

**RECONVENED MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON JUNE 16, 2011**

At the reconvened meeting of the Farmville Town Council held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, June 17, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, located at 116 North Main Street, Farmville, VA, there present were Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr., 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 and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko. Council member D.E. Whitus was absent.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Spates stated the purpose of the reconvened meeting was for Council to discuss and take action on the proposed 2011-2012 Town budget.

**REQUEST ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2011-2012**

On motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Overton, and with a recorded vote with Council members Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid, and Gordon voting “aye”, Council adopted the proposed 2011-2012 Town budget, as presented.

Mr. Spates said the budget, as advertised, included two tax increases. If approved, the real estate tax will increase from \$.10 to \$.12 per \$100 of assessed value, and the meals/lodging tax will increase from 6.5% to 7%. This year, the Farmville Area Chamber of Commerce will be reimbursing the Town a third of the Town’s financial support; with an additional third each of the following two years, until the allocation is eliminated. He said the budget does not include any pay increases or bonuses for Town employees.

Brief conversations took place regarding the real estate tax increase. Dr. Gordon and Mr. Hunter spoke in support of the proposed budget and said that the real estate tax increase was necessary at this time. Dr. Gordon said that amendments to the budget could be made at a later date, if the Town’s finances changed. Mr. Hunter also spoke in support of the concept of a Town employee Pay for Performance increase, in the future.

**REQUEST ENACTMENT OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SEC. 2-6. PERSONNEL BACKGROUND SEARCHES**

On motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Dr. Gordon, and with a recorded vote with Council members Hunter, Thompson, Pairet, Overton, Reid and Gordon voting “aye”, Council enacted Town ordinance **Sec. 2.6. Personnel background searches.**

Mr. Spates said the proposed ordinance is similar to what Chesterfield County has adopted. He said in order for the Town to require background searches on volunteers working with the Recreation Department; Council must adopt an ordinance permitting the Town Manager or his designee, within town government, authorization to run background searches. Mr. Spates said the proposed ordinance also applies to applicants being considered for full-time and part-time employment and those Town employees that are being promoted or transferred.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

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Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

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Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk