

Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
June 4, 2013

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Robert L. Evans presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners John Baker, Richard Hicks, John Moore and David Shackelford; Town Attorney Christopher Edwards; Town Manager David Hodgkins and Town Clerk Amy B. Johnson. Commissioner Jamin Dixon was absent.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Evans called for a moment of silence to remember the following whom has passed on: Otha Joyner and Crystal Nanney.

Reverend Rick Bailey, of the First Baptist Church in Farmville, offered the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Citizen Presentations

Mayor Evans stated that Commissioner Jamin Dixon's absence was due to his wife having a baby.

Mayor Evans also stated Commissioner Moore and himself attended a meeting where the Boy Scouts of America honored Jack Farring for his contributions over the past fifty (50) years.

Town Manager Hodgkins commented that the Solar Farm was close to coming to terms with a lease agreement but they are still working lot layout issues.

Finance Director, Amy B. Johnson gave the financial report for the month of March, 2013.

Town Manager Hodgkins asked for the following items to be added to the agenda:

- Agenda item #14- Resolution of Support - Rural Center

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board approved the above addition to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Evans asked to place Agenda item #8 to go after Agenda item #1.

There were no objections.

Public Hearings

1. Budget Public Hearing for the FY 2013/2014 Budget

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the FY 2013/2014 Budget open at 6:51 p.m.

Lila Garris, Director of the Arts Council, asked the Board to please consider their request for a \$5,000 contribution in the budget.

There being no further comments, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

8. Proposed Changes to Recommended Budget for FY 2013/2014

Town Manager Hodgkins presented the Board with the revised changes to the proposed FY 2013/2014 Budget per their request.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the FY 2013/2014 as presented by Town Manager Hodgkins. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2013/2014 Budget. With this motion, the Board adopted Ordinance (2013) 800, Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consent

2. Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes from the following meeting(s):

- May 7, 2013 Regular session

3. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Library

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget to place funds into the Library Department for the purchase of books through various cash donations.

4. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Fire

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget to place funds back into the Fire Department due to replacing a nozzle and nozzle handle which has been reimbursed by the Town's insurance company.

5. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Police

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget to place funds back into the Police Department due to insurance reimbursement of an accident involving a Police Officer.

6. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance-Dev Serv

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget to place funds into the Developmental Services Department to cover the purchase of a knuckle boom truck which was purchased by the Town through loan proceeds from BB&T.

7. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance-Dev Serv

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget to place funds into the Developmental Services Department from the sale of surplus equipment to purchase a mini-excavator.

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board approved/adopted the following:

- *Approved the minutes from the May 7, 2013 regular session*

- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 801, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Library*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 802, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Fire*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 803, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Police*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 804, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Dev Serv*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 805, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance- Dev Serv*

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Decision

9. Recommendation of Award- Johnsonfield Pump Station

Charles Joyner, from McDavid Associates, requested for the Board to award a construction contract to low bidder H.G. Reynolds for construction of the Johnsonfield Pump Station project and to adopt a resolution amending the capital project ordinance. He added that the price had been negotiated down to fit available funds.

Commissioner Hicks questioned why the electrical line construction was not included. He asked Mr. Joyner to go through the project line items again and see what could possibly be removed in order to include the electrical line construction.

The Board agreed to table the matter until the next Commissioners meeting.

10. Proposal to Purchase Wastewater Sludge Dryer

Chris Komline, from Komline-Sanderson, presented the Board with four options relating to the current condition of the Sewer Sludge Dryer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

1. Do nothing
2. Sell it
3. Maintain it in place until a decision is made how to proceed
4. Activate it

Cecil Rhodes of McDavid and Associates stated it would cost approximately \$302,000 to make the sludge dryer usable.

Commissioner Hicks questioned the size of the sludge storage building to be constructed. He stated he believed a smaller building would accommodate the sludge.

Mr. Komline stated the Town would only get about \$200,000 if they sold the machine.

James Shoulders, from the Wastewater Treatment Plant, stated he had issues running the dryer during peak electrical demand periods.

After a general discussion, the Board instructed Van Lewis, from McDavid Associates, and Cecil Rhodes to re-estimate the cost of fixing the dryer with using a smaller building and report back at a later date.

11. Community Center Use Policy / Amended

Town Manager Hodgkins presented an amended Community Center Use Policy per request of the Town Board at the May 7, 2013 meeting. Hodgkins stated the amendment better accommodates proposed uses by individuals or groups providing a program, activity, or service that benefits a segment of the community or the community at large.

Commissioner Hicks stated he would like for the outside usage rates to be double the inside rates.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the recommended changes to the Community Center Use Policy and to double the usage rates for outside residents. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Election Polling Place Usage Agreement

Town Manager Hodgkins stated the North Carolina State Board of Elections has recommended that all counties secure an agreement for use of polling places for elections. Hodgkins further stated that Pitt County Board of Elections has drafted an agreement to utilize the Farmville Community Center for an election polling place for 2013 and subsequent years. He said the proposed agreement is straight forward and represents those terms under which both the County and the Town have operated in past years on Election Day.

On motion by Commissioner Moore, the Board approved the Polling Place Usage Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

13. July Board of Commissioners Meeting

Town Manager Hodgkins suggested holding the July 2nd meeting at the end of June in order to take care of some end of fiscal year budget amendments.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to move the July 2nd Board meeting to Tuesday, June 25th. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Resolution of Support- Rural Center

Town Manager Hodgkins requested adoption of a Resolution Supporting Continued State Funding for the NC Rural Economic Development Center.

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board adopted Resolution (2013) 1215, Resolution Supporting Continued State Funding for the NC Rural Economic Development Center. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Evans asked for citizen comments.

There were no comments.

Closed Session

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board adjourned into closed session at 8:03 p.m. pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to economic development. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Moore, the Board returned into regular session at 8:45 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the Rural Business Enterprise Grant that has been offered by USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$70,000. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Shackelford, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk