

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 10, 2026

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 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, Thomas Pairet, Adam Yoelin, and Donald Hunter.

Staff present were Town Manager Scott Davis, Deputy Town Manager/Finance Director Julie Moore, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Captain William Hogan, Community Development Director Ashley Atkins-Austin, Public Works Director Stephen Edwards, Deputy Clerk and IT Support 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 member John Hardy was absent.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Reid made a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with all stating “aye” in favor, the motion passed. Mayor Vincent requested the agenda be amended to allow a presentation by Daniel Jordan of the High Bridge Trail State Park.

DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest made.

HIGH BRIDGE TRAIL UPDATE

Park Manager Daniel Jordan shared 2025 statistics on the High Bridge Trail State Park and its economic impact to the community with a 40% increase of spending in revenue largely due to the new visitor center.

Several upcoming projects were mentioned:

- Closure of the Third Street parking lot for safety reasons (August)
- Month-long trail closure from Main Street gate to Osborne Road for bridge repairs on River Road (July)
- Installation of new interactive exhibits at the visitor center (July and August)

Upcoming June events which continue to attract visitors from across the country:

- Firefly Festival

- Night Train 50k
- Gravel Grind Bike Race

Mr. Yoelin expressed excitement for the upcoming Firefly Festival, noting the recent rainfall should create ideal conditions for a strong firefly show. He reminded all that Farmville Fridays will take place also this weekend. Mayor Vincent clarified that the parking lot scheduled for closure is the one located between Merks and Yak Attack.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no scheduled public hearings.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Ferguson, 6169 Meherrin Road, addressed the Council as a Prince Edward County resident, not a Town resident, to speak on the proposed data center. He reported that the site is in the county, but the town is committed to about \$8.1 million of sewer and up to 40% of the Town's water. Because the site is outside of the town limits, the property tax goes to the county and not the town unless there's already an agreement in place. For the record he asked if the Council voted in open session with notice to commit the Town's sewer and 40% of its water to this project, and whether the Town Council is willing to hold a public hearing and not commit the Town's water and utilities until residents are heard. Additional written questions were provided.

With no one else wishing to provide comment, Mayor Vincent closed the Public Comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all stating "aye" in favor, the motion passed. The Consent Agenda included the draft minutes of the May 5, 2026, Work Session and the May 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting,

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Pairet made a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with all stating "aye" in favor, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Finance Director Julie Moore provided a report for May 2026, reviewing the amounts of income earned:

- Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) – May \$12,389;
- Benchmark Community Bank sweep accounts – May \$4,701;
- Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) – May \$25,681;

- SNAP account –May \$41,766;
Total earned for May \$84,537.

From an inquiry made by Mr. Pairet, Ms. Moore confirmed the amount is staying fairly consistent until being used.

REQUEST TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$5500 FOR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE LOAD TEST

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to approve expenditure of \$5500 for Fourth Street Bridge load test, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Yoelin, Hunter, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, and Pairet voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: A recommendation was made for a load test to be conducted on the Fourth Street Bridge to determine whether the weight limit needs to be reduced until repairs are made.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

Town Manager Davis reported that the July 4th state holiday is recognized on Friday, July 3rd. Being that the Town is holding the Fireworks After Dark event on Friday and employees will be coming back that evening to work the event, he would like the holiday moved to Monday, July 6th, unless the Council disagrees. Moving the holiday to Monday would allow employees a full day off.

Mr. Reid made a motion to do so [for the holiday date change], seconded by Mr. Hunter, with all in favor stating “aye”, the motion passed.

COMMENTS BY MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

Mr. Yoelin thanked the Town Manager for the sidewalk report and noted not seeing the connecting points included. He was looking for places that need sidewalks that could be worked on at the time when sidewalk repairs are made. Town Manager Davis explained that the report provided the condition of the existing sidewalks, not where new ones could be placed. Mr. Yoelin further asked if the Town could take this on with the Manager okaying the request.

Mayor Vincent reviewed upcoming events:

- Boys State at Hampden-Sydney College (welcome remarks to be provided)
- Girls State at Longwood University
- American Legion Baseball Tournament at Longwood University
- Firefly Festival and 50K Night Train Race at High Bridge Trail State Park

CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711 A.1. DISCUSSION OF PERFORMANCE OF THE TOWN MANAGER AND CLERK OF COUNCIL AND 2.2-3711 A.3. DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE, OR OF THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLICLY HELD REAL PROPERTY, WHERE DISCUSSION IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE BARGAINING POSITION OR NEGOTIATING STRATEGY OF THE PUBLIC BODY

On motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with Council members Hunter, Amos, Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, and Yoelin voting “yes”, Council went into closed session under the provisions of Paragraph A.1. of Section 2.2-3711, Discussion of performance of the Town Manager and Clerk of Council and Section 2.2-3711 A.3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the Farmville Town Council has convened a closed 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 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: Six ayes, no noes

MOTION: Dwyer SECOND: Hunter

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

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Hardy

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Clerk of Council

SALARY INCREASE FOR TOWN MANAGER AND CLERK OF COUNCIL

Mr. Pairet made a motion that the Council offers its current secretary a 3% raise from her current salary, along with its Town Manager a 3% raise, along with a \$2,000 stipend for gas money to be offered to both of them.

Town Manager Scott Davis added, based on his employment agreement, needs to be automobile allowance increased from \$2,000 a year.

Mr. Pairet amended the motion to be automobile allowance for \$2,000 a year more, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Dwyer, Pairet, Yoelin, Hunter, and Amos voting “yes”, the motion passed.

Mr. Pairet asked the Town Manager about two items:

- Clarification that feedback is requested on areas to be reviewed or suggested changes to the zoning ordinances.
- Clarification that at the last meeting, will be moving forward with an ad hoc sign committee. Mayor Vincent will finalize those appointments over the next few weeks.

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Hunter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with all stating “aye” in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Brian R. Vincent, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council