

WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 4, 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, presiding, and Council members, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, T. M. Pairet, O.S. Overton, A.D. Reid, and E. I. Gordon. Also attending were Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Donald Blessing; and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko. Council member D.E. Whitus was absent.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. The Town Manager asked that the agenda be set aside in order for Town Council to receive a verbal update on the Immigration Center of America, LLC. ("ICA"). Representatives attending on behalf of the ICA facility were Russell Harper, Warren Coleman, Duane Ragsdale and Mark Flowers. Mr. Harper and Mr. Flowers gave a brief presentation. They said the facility opened in August of 2010. To date they have processed approximately 18,000 detainees. The average stay for a detainee is three to four weeks. The facility was modified to accept females, and currently houses 53. ICA employs 201 people and has 48 openings at this time. They have experienced a large turnover in staffing due to the strict standards set up the federal government. ICA operates three satellite processing centers; Norfolk, Richmond and Fairfax. At the conclusion of the presentation Mr. Spates spoke in support of the facility, and Council returned to the regular order of business.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS MAY 4, 2011 AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Spates introduced the May 4, 2011 agenda. Members discussed and commented on several items, with no formal action being taken.

Members received copies of the proposed 2011-2012 Town Budget. Mr. Spates said in the proposed budget he proposes a 2% real estate tax increase and ½% increase in the meals tax. Members agreed that this meeting would be continued to Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 5:00 pm to begin the review process.

Prior to concluding the meeting, Mr. Spates provided a verbal update on various Town projects.

There being no other business, the meeting recessed until Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Town Manager's Conference Room.

Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk

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