

REGULAR WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 1, 2022

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 11:00 AM, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there were present Mayor D.E. Whitus, presiding, and Council members S.O. Amos, G.C. Cole, D.E. Dwyer, T.M. Pairet, A.D. Reid, and B.R. Vincent.

Staff present were Town Manager C. Scott Davis, Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Director of Finance Julie Moore, Director of Community Development Lee Pambid, IT Support Ashley Austin, and Deputy Clerk Jacqueline Vaughan.

Mayor Whitus called the work session to order.

The Deputy Clerk called the roll, noting Council Member D.L. Hunter as absent.

DISCUSSION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Town Manager reported on a proposed fee schedule and advised he would like to have a public hearing at the July 13, 2022 Council meeting. A fee schedule was shared with Council for certain areas for land development, zoning permits, and environmental services and Town Manager reported most localities have a fee for certain work completed by staff. A discussion was held and the matter was tabled until additional information is provided. Council would like to see what some other localities are doing in comparison before moving forward.

AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH TAXING AUTHORITY CONSULTING SERVICES, PC

Town Manager reported topic was discussed previously in a Finance and Ordinance Committee meeting to move to a different third party in collecting the debt owed on personal property and real property.

Mr. Pairet made a motion to allow the Town Manager to sign an agreement with Taxing Authority Consulting Services PC, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with Council members Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Pairet, Reid, and Vincent voting “yes”, the motion passed.

REQUEST FOR UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENT AT 203 S. VIRGINIA STREET

Town Manager reported on an email from Diane Farruggio, who owns the property located at 203 S. Virginia Street, in reference to the utility bill received and an explanation that the toilet was causing a leak. Also provided to Council was a statement from staff detailing a discussion with the tenant and what was found when the meter was read on April 22, 2022. Town Manager reported the original bill was almost \$3,000.00 and an adjustment was made reducing the amount to \$1500.97. Councilmembers inquired if the property owner/landlord had been notified of the

water leak prior to receiving the adjusted monthly utility bill, and how much time passed between them being notified and the leak being repaired. After a discussion was held, Council continued the matter until the June 8, 2022 Council meeting, and requested additional information about past utility adjustments made by Council.

**DISCUSSION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR
FARMVILLE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP**

At a prior meeting, the Farmville Downtown Partnership (FDP) addressed Council to request \$45,000 in funding from the Town's upcoming fiscal year budget. The Town Manager reported that \$30,000 has been allocated for FDP in the proposed 2022-2023 Town Budget and the additional \$15,000 can be funded with ARPA funds. He stated that FDP would be required to show documentation as required by the United States Treasury Final Rule.

Mr. Cole made a motion to use \$15,000. ARPA funds for the Farmville Downtown Partnership, seconded by Mr. Reid.

Town Manager noted he would like to present the matter as a resolution at the regular June Council meeting.

Mr. Cole withdrew his motion, and Mr. Reid withdrew his second.

OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor noted three items:

Any type of message sent out for the Town on the message boards or Town social media accounts must be approved by the Town Manager's office. Town Manager advised going forward the message boards will be used only for public safety purposes.

A handicapped space is needed on North Street around the North Street Press Club.

Mayor inquired if any word has been received from the group that was hired for the business economic development.

Town Manager advised a closed meeting with Real Strategies can be scheduled, as most of the material is not for public information until something is announced.

Mr. Reid made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Vincent seconded, and with all Council members voting "aye", the meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Jacqueline Vaughan, Deputy Clerk