



**Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
May 15, 2012**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Farmville Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Robert L. Evans presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Jamin Dixon, Richard Hicks, John Moore, David Shackelford and John Baker; Interim Town Manager Sam Noble and Town Clerk Amy Johnson.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Closed Session

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board adjourned into closed session at 5:02 p.m. pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters relating to personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board returned into regular session at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution Amending Water Rates by Establishing an “Agricultural Outside Town Limits” category

Rich Moore, from McDavid Associates, presented three options for the Board’s consideration in establishing an “agricultural outside town limits” category to the water rate schedule. Moore stated due to these two hog farming operations using approximately 200,000 gallons per month the current increase in water rates would result in a 55% increase to them. Moore presented three options: Option 1- 55% increase, Option 2- 9/97% increase, Option 3- 15% increase.

After a general discussion by the Board, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve Option 3 which establishes an “Agricultural Outside Town Limits” category that provides a rate structure that results in an average monthly rate increase of 15%. With this motion, the Board adopted Resolution (2012) 1165, Amending Water Rates. The motion carried 3 to 2, with Commissioners Hicks, Baker and Shackelford voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Dixon and Moore voting in the negative.

3. Presentation of Water Supply Unit Cost Evaluation

Rich Moore, from McDavid Associates, presented a summary of a determination of cost to supply water based on an evaluation performed by McDavid Associates.

Mayor Evans called a brief recess at 6:39 p.m. for dinner. The meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

4. Sewer Rate Increase

Rich Moore, from McDavid Associates, presented three options for the Board’s consideration for amending the sanitary sewer rates.

5. Allocation to Utility Departments

Finance Director Amy Johnson presented the detail of the allocation of cost, from the General Fund Departments for utility services, to the water, sewer and electric funds.

6. Funding for FDP and Arts Council

The Board decided to give a \$20,000 contribution the FDP and a \$5,000 contribution to the Arts Council.

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board approved the proposed budget amendments #s 1-13, with the exception of #11. The motion carried 3 to 2, with Commissioners Hicks, Baker and Shackelford voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Dixon and Moore voting in the negative.

On motion by Commissioner Baker, the Board approved Sewer Increase Option #1 (\$4.07). With this motion, the Board adopted Resolution (2012) 1166, Amending Sanitary Sewer Rates. The motion carried 3 to 2, with Commissioners Hicks, Baker and Shackelford voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Dixon and Moore voting in the negative.

7. Public Hearing on CDBG- 7:30 p.m.

Mike Barnette, from McDavid Associates, stated the public hearing on the CDBG was to receive public comment.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the CDBG open at 8:01 p.m.

There being no further comments, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 8:02 p.m.

8. Request for Approval of Take-Home Vehicle Program for Police

Police Chief Donnie Greene stated there has been some question about the maintenance cost of vehicles in relation to the mileage of the vehicle and the cost to start a take home program for officers that live within the city limits of Farmville. Greene informed the Board that the maintenance cost for shared newer vehicles are twice that of the older ones with single drivers. Greene stated it would cost around \$46, 200 to implement the program and supply each police officer with a car, which could be purchased with Federal and State forfeiture funds. Greene further stated this program would be a good way to spend these funds.

On motion by Commissioner Moore, the Board agreed to move forward with the Take Home Vehicle Program. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk