive resume.

Mayor Vincent offered a reminder of his broadcast from the Call Flo show every Thursday morning following a Council meeting. He attended his last Department of Wildlife Resources meeting in May after eight years as a board member. He also attended a Small Cities Council meeting yesterday and reported on the saving of tax-exempt municipal bonds during the rush of cuts being made at the federal level.

CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711-A.1

On motion by Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with Council members Pairet, Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, Amos, Reid, and Dwyer voting “yes”, Council went into closed session under the provisions of Paragraph A.1 of Section 2.2-3711, for the discussion of reappointments to the Farmville Planning Commission, reappointment to the Central Virginia Regional Library Board, and discussion of performance of the Town Manager and Clerk of Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Farmville Town Council has convened a closed session 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 session 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 noes

MOTION: Hardy

SECOND: Hunter

AYES: Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, and Pairet

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Clerk of Council

FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to appoint Cameron Patterson (Ward C), Abigail O'Connor (At-large), and Patrick Crute (Ward D) to the Farmville Planning Commission with terms ending June 30, 2029, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Hunter, Hardy, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, Pairet and Yoelin voting "yes", the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Three terms are set to expire June 30, 2025, and the following Commissioners seek reappointment to the Farmville Planning Commission: Cameron Patterson (Ward C), Abigail O'Connor (At-large), and Patrick Crute (Ward D).

Jerry Davenport's term will expire on June 30, 2025; however, he will not seek reappointment. The board opening is being advertised in *THE FARMVILLE HERALD*, with one application being received so far. The vacancy will continue to be advertised to allow for additional applications to be received before an appointment is made.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Hardy made a motion to appoint Robin Smith to a second four-year term on the Central Virginia Library Board with a term ending June 30, 2029, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Hardy, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, and Hunter voting "yes", the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Robin Smith's term is set to expire on June 30, 2025, and seeks to be reappointed to the Central Virginia Library Board. Library board members are limited to two consecutive four-year terms. Ms. Smith has served several years as Secretary and was recently elected Vice-President of the Library board.

Farmville Town Council
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With no further business, on motion by Mr. Hunter, 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