

**RECONVENED MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD MARCH 31, 2010**

At the reconvened meeting of the Farmville Town Council held at 12:15 pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 in the Town Manager's Conference Room, located 116 North Main Street, there present were Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr., presiding and Council members D.E. Whitus, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, O.S. Overton, A.D. Reid and E.I. Gordon. Also in attendance was Town Manager, Gerald Spates.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order.

**MILNWOOD ROAD PROJECT**

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with a recorded vote with Council members Whitus, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid and Gordon voting "aye", Council unanimously approved tailoring back the Milnwood Road Improvement VDOT Revenue Sharing Funds Project. At the recommendation of the Town Manager, Council agreed with building Milnwood Road to 30 feet of pavement with shoulders; improve the site distance of the curve on Milnwood Road and to request that the Virginia Department of Transportation consider reducing the speed limit on Milnwood Road from 40 mph to 35 mph. Members expressed support of adding a bicycle/pedestrian path when funding becomes available. The proposed changes will address the safety concerns of those living in the area. Mr. Spates said he anticipates the project being completed by the end of this summer.

Mr. Spates informed members of a recent meeting he had with staff from the Virginia Department of Transportation in regards to the Milnwood Road Improvement Project. He said the initial plans were to improve Milnwood Road and provide for a bicycle/pedestrian path along the roadway. In meeting the American Association of State Highway Transportation Standards and dealing with design issues, it is proving to be very costly. If the Town were to place curb and gutter on Milnwood Road with the bicycle/pedestrian trail to meet highway standards, we would need 35 feet from the centerline. Without curb and gutter, we would need 48 feet from centerline of the existing road. With additional right of way and the additional construction costs, this would add approximately \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 to the project. There is no additional money through VDOT or Town funds to construct the entire project at this time. The right of way impact on the residents would be major.

### **2010-2011 PROPOSE TOWN OF FARMVILLE BUDGET**

Members received copies of the proposed 2010-2011 Town of Farmville Budget. Conversations took place in regards to ways to increase Town revenues, some suggestions mentioned were: consider increasing real estate taxes by .03 cents per \$100.00, increase water and sewer fees, or charge for garbage pick-up. Council recommended that funds be allocated for capital expenses and that the proposed budget include actual year to date figures. It was agreed that a meeting be scheduled in order to review and discuss the proposed budget in detail.

#### **THE TOWN MANAGER PROVIDED A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING:**

- Longwood University Relay for Life event
- Joint Town/County Informational meeting
- Library grand opening

### **REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR AN ASPHALT GRINDER**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Whitus and with a recorded vote with Council members Whitus, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid and Gordon voting “aye”, Council followed the recommendation of the Town Manager and authorized advertisement for proposals for an asphalt grinder.

Mr. Spates said the asphalt zipper would provide the public works department a more effective way to repair street asphalt and install or repair utility lines.

### **APPOINTMENT OF FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL PARLIAMENTARIAN**

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with a recorded vote with Council members Gordon, Reid, Overton, Pairet, Thompson, Hunter and Whitus voting “aye”, Council appointed Council member A.D. “Chuck” Reid as Town Council’s Parliamentarian, effective April 14, 2010. Furthermore, members agreed that each member might speak on any item before them no more than two times and for up to three (3) minutes each time.

Members discussed Council meeting protocol and the importance of following Robert’s Rule of Order. The Town Manager spoke saying that he would no longer ask Town Council to deviate from following the order of the agenda.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

On motion by Dr. Gordon seconded by Mr. Whitus and with all Council members voting “aye”, Council went into closed session under **Section 2.2-3711.A.1** of the Code of Virginia, for discussion or consideration of or interviews of prospective candidates for employment,

assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the Town of Farmville.

On motion by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Whitus and with all Council members voting “aye”, 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: “7” Ayes

MOTION: Gordon

SECOND: Reid

AYES: Whitus, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid and Gordon

NOES: None

ABSENT DURING VOTE: Hunter

ABSENT DURING MEETING: none

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Clerk

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Pairet and with all Council members voting “aye”, members agreed to adopt a policy stating that no item will be added to Town Council’s agenda after 12:00 noon on the Friday before the regularly scheduled Council meeting, unless the Town Manager or Council member deems the matter an emergency.

Prior to considering the above action there was discussion on the importance of following the agenda as it is presented.

**MILNWOOD ROAD SPEED LIMIT**

On motion by Mr. Pairet, seconded by Mr. Hunter and with Council members Whitus, Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid and Gordon voting “aye”, Council unanimously endorsed decreasing the speed limit on Milnwood Road from 40 mph to 35 mph, effective as soon as possible.

Council supported changing the speed limit on Milnwood Road to 35 mph as soon as authorization was received from the Virginia Department of Transportation as opposed to when construction on the project begins.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34pm.

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Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk