

SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FARMVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2012

At the special called Council meeting of the Farmville Town Council held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Town Manager's Conference Room 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.E. Whitus, D.L. Hunter, S.B. Thompson, and A.D. Reid. Council members absent were T.M. Pairet, O.S. Overton, and E.I. Gordon.

Staff present were Town Manager, Gerald Spates; Town Attorney, Donald Blessing; Town Planner, Cindy Morris and Town Clerk, Lisa Hricko.

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order. Mr. Spates stated the purpose of the special called meeting was to provide Council with updated information regarding the Town's May elections.

Mr. Spates said Town Planner, Cindy Morris contacts the US Census Bureau on a regular basis. The Town is still at step 5D. He said today he contacted Attorney, Josh Lief with the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Lief provided the following comments:

- The Constitution and the Town Code require that the Town hold an election at the official time.
- At the same time, the Constitution also requires that localities redistrict/re-appropriate every ten (10) years.
- The Town is still waiting on the Census Bureau's response on the Town's Count Question Resolution (CQR) submission.
- The Town should not move forward with redistricting using the new 2010 population before hearing back from the CQR.
- The Town may hold the election in May using existing wards and the 2000 population according to the Town's Code Chapter 9 Elections. Then, when the Town receives a response from the CQR, the Town can then redistrict. This process was followed in a congressional election in 1980.

Town Attorney, Don Blessing said he has not spoken with Mr. Lief, but he has researched the Code and supports Mr. Lief comments. Mr. Spates said there is no action needed by Council. He recommended Council plan to move forward with the May elections. There are three (3) seats up for election – Ward D, Ward E and one At-Large. Council expressed agreement with Mr. Spates' recommendation.

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There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor S.C. Newman, Jr.

Lisa M. Hricko, Clerk