

**WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011**

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, in the Conference Room of the Town Manager's Office located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, there were present Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr., presiding and Council members D.E. Whitus, S.B. Thompson, T.M. Pairet, O.S. Overton, A.D. Reid, and E.I. Gordon. Also in attendance were Town Manager, Gerald Spates, and Town Attorney, Donald Blessing. Council member D.L. Hunter was absent.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order at 11:25 am. Town Manager, Gerald Spates introduced the January agenda items. Council took action of the following items.

**REQUEST ON BEHALF OF THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE TO  
EXTEND THE TIME ON THE PARKING METERS**

The Downtown Farmville Revitalization Task Force has requested Town Council consider extending the time on the parking meters located on Main Street and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from half an hour to two (2) hours for twenty-five cents.

Dr. Gordon spoke of the misuse of the bagged meters by some business owners and the numerous complaints received in regards to the meters being covered during the holiday season. He asked if the general consensus of the merchants on Main Street supported the request made by the Downtown Revitalization Task Force. Mrs. Thompson, also a member of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, said the Committee would poll the merchants and she would have the results to Council at Wednesday, January 12 meeting. Discussions continued and the Town Manager suggested that Council might want to consider a gradual change and recommended twenty-five cents for an hour.

**CENTRA SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HIGH STREET PROPERTIES**

Centra Southside Community Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Gwen Eddleman addressed Town Council. Dr. Eddleman spoke of the Hospital's purchase of two R1A residential properties located at 900 and 1104 High Street. She said Southside Community Hospital would like to locate its administrative offices at 900 High Street and move its billing office to 1104 High Street. Dr. Eddleman referred to a letter her office delivered to the Town Manager's Office this morning, which describes their two options:

1. Zoning amendment to Residential District R1A under Uses to permit office/healthcare use by a nonprofit, with a conditional use permit
2. Rezone 900 and 1104 High Street to Residential District R3 and all remaining Southside Community Hospital property between High Street and the Hospital building currently zoned Residential District R1A to Residential District R3.

Council members spoke of the numerous phone calls and conversations that they have had with not only residents of High Street but with citizens of the community expressing concerns that the Hospital is moving forward with its plan with the knowledge that administrative and billing offices are not permitted in an R1A zone. Members outlined the steps that need to be taken in order for Town Council to take action on a rezoning request. Dr. Eddleman said it was not the Hospital's intent to circumvent the Planning Commission or Town Council. She said by meeting with the residents of the area and discussing the Hospital's plan she felt it would have elevated some of the residents' concerns. Dr. Eddleman said she was unaware that any of the work that has been performed on the two properties would have required a building permit. Council members shared some of the concerns expressed by their constituents. Members also agreed to accept the letter presented today as the Hospital's formal rezoning request and added it to the agenda items for the Wednesday, January 12, 2011, Council meeting.

**REQUEST APPROVAL OF RENEWING THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SHENTEL CABLE COMPANY**

On motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Thompson, and with a recorded vote with Council members Whitus, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid, and Gordon voting "aye", Council approved renewing the Cable Television Franchise Agreement with Shentel Cable Company dated January 10, 1991, as amended.

At Council's December 8, 2010, regular Council meeting, members agreed to post the required public notice in order to take action on the request at Council's January 5, 2011, work session.

The current Agreement expires on January 9, 2011. Shentel is requesting the existing Franchise be renewed for an additional 15-year term. Town Attorney, Donald Blessing has reviewed the documents and noted that the Agreement does not preclude other companies from serving this area.

**REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE LEASE FINANCING OF GOLF CARTS**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Reid, and with a recorded vote with Council members Whitus, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid, and Gordon voting “aye”, Council authorized the Town Manager to sign the necessary documents to execute the lease between the Town of Farmville and PNCEF, LLC for golf carts at the Farmville Municipal Golf Course.

The current lease agreement will be expiring shortly. In order to lock in the price, the Town Manager is requesting Town Council grant authorization to execute the documents to lease 36 new golf carts from PNC Equipment Finance for \$1,944.36. The Agreement includes all routine maintenance. Mr. Spates said that by increasing the lease from 30 to 36 carts, the Town would no longer need to borrow carts for tournaments.

**REQUEST AMENDMENTS TO THE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

Mayor Newman referred this matter to the Personnel Committee for their recommendation to Town Council.

Chief of Police, Doug Mooney is requesting Town Council amend the grievance procedures for law enforcement officers. Town Attorney, Donald Blessing has reviewed the proposed amendments. Mr. Spates said the amendments are needed in order to move forward with the certification process.

**CLARIFICATION OF WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA AND TOWN OF FARMVILLE, VIRGINIA**

Dr. Gordon said he had recently been told of Prince Edward County’s permit request for a Water Treatment Plant that was prepared by Draper Aden, which refers to the County schools as part of Prince Edward County’s water customers. He said he had contacted Mr. Spates to request that Town Attorney, Donald Blessing clarify the matter. Members were provided a copy of the Water and Sewer Agreement Between County of Prince Edward, Virginia and Town of Farmville, Virginia dated November 19, 2009, executed by Board of Supervisors, Chairman William B. Fore, Jr., attested by W.W. Bartlett, Clerk and Town Council Mayor, Sydnor C. Newman, Jr., attested by Lisa Hricko, Clerk. Mr. Blessing asked that members refer to page 2 of the Agreement, Sec. 1, and read: “Upon execution of this agreement by the Town and the County, the County agrees that the Town shall have as its exclusive designated service area for

water supply and wastewater services all property within the corporate limits of the Town as well as those area which are marked “proposed service area shown in “white” on an exhibit drawing entitled “Proposed Water and Sewer Service Area, Town of Farmville, Prince Edward County, Virginia, by W.E. Nash, dated September 4, 2008” which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this specific reference and hereinafter referred to as “the Nash drawing”. He made special mention that “the County agrees that the Town shall, not may, but shall”. Members were referred to the map. Mr. Blessing said it clearly identifies the County schools as being in the service area of the Town of Farmville. Conversations continued.

Additional agenda items were discussed with Council taking no further action.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.

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Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk