

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2022

At the regular meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, 116 North Main Street, Farmville, Virginia, there present were 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, Town Attorney Gary Elder, Finance Director Julie Moore, Community Development Director Lee Pambid, Public Works Director Robin Atkins, IT Support Ashley Austin, Deputy Clerk Jacqueline Vaughan, and Clerk Mary McKay.

Mayor Whitus welcomed guests and announced Rev. Bill McIntosh, Pastor of New Life Assembly of God Church, would provide the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-Mayor Reid.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - ZTA22-001 Changes to Height Regulations

With no one signed up or wishing to speak, the Public Hearing period was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING - ZTA22-002 Changes to Sign Regulations

With no one signed up or wishing to speak, the Public Hearing period was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING - Amended Ordinance No. 195 – Establishes a Rebate for Residential and Commercial Connections to Town Water/Sewer System

With no one signed up or wishing to speak, the Public Hearing period was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Prince Edward County Administrator Doug Stanley provided an update on several projects.

- The Board of Supervisors approved a contract for the Industrial Access Road Project, and a Notice of Award has been issued.
- The replacement of the Courthouse chiller has been completed. A thank you was expressed to the Town Manager, Public Works Director and staff as the project needed a portion of the Town Hall parking lot to be used for the temporary chiller during the replacement.
- The Courthouse Lawn Project has an anticipated October 2022 completion date.
- Mr. Stanley provided an update on the funding for the broadband project to provide fiber to some of the rural areas of Prince Edward County.

- Prince Edward County has submitted an application for the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program for the HIT Industrial Technology Park off East Third Street.
- Route 15 Kingsville intersection roundabout is behind schedule with an anticipated opening next week before Hampden-Sydney College opens for the school year.
- Prince Edward County through the Commonwealth Regional Council has submitted Smart Scale submissions for funding for a turn lane at The Manor and for Routes 692/665 Turn Lane project.
- A request was made to move the reassessment cycle to four years, which is a change from Prince Edward County's current six-year cycle. The reassessment work is anticipated to begin mid-2023, with the reassessment going into effect January 1, 2025.
- Prince Edward County has declared the SCOPE building located at 505 Griffin Boulevard as surplus property and is currently advertising the property for sale. Sealed bids for the property are due 4:00 p.m. September 1, 2022. A viewing of the property will be held 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. August 24, 2022.
- The Farmville Town Council and Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors agreed to split the cost of the assessment of the Mary E. Branch building, with a meeting scheduled on site to view the facility either the first or second week of September.

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

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with all Council members voting "aye", the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. The Consent Agenda includes the draft minutes of the July 6, 2022 Work Session, the July 13, 2022 regular Town Council meeting, and the Amended minutes of the June 8, 2022 regular Town Council meeting.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with all Council members voting "aye", the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: The Finance Director reported on the July Finance Report. The second installment of ARPA funding was received on July 28, 2022, in the amount of \$4,070,178. There was a decrease in cash in Fund 15 due to the paving and milling contract that was approximately

\$871,000. and was paid out in July 2022. Also noted was \$8.9 million was transferred on August 2, 2022 to the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).

REQUEST APPROVAL TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 212 ADDING SECTION 29-22.1 OF ARTICLE III AND AMENDING SECTION 29-31 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 29-ZONING AND SUBDIVISION

Mr. Cole made a motion to send the proposed ordinance back to the Planning Commission for revision, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with Council members Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Pairet, Reid, and Vincent voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported the two public hearings were for this proposed ordinance. 29-22.1 is an addition for heights of items not currently covered and maximizes the height of flagpoles and some other accessory structures. 29-31 changes Subsection F related to B-2 and B-3 zoning districts pertaining to signs. Having received some sign requests and after a review from planning staff, larger square footage for signs on buildings and on signs near the roadway were suggested. Also noted were some concerns in the B-1 Historic Downtown District, and wall signs and all the signage in downtown will be looked at for any needed changes, like what was done with B-2 and B-3 districts.

Mr. Cole spoke again on his concern for the flagpole restriction of 20 ft. and noted no explanation for the restriction was provided by the Planning Commission. A discussion was held on the height of the flagpole outside of the Town Hall. Town Manager advised currently there is no regulation of flagpoles.

REQUEST APPROVAL TO ADOPT AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 195 – REBATE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONNECTIONS TO TOWN WATER/SEWER SYSTEM

Mr. Cole made a motion to adopt Amended Ordinance No. 195-Rebate for Residential and Commercial Connections to Town Water/Sewer System, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with a recorded vote of Council members Amos, Cole, Dwyer, Pairet, Reid and Vincent voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported Council had asked to move forward with amending the ordinance to extend the timeline.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 195

ESTABLISHES A REBATE FOR RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE TO THE TOWN WATER/SEWER SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 PER TAP FOR THOSE

WATER AND/OR SEWER TAPS PURCHASED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 195 ALSO PROVIDES FOR A DISCOUNTED RATE FOR WATER AND/OR SEWER CONNECTIONS FOR BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE. CURRENTLY, COMMERCIAL WATER OR SEWER CONNECTION COSTS \$4,500, PLUS LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO MAKE TAP. **AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 195** LOWERS THE COST OF WATER AND/OR SEWER CONNECTION FOR BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO THE EQUIVALENT OF \$1,000 PER CONNECTION, PLUS LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR ANY WATER AND SEWER CONNECTIONS PURCHASED BETWEEN APRIL 1, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021. **AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 195** IS AUTHORIZED BY THE GRANT OF AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN VA CODE § 15.2-2119.

WHEREAS, the Farmville Town Council seeks to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Farmville; and

WHEREAS, access to water and proper management of waste are essential to the protection of health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Farmville wants to assist those citizens who would like to connect to the Town's water and sewer system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Farmville Town Council this ____ day of _____, 2022, that any citizen who purchased a water and/or sewer tap for residential use in the Town of Farmville between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021, shall receive a rebate in the amount of \$1,000 per tap upon written proof of a building permit to construct a residence and issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for new construction, and/or upon written proof that an existing residence is hooked up to the Town water/sewer system.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that for any business or commercial development or project in the Town of Farmville, if the water and/or sewer tap was purchased between April 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020 the cost of each water and/or sewer connection shall be the equivalent of \$1,000 per tap, plus labor, materials and equipment to make tap.

This Ordinance shall be retroactive to April 1, 2020.

Approved: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

I certify that the above ordinance was:

Adopted on its first reading on _____.

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

The Honorable A.D. “Chuckie” Reid: _____.

The Honorable Sallie Amos _____.

The Honorable Daniel E. Dwyer _____.

The Honorable Tommy Pairt _____.

The Honorable Brian Vincent _____.

The Honorable Donald L. Hunter _____.

The Honorable Greg Cole _____.

DISCUSSION: PAVING THE PARKING LOT ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

Mr. Reid made a motion to pave the parking lot that is town property on South Main Street using ARPA funds, seconded by Mr. Dwyer, and with a recorded vote of Council members Cole, Dwyer, Pairt, Reid, Vincent, and Amos voting “yes”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported on a suggestion received to pave the Town parking lot all the way through in front of the Mary E. Branch building as it is only partially paved. Mr. Cole made an inquiry of the cost and if the paving is a budgeted item. Town Manager advised the paving for this lot is unplanned and not included in the budget. Some quotes have been received with the best rate being \$22,250. He also noted ARPA funds could be used. Mr. Pairt inquired on the timing of the paving with the proposed renovation of the Mary E. Branch building and Town Manager noted it will be a few years out before construction is complete. A discussion was held on the location of the referenced parking lot and the existing residential parking.

DISCUSSION: POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2022 WORK SESSION

Mr. Pairt made a motion to cancel the Work Session scheduled for October 5, 2022, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Conference ends on the Tuesday before the Wednesday Work Session. The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk will be attending the State Clerk's Conference on Wednesday through Friday, October 5-7, 2022, and there will not be a Clerk for the October 5, 2022 Work Session. A suggestion was made to cancel the meeting.

DISCUSSION: FILLING FARMVILLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

VACANCIES For informational purposes, Town Manager reported on three resignations from the FIDA: Perry Carrington, Travis Mason and Mark Kernohan. These positions will need to be filled and will be advertised in the newspaper, social media and the Town website.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH NASH SURVEYING SERVICES, PLLC

Mr. Dwyer made a motion to authorize Town Manager to sign a contract with Nash Surveying Services, PLLC, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with a recorded vote of Council members Reid, Vincent, Amos, Cole, Dwyer, and Pairet voting "yes", the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: Town Manager reported the request is for authorization to sign a contract with Nash Surveying Services, PLLC. The service was put out to bid and this company, owned by a former employee, was one of the two bidders. This contract will fulfill the requirements of the erosion and sediment and flood management programs.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief of Police Andy Ellington thanked everyone for joining and providing support for the National Night Out event held last week at the new location, Riverside Park. Many compliments were received. A reminder also was provided of the summer celebration event planned by Patty Cooper-Jones at Parkview Gardens this Friday, August 12, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports were provided.

COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF TOWN COUNCIL

No comments were offered.

CLOSED SESSION 2.2-3711 (A) (3) DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLICLY HELD PROPERTY

On a motion by Mr. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Pairet, and with all Council members voting "aye", Council went into closed session under paragraph A.3. of Section 2.2-3711, of the Code of Virginia, for the Discussion or Consideration of the Disposition of Publicly Held Property.

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 “nays”

MOTION: Vincent SECOND: Pairet

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Hunter

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Mr. Pairet made a motion for the Town to sell the golf course property on Wedgewood Road and list that property at \$995,000. with Statewide Realty for a period of six months, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion passed.

Mr. Cole made a motion that the Town cease operations of the golf course effective the end of Friday, August 12, 2022, seconded by Mr. Vincent, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the motion passed.

BACKGROUND: At Council's request, Town Manager sent a request to local real estate companies in the Town of Farmville to provide a market analysis for the property. Bids for an appraisal for the golf course were also previously sent out. Only one firm provided an analysis on

the property. Town Manager reported the decision is left up to Council to determine whether to continue to keep the golf course open, put the property up for sale, or look into leasing the course to a company to run the golf course.

There being no other business, on a motion by Mrs. Amos, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with all Council members voting “aye”, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

David E. Whitus, Mayor

Mary H. McKay, Clerk of Council