

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2025

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, November 5, 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 John Hardy, Donald Hunter, Adam Yoelin, Tommy Pairet, Daniel Dwyer, A.D. “Chuckie” Reid, and Sallie Amos.

Staff present were Town Manager Scott Davis, Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director Julie Moore, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Community Development Director Ashley Atkins-Austin, Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Fire Chief Daniel Clark, Public Works Director Stephen Edwards, Deputy Clerk and IT Support Jacqueline Vaughan.

Mayor Vincent called the meeting to order, and all guests were welcomed.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Amos made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with all in favor stating “aye”, the motion passed. One addition was made to the agenda, an Introduction by Town Manager Davis, to occur after the Declaration of Personal Interest.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT INTERN

Town Manager Davis introduced Dominic Camarca, a Longwood University undergraduate studying political science with a minor in homeland security. Mr. Camarca is completing his internship with the Town and was attending the meeting to observe the governing body’s process. Mayor Vincent offered a welcome.

FINANCE REPORT

Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director Julie Moore provided a review of the September 2025 charts and reports for the third month of the FY2026 budget:

- Revenue to budget - At September month end, total revenue across all funds is about 12% of the annual budget, which is normal for this time of year. The posting of collections for property tax, business licenses, and other major revenue will begin later this fall and the General Fund naturally appears behind budget.

- Revenue compared to prior year - Total revenue is slightly higher overall with modest growth in the General and Water and Sewer Fund. The Transportation Fund is down from last year only due to having a one-time bus sale in fiscal year 2025.
- Expenses to budget - Expenses remain well below 25% for the first quarter with spending in line with expectations across all departments. A few areas like the library and non-departmental lines are higher earlier in the year due to the timing of annual payments and debt service.
- Expenses compared to prior year - Total expenses are trending higher than this time last year mainly due to the General Fund and Water Fund capital and equipment purchases of the fire radio, police vehicles, and a front loader.

Deputy Town Manager Moore reported two updates:

\$900,000 Dispatch Consolidation Grant - A resolution will be presented at the November Regular Meeting to add \$900,000 to the budget for a reimbursable grant. The funds will support consolidating the Prince Edward County and Town of Farmville Dispatch Centers and expanding the facility to accommodate more employees. Town Manager Davis added that a feasibility study determined it is more cost-effective to move the communication center to the current Emergency Operations Center (EOC), with future plans to convert the existing communication center into the new EOC. The new setup will initially use six consoles, with room for two additional as the system grows.

ABM Project Closeout - The ABM project has been finalized. After making the final payment, \$215,000 remained in the Virginia Investment Pool from interest earnings, which was applied to reduce the Bank of America loan balance.

DISCUSSION: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

The Town Manager reported on the required review and approval of the Emergency Operations Plan that occurs every four years. This year's update is mostly administrative, updating names, positions, and contacts. The plan is to move towards a joint Emergency Operations Plan with Prince Edward County since coordination of services is essential should there be a disaster. The County's plan is due in March, so the current update is needed now to meet state requirements, with the new joint plan being brought forward for approval in a few months.

DISCUSSION: STORMWATER AND EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE (VESMP)

Town Manager Davis reported that Prince Edward County handles the Town's stormwater management. Since hiring Public Works Director Stephen Edwards, who is certified in erosion, sediment control, and stormwater, staff have been in conversation with the County about moving towards handling our own stormwater management review.

A brief presentation was made by Mr. Edwards on what is being proposed in becoming a Virginia erosion and stormwater management program. The program mentioned will protect the water quality, ecosystems, and property infrastructure of the Town. The Public Works Director reviewed the Town's current process where multiple jurisdictions are utilized. A proposed ordinance was provided for review along with related fees.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Before his announcement was made, Town Manager Davis reported on the work done in order to have the opportunity to go before the rating agencies. He continued by announcing the Town of Farmville has received its first credit ratings at Aa3 underlying issued by Moody's, and Aa1 rating based on the Virginia Localities Intercept Program. An additional rating of A+ was received from Standard and Poor's (S&P). Thanks and congratulations were expressed to the Council on the major accomplishment.

Mr. Pairet expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed in achieving the accomplishment, highlighting the Town Manager and Finance Director for their key roles as well as employees who played a part. Town Manager Davis emphasized that every department's adherence to policies and proper procurement procedures made this success possible. Mayor Vincent congratulated the Council for accomplishing something no previous Council had achieved.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Hardy praised staff and Finance Director Moore on the accomplishment.

Mr. Hunter provided likewise comments. He further inquired about the number of employees currently on the Town's health insurance policy and if the minimum number was met, with the Town Manager affirming so. Mr. Hunter asked about the Town trying to seek innovation awards for the work being done.

- Town Manager Davis reported that the Town will submit for an innovation award for an upcoming project.

Mr. Yoelin asked about the scheduled hazardous waste disposal offered by Prince Edward County and if another update could be provided by County Administrator Doug Stanley. He further asked for the status of the lead pipe inspections being done. The good job of receiving the credit ratings was mentioned and he looks forward to learning the final interest rate once the bonds are sold.

- The Town Manager reported on the gradual progress being made on the inspections, as delays occur because residents must allow inspectors into their homes or provide signed confirmation of their own inspections. Door hangers are being placed asking residents to contact Town staff. Although there is a federal deadline for completing the inspections, it is still several years away.
- Quarterly updates are provided by the County Administrator, which should be announced soon.

Mr. Dwyer offered thanks to the entire Town staff for their accomplishment. He continued with remarks on the successful Halloween event in the Town of Farmville.

Mr. Reid congratulated the Finance Department and the Town Manager on the teamwork and thanked all for the good work. He mentioned being glad to start working on the awards offered by the Virginia Municipal League.

Mrs. Amos expressed congratulations and remarked on being extremely proud of the accomplishment with a comment made on the work done by Jackie Vaughan in the process.

Mayor Vincent remarked on the good news received with the credit ratings but also reported on the bad news and loss for the community that Centra Hospital will be closing its OBGYN department. He mentioned the impact not just to the community in losing that service but also on what it means for the staff who are employed there. A welcome was offered to the Centra midwives who were in attendance, Katie Paige and Alex Bradshere, and appreciation was expressed for their service to the community. Efforts will be made to advocate on behalf of the community.

There being no other business and on a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, with all in favor stating “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council