

AMENDED REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 8, 2022

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there present were Mayor David E. Whitus, presiding and Council members T.M. Pairt, A.D. Reid, B.R. Vincent, S.O. Amos, G.C. Cole, D.E. Dwyer and D.L. Hunter.

Staff present were Town Manager C. Scott Davis, Chief of Police Andy Ellington, Director of Finance Julie Moore, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Director of Community Development Lee Pambid, Director of Public Works Robin Atkins, Deputy Clerk Jacqueline Vaughan, IT Support Ashley Austin, and Clerk Mary McKay.

Mayor Whitus welcomed guests and announced Rev. Justin Hicks, with Wesley Campus Ministries, would provide the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor Reid.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Rick Ewing was present to speak and thanked Council for its continued support of the Farmville Library. Mr. Ewing reported on the following items:

The library is giving away free COVID test kits through the Virginia Department of Health, one per person.

All library programs have resumed.

Free lunches will be provided for children through Prince Edward County Schools Monday-Thursday, June 13-30, 2022, from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. except for June 20, 2022. The library will be closed for the Juneteenth celebration on that date.

The summer reading program kickoff was a great success with 253 participants. The event included tie dying and a book giveaway. Mr. Ewing offered thanks to the Farmville Police Department for coordinating the First Responders Day in conjunction with the event.

With no one else signed up or wishing to speak, Mayor Whitus returned the Council to the regular order of business.

CLOSED SESSION: 2.2-3711 (A)(1)

On a motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with all Council members voting “aye”, the Council convened in closed meeting pursuant to the Code of Virginia, in accordance

with the provisions of paragraph A.1 of Section 2.2-3711, for the discussion of performance of the Town Manager and the appointment of the Town Attorney.

On a motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with Council members Cole, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Dwyer, Reid and Amos voting “yes”, Council returned to the regular order of business.

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: Seven “ayes”, No “noes”

MOTION: Vincent

SECOND: Hunter

AYES: Cole, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Dwyer, Reid, and Amos

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None

Mary McKay, Clerk

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the consent agenda was approved. The consent agenda includes the draft minutes

of the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held on May 4, 2022, and the regular May 11, 2022 Town Council meeting.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Moore, Director of Finance, provided a brief overview of the Finance Report. The Library Trust Fund decreased with only interest earned in May remaining in the account. The funds were forwarded to the Central Virginia Regional Library (CVRL). The remaining May interest will also be remitted to CVRL in June. Also, the Capital Improvement Account was closed, and the monies were moved to the Operating Account in May.

On a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. Amos and with all Council members voting “aye”, the Finance Report was approved as submitted.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-01 – THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE
COMPENSATION/CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

On a motion by Mr. Pairet to approve Resolution No. 2022-06-01 – The Town of Farmville Compensation/Classification Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with a recorded vote of Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Reid, Amos, and Cole voting “yes”, the motion passed.

Resolution #2022-06-01

**Approving the Town of Farmville Classification and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year
2022-2023**

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the Classification and Compensation Plan that provides for adjustments in ranges of the Plan to be consistent with salary increases for the fiscal year; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. The Town of Farmville Classification and Compensation Plan for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is hereby approved.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2022.

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 Pairret _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-02 – THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE
FISCAL YEAR 2023-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

On a motion by Mr. Cole to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06-02 – the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with a recorded vote of Council members Hunter, Vincent, Pairret, Reid, Amos, Cole, and Dwyer voting “yes”, the motion passed.

Resolution #2022-06-02

Approving the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan

WHEREAS, the Town Council has considered the proposed Town of Farmville Fiscal Years 2023-2027 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 Years 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan is hereby approved.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2022.

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 Pairt _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

KEEP FARMVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OPEN UNTIL END OF OCTOBER

BACKGROUND: Mr. Dwyer commented with an appraisal not being received on the property and set to close at the end of June, he feels the property would not be able to be sold and marketed as a golf course. He would like to see the greens maintained at the Farmville Municipal Golf Course until it can be determined if there is a potential buyer for the property as a golf course or keep the golf course open for a certain amount of time to determine if it could be marketed as a golf course.

Mr. Pairet made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, to keep the Farmville Municipal Golf Course open until an appraisal is received and determine what is in the best interest of the Town of Farmville regarding whether the property can be sold as a golf course or as a parcel of land.

With further discussion from Mr. Vincent suggesting a 90-day timeline be set, and with Mrs. Amos in agreement, Mr. Dwyer noted his concern if an appraisal could be received during that timeframe. Town Manager advised a bid for an appraisal has been advertised with no proposals being received. The date has been amended and so far, no one is willing yet to appraise the property. Mr. Elder spoke on the difficulty of receiving a quick appraisal when considering a timeline. Mr. Cole suggested keeping the golf course open at least 60 days after the receipt of an appraisal to allow for an opportunity for review and a decision to be made.

Town Manager inquired of the funding as the budget is based on the golf course being closed, with Mr. Pairet suggesting contingency funds be used. With further discussion from Mr. Cole and Mr. Hunter concerning the timeline, Mayor Whitus suggested keeping the golf course open until the end of October when the season comes to an end.

Mr. Pairet amended his motion to keep the Farmville Municipal Golf Course open until the end of October, with further inquiry from Mr. Dwyer on what will take place at the end of October. Mr. Cole suggested a reevaluation be made at that time with Mr. Dwyer in agreement. Town Manager noted the bid request was for an appraisal at the highest and best use value of the property as requested by Town Council.

Mr. Dwyer amended his second, and with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Reid and Cole voting “yes”, and Council members Vincent and Amos voting “no”, the motion passed.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-03 – FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
TOWN BUDGET

BACKGROUND: *The Town previously held a public hearing on this matter at the May 11, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.*

The 2022-2023 Town Budget includes a real estate tax rate of .13 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value, a personal property tax rate (business only) of \$1.50 per \$100.00 of assessed value and a .27 cent per pack cigarette tax rate.

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06-03 – 2022-2023 Town Budget, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Vincent, Pairt, Reid, Amos and Cole voting “yes”, the motion passed.

Resolution #2022-06-03

Approving the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Budget

WHEREAS, the Town Council has held the required public hearing on the Town of Farmville Fiscal Year 2022-2023 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 2022-2023 Proposed Budget is hereby approved and adopted.
2. This resolution shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2022.

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 Pairt _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06-04 ARPA FUNDING FOR FARMVILLE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Vincent made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-06-04 allocating \$15,000. for Farmville Downtown Partnership using ARPA funding, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with Council members Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Reid, and Vincent voting “yes”, the motion passed.

Resolution #2022-06-04

Providing American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Farmville Downtown Partnership

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville received funds from the United States Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act in June of 2021 and will receive the second phase of funding in June 2022; and

WHEREAS, the United States Treasury has issued a final ruling on the use of said funds by local governments; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations such as Farmville Downtown Partnership are allowed to receive American Rescue Plan Funding from a local government; and

WHEREAS, the Farmville Downtown Partnership has requested \$15,000 in funding from the Town of Farmville; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL:

1. The Town of Farmville Town Council approves granting \$15,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to Farmville Downtown Partnership.
2. Farmville Downtown Partnership shall prove negative impact from COVID-19 as described in the Final Ruling by the United States Treasury such as decline in employment or meeting payroll needs, showing decrease in revenue, and/or capacity to weather financial hardship.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect July 1, 2022.

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 Pairt _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

REQUEST FOR UTILITY BILL ADJUSTMENT AT 203 S. VIRGINIA STREET

BACKGROUND: From a previous discussion at the June 1, 2022 Work Session, Town Manager reported on two items: if the property owner received the original bill which they did, and what other adjustments have been made in the past. This information was provided to Council. Mr. Cole inquired about the additional information requested on the timeline on when the bill was received, when the meter was read, and when the repairs were made. Town Manager advised it was all one month, when the meter was read and noticed it was high, contact was made with the tenant, then contact was made with the owner who fixed the leak immediately. After a discussion was held, **Mr. Cole made a motion to write off 90% from the original bill of \$2961.16, and for the property owner to pay 10% (\$296.12), seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with further**

discussion, then with Council members Dwyer, Hunter, Pairet, Reid, Vincent, Amos, and Cole voting “yes”, the motion passed.

REQUEST ON BEHALF OF SYLVIA OLIVER TO CLOSE A PORTION OF LONGWOOD AVENUE FOR A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported Ms. Oliver has been notified and is okay with the shortened span from Vaughan to Holly. Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the request to close a portion of Longwood Avenue for a Juneteenth celebration, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion passed.

REQUEST ON BEHALF OF WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, JR. TO CLOSE A PORTION OF HILL STREET

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported on the annual request for a street closure in that area. Mr. Reid made a motion to close the portion of Hill Street for their annual Farmville All-Stars event, seconded by Mr. Hunter, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARMVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

BACKGROUND: Personnel Committee Chairman Reid reported the committee met and recommended the following to the Farmville Planning Commission: the reappointment of Dr. John Miller (At-Large), Ms. Jayne Johnson (Ward A), and the new appointment of Mr. Rhett Weiss (Ward B).

Mr. Reid made a motion to appoint the following to the Farmville Planning Commission as recommended: the reappointment of Dr. John Miller (At-Large), Ms. Jayne Johnson (Ward A), and the new appointment of Mr. Rhett Weiss (Ward B), seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with Council members Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Pairet, Hunter, Reid, and Vincent voting “yes”, the motion passed.

REQUEST FOR BUSINESS LICENSE REFUND – 1020 WEST THIRD STREET, LLC DBA NAPA OF FARMVILLE

Mr. Pairet made a motion to refund the remainder of the business license for 1020 West Third Street, LLC dba NAPA of Farmville, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with Council members Cole, Hunter, Vincent, Pairet, Dwyer, Reid, and Amos voting “yes”, the motion passed.

REQUEST FOR BUSINESS LICENSE REFUND – THE WOODLAND, INC.

Mr. Pairet made a motion to refund the remainder of the business license for The Woodland, Inc., seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with Council members Cole and Hunter abstaining due to a conflict of interest and with Council members Vincent, Pairet, Dwyer, Reid, and Amos voting “yes”, the motion passed.

AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BERKLEY GROUP

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported the agreement is included in the budget. The Berkley Group will provide human resources consulting services as needed, once a Human Resources Manager is hired.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement with the Berkley Group for human resources consulting services, seconded by Mr. Cole, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Ordinance Committee, Mr. Cole, Chairman – no report

Public Safety Committee, Mr. Hunter, Chairman, reported a meeting is being scheduled.

Parks/Recreation Committee – Mr. Vincent, Chairman, reported on meetings being held with collaborators for the scheduled Farmville Fireworks After Dark event.

Infrastructure Committee, Mr. Pairet, Chairman – no report

Mr. Dwyer – no report

Personnel Committee, Mr. Reid, Chairman – no report

Mrs. Amos reported a letter was received from Mr. and Mrs. VanRomondt concerning waiving the fee for a water and sewer tap, and she wants to bring the issue back before Council to determine if the fee can be waived.

Mr. Davis reported this individual purchased under the ordinance that was created at the onset of the pandemic for a certain period of time. If taps were acquired and then a certificate of occupancy was received by a certain date, a partial refund would be made. The certificate of occupancy was not received by the deadline. Town staff cannot provide a rebate due to the ordinance. Town Manager noted Mrs. Amos brought up several months ago the topic of extending the ordinance which was denied by Council to extend the life of that ordinance into a further period. After discussion, Mr. Elder was asked to review the ordinance to see if Council can grant that

exception and bring forward to the July meeting. Mr. Elder asked if the Town Manager would email the specifics of the issue for review.

STAFF REPORTS

Town Manager reported the brickwork has been replaced with stamped concrete as part of the paving project. Longwood Avenue and Johnston Drive are currently being worked on with Crestview and some other areas already completed.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

There being no other business, on a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Cole, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council

AMENDED MINUTES WERE APPROVED ON _____.