

WORK SESSION OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

At the regular work session of the Farmville Town Council held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, August 3, 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, D.L. Hunter, 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 S.B. Thompson was absent.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order at 11:17 am. The Town Manager introduced the following August agenda items.

- Staff Reports – comments were made on the success of the recent night golf tournament hosted by the Farmville Municipal Golf Course. Mr. Spates commended Recreation Director, Chris Bolt on the direction in which the Recreation Department is headed. He also updated members on a meeting he had regarding a request for soccer fields.
- Proposed rezoning of M-1 zoning district along the Appomattox River
- Finance and Ordinance Committee report re: proposed return check ordinance
- Protocol Committee report re: Ethics Policy – verbal report was provided by Dr. Gordon. He said the Committee will be recommending that Town Council not adopt an ethics policy for Town Council members and that Council consider appointing Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko as Parliamentarian.
- Recommend establishing a policy re: nondomestic animal calls. Mr. Spates suggested Town Council adopt a policy prohibiting Town employees from responding to calls/complaints regarding nondomestic animals, unless it is endangering a person. He suggested the caller be provided contact information on trappers. Mr. Spates said he has verified that three (3) people have agreed to provide the service at a cost to the caller
- Authorize payment from the Narcotic Fund
- Authorize partial refund of 2011 Business License
- Request adoption of employee policy on a “Bully-free Workplace”
- Consider appointing a Parliamentarian
- Authorize Mayor Newman to sign Proclamation for Good Neighbor Day
- Consider supporting Robert Russa Moton Museum Community Banquet

- Request for rezoning – on behalf of Sherry Honeycutt and Peter Buzzetta
- Miscellaneous - monthly overtime report

Council reviewed and discussed the above matters.

The Town Manager and Council members spoke on the following matters:

- Streetscape Phase II project – reported on project and discussed cobblestones on Main Street being replaced with brick pavers
- Milnwood Road project update
- Farmers Market update
- Mr. Hunter suggested the Town consider purchasing a generator for the banquet room at the Farmville Municipal Golf Course - in case the facility is rented and a power outage occurs. It was also mentioned that the applications need to be reviewed to make sure the Town is not held responsible for losses due to power outage.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk