

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2025

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, November 12, 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, Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director Julie Moore, Public Works Director Stephen Edwards, Community Development Director Ashley Atkins-Austin, Attorney Catherine Douglass, Emergency Communications Manager Crystal Barton, Deputy Clerk and IT Support Jacqueline Vaughan, and Clerk of Council Mary McKay.

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests, including Longwood University students from Dr. Scott Davis’ Local and State Government class, who were in attendance. He also reported that two Public Works’ staff members recently lost their wives and a moment of silence was offered for them.

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

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Hunter made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with all Council members stating “aye”, the motion was passed.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11-01 – ACCEPTANCE AND
APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 CONSOLIDATION GRANT FUNDS**

**Town of Farmville
Town Council
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Farmville Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chamber, located on the second floor of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, to receive public comment on the following budget amendment:

Resolution No. 2025-11-01 – Acceptance and Appropriation of \$900,000 Consolidation Grant Funds

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and appropriation of \$900,000 in Consolidation Grant funds awarded by the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board to the Town of Farmville. These funds will support the consolidation of the Prince Edward County Emergency Communications Center with the Town of Farmville Emergency Communications Center, as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 1, 2025.

The grant will be administered on a reimbursement basis in accordance with the FY25 Consolidation Grant Program Guidelines. Funds will be used to support eligible costs related to the consolidation effort, including equipment relocation, technology integration, and facility improvements.

As required by § 15.2-2507 of the Code of Virginia, because this amendment exceeds one percent of the total expenditures shown in the currently adopted budget, a public hearing must be held before adoption.

The full text of the proposed resolution is available online at www.farmvilleva.com or by contacting the Clerk of Council at (434) 392-9465.

The Farmville Town Council will consider this matter following the public hearing. Any person(s) wishing to comment should attend the meeting or submit written comments. Please email Mary McKay at mmckay@farmvilleva.com or mail written comments to P.O. Drawer 368, Farmville, VA 23901, to arrive by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

Questions and comments related to the public hearing may be directed to the Town Manager's Office, 116 North Main Street, P.O. Drawer 368, Farmville, Virginia, 23901, or by calling (434) 392-5686, between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

It is the intent of the Town to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special accommodation, please contact C. Scott Davis, LP.D., Town Manager, at (434) 392-5686 prior to the meeting.

With no one signed up to provide comments, Mayor Vincent closed the Public Hearing on Resolution No. 2025-11-01 - Acceptance and Appropriation of \$900,000 Consolidation Grant Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jen Cox Carne, Director of Local & Community Relations at Longwood University, addressed the Council to share information on upcoming Longwood events, including the Homecoming/Alumni Weekend and Admissions Open House. Ms. Carne also offered a thank you

for the Town's partnership with the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce for the upcoming Annual Tree Lighting Event on Friday, November 21, 2025. Student bands from Prince Edward and Cumberland schools will perform and a thank you was expressed to John Hardy for offering to help DJ for some additional music. The event will feature many nonprofit tables sharing information, and this year's Christmas Mother will help light the tree.

Carol Anderson, 2503 Layne St, Farmville, addressed the Council to express concern about increasing traffic hazards on Layne Street, where drivers including construction vehicles often exceed the 25-mph speed limit. She reported that a recent traffic study confirmed the speeding issue, and the new Zion housing development is expected to add 37–80 vehicles per day, worsening safety risks for pedestrians. In conversation with Council member John Hardy, she proposed installing speed bumps as a practical solution. A suggestion was made that the Council might be more receptive to the idea of constructing sidewalks instead. While she supports sidewalks, she noted the installation would take years to complete and the problem exists now. She urged the Council to consider the low-cost solution of speed bumps or implement another prompt safety measure to protect residents and pedestrians.

With no one else signed up to speak, Mayor Vincent returned to the regular order of business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with all Council members stating “aye”, the motion passed. The Consent Agenda included the draft minutes of the October 1, 2025, Work Session and the October 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Hardy made a motion to adopt the October 2025 Finance Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with all Council members stating “aye”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND:

Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director Julie Moore provided a report for October 2025:

- As the ABM project was closed in October, there was no interest to report.
- Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) - \$13,378. earned.
- Benchmark Community Bank sweep accounts - \$3,123. earned.

- Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) – \$28,823. earned.

The total income earned for October 2025 was \$45,324.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11-01 ACCEPTING THE \$900,000 CONSOLIDATION GRANT AWARD FOR THE PRINCE EDWARD AND TOWN OF FARMVILLE DISPATCH MERGER

Mr. Pairet made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11-01, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with a recorded vote of Council members Amos, Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, Hunter, and Hardy voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: The Town of Farmville was awarded a \$900,000 Consolidation Grant from the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board. This funding will support the merger of the Prince Edward County Emergency Communications Center with the Town of Farmville Emergency Communications Center and be used to support eligible implementation activities such as equipment relocation, facility improvements, technology integration, and other approved expenses related to the consolidation effort.

Resolution No. 2025-11-01

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF A \$900,000 GRANT AWARD FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PRINCE EDWARD DISPATCH WITH THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE DISPATCH

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville has been awarded a \$900,000 Consolidation Grant from the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board to support the merger of the Prince Edward County Emergency Communications Center with the Town of Farmville Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS, this award supplements the Town’s previously approved \$100,000 grant allocation and is intended to assist with the implementation of the consolidation as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Farmville and Prince Edward County, effective October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidation Grant will be administered on a reimbursement basis in accordance with the FY25 Consolidation Grant Program Guidelines, and all expenditures must comply with the approved grant application and state regulations; and

WHEREAS, this consolidation will enhance operational efficiency, improve service delivery, and promote regional collaboration in emergency communications across jurisdictions;

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

1. That the Town of Farmville hereby accepts the \$900,000 Consolidation Grant award from the Virginia 9-1-1 Services Board for the purpose of consolidating the Prince Edward County and Town of Farmville dispatch operations.
2. That the Town Manager and Finance Director are authorized to execute all necessary documents, submit reimbursement requests, and take such actions as may be required to carry out the intent of this resolution.
3. That the Finance Director is authorized to make the necessary budget amendments to reflect the grant award in the FY25 budget and to ensure compliance with all reporting and audit requirements.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

Certification:

I certify that the above resolution was adopted on _____.

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

The Honorable Sallie O. Amos: _____

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

The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer: _____

The Honorable Tommy Pairet: _____

The Honorable Adam B. Yoelin: _____

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter: _____

The Honorable John F. Hardy: _____

REQUEST ADOPTION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to adopt the Emergency Operations Plan, seconded by Mr. Hardy, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, Hunter, Hardy, and Amos voting "yes", the motion was passed.

BACKGROUND: The Town of Farmville must update and adopt its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) every four years. This year's update is minimal, mainly with revised contact information. The newly adopted plan will be replaced by a proposed Joint Emergency Operations Plan with Prince Edward County, with the proposed plan to be presented to Council in March 2026. This current update simply meets Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) reporting requirements for the Town.

Council members were provided with the revised Town of Farmville Emergency Operations Plan for review at the November 5, 2025, Work Session.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- The ABM project is officially closed, but a post-installation review is required per the contract. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, to discuss timelines for verifying any savings from the installed components. Verification begins one year after each completed installation with the water meters being last since they were finished most recently. An update will be provided after the scheduled meeting.
- The bond sale is scheduled for November 18, 2025, at 10:30 AM, when the purchaser and interest rate will be confirmed. Funds are expected at closing on December 9, 2025.
- A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th, with Dominion Energy to review the information they sent regarding the streetlights. An update will be provided after the scheduled meeting.
- For the December Work Session, the Council needs to discuss and select an option regarding the East Third Street intersection improvement project at Persimmon Tree Fork Road and Milnwood Road. Two alternative designs exist, and feedback from the Citizen Input Meeting will be provided. VDOT requires the Town's decision to proceed with the smart scale project submission.
- For the December Work Session, the VESMP local fee information discussed at the last Work Session will be revisited. A consensus is needed on whether to proceed with contacting the county attorneys in preparation for a public hearing.
- The Annual Tree Lighting at the Downtown Plaza is scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2025.
- With an inquiry made by Mr. Pairet, the Town Manager confirmed that all replacement water meters were received before the final payment on the ABM project was issued.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Hardy reported on the Veterans' Salute to Service event held at Three Roads Brewery on November 8, 2025, with the hope of greater attendance at future events. He asked the Town Manager about the status of the Farmville Regional Airport lease. The proposed lease was sent to the lessees today with requested feedback by Wednesday, November 19, 2025. If all looks well, a public hearing will be scheduled for December.

Mr. Hunter asked whether installing speed bumps in Town would affect VDOT funding. The Town Manager reported wanting to revisit the guidelines and explained the two terms with only one being generally allowed on public roads. Traditional speed bumps like those in private parking lots are typically not permitted on roadways unless the regulations have changed. He also noted two concerns, installing them may lead to widespread requests for more, and the Town would need to mark them each year to avoid damaging them during snow plowing.

Mr. Reid reported receiving a request for speed bumps in the Race Street area, though he believes previous guidance indicated they are not allowed. The Town Manager reported that his understanding is that speed bumps are not permitted but he will recheck the VDOT guidelines. Mr. Reid also shared spending the week discussing community concerns about the recent real estate tax increase and expressed frustration over the closure of Centra's OB-GYN clinic and adding a new wing for the Emergency Department, calling it a burden on families. He urged the Centra board to revisit the decision made and for Council members to contact their delegates to seek help with the issue. He encouraged continued collaboration to further strengthen the community.

Mrs. Amos remarked that Mr. Reid's comments were well said and that she had nothing more to add.

Mayor Vincent reported his attendance at the successful Salute to Service Veterans event and the well-deserved recognition received by the group this year. The Halloween activities also went smoothly, thanks to the downtown merchants and the Farmville Downtown Partnership for their contributions. The Mayor then addressed the concerns about the OB-GYN clinic closure, noting that many rural hospitals are reducing services due to funding and staffing challenges. He emphasized reaching out to legislators to advocate for the community. He concluded his comments with a call for mutual grace and working together to achieve prosperity.

Farmville Town Council
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There being no other business and on a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council