

**Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
September 4, 2012**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Robert L. Evans presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Jamin Dixon, John Baker, Richard Hicks, John Moore and David Shackelford; Town Attorney Christopher Edwards; Interim Town Manager Samuel Noble and Town Clerk Amy B. Johnson.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Citizen Presentations

Mayor Evans recognized Lynn Faircloth, a representative of the Farmville Band Boosters.

Mrs. Faircloth explained to the Board that the marching band does not receive any money from the school and must raise funds for all expenses including paying the bus driver to go to competitions and fixing instruments and so forth. She asked the Board to keep the band in mind when planning their budget and consider a donation.

Marc Whichard, from the Pitt County Board of Education, reported to the Board the growth stats of the Farmville Schools and stated how much they have improved.

Barbara Owens, from the Pitt County Board of Education, thanked the Board for all their support and gave quotes from the principals of the Farmville schools. Mrs. Owens stated Dr. Smith, Principal of H.B. Sugg and Sam D. Bundy Schools, said she needs volunteers, volunteers, volunteers.

Brad Johnston, Principal of Farmville Central High School, reported that \$1.6 million was given out to students in scholarships this past year.

A C Salaam, a Farmville citizen, expressed to the Board that she was not going to enter into a contract with the Town in regards to the grass cutting of her property. She said she tries to keep it cut and will not pay the Town to do so.

Finance Director, Amy B. Johnson gave the financial report for the month of July, 2012.

Public Hearings

1. Rezone Property

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis requested to rezone the property located at East Cotton Street (parcel #19355), owned by John Matthews, from Industrial to General Business District. Ellis stated this lot does not meet the lot size requirements for Industrial Zoning District.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the rezoning request open at 8:07 p.m.

There being no further comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the rezoning request and adopted Ordinance (2012) 774, Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Farmville. The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consent

2. Approval of Minutes

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

- August 7, 2012 Regular & closed sessions
- August 21, 2012 Special & closed sessions
- August 27, 2012 Special & closed sessions

3. Ordinance Amending 2012/2013 Budget- General & Sewer Funds

To adopt an ordinance amending the 2012/2013 budget to provide funding from Sewer Fund Reserves to complete a safety rail project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

4. Ordinance Amending 2012/2013 Budget- Bike Plan

To adopt an ordinance amending the 2012/2013 budget to provide funding and expenditures for the proposed Farmville Bike Plan to be completed by Mid-East Commission.

5. Ordinance Amending 2012/2013 Budget- Bike & Pedestrian Transportation Plan Agreement

To approve the Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Agreement between the Town of Farmville and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Farmville has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the project and a \$5,000 match is required of the Town.

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

- *Approved the minutes from the August 7, 2012 regular and closed sessions, August 21, 2012 special and closed sessions and August 27, 2012 special and closed sessions*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2012) 775, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2012) 776, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2012) 777, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance*

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Decision

6. Request to award Piggyback bid with City of Rocky Mount for Service Bucket Truck to Altec Industries

Interim Town Manager Noble stated the Town currently owns a 1991 Ford bucket truck which needs replacement. Noble presented a piggyback bid from Altec

Industries for a 2013 Altec AT40M Service Bucket truck at a cost of \$104,930. He recommended for the Board to award the bid.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to award the bid for the 2013 Altec Bucket truck to Altec Industries for \$104,930. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Town of Farmville Fire Department Fund Raiser

Commissioner Baker asked the Board for permission for the Fire Department to hold a fundraiser during the month of October, 2012.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the fund raiser for the Town of Farmville Fire Department for the month of October. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Appoint Advisory Board Members to the Dogwood Festival Advisory Board

Interim Town Manager Noble requested for the following members to be appointed/re-appointed to the Dogwood Festival Advisory Board:

- John Baker
- Richard Hicks
- Kearney Long
- Fraley Greene
- Beverly Peaden
- Joey Kue

Commissioner Moore made a motion to adopt the following:

- *Resolution (2012) 1188, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Dogwood Festival Advisory Board (John Baker)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1189, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Dogwood Festival Advisory Board (Kearney Long)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1190, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Dogwood Festival Advisory Board (Fraley Greene)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1191, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Dogwood Festival Advisory Board (Beverly Peaden)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1192, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Dogwood Festival Advisory Board (Joey Kue)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1193, Appointing Advisory Board Member- Dogwood Festival Advisory Board (Richard N. Hicks)*

The motion carried unanimously.

9. Appoint Advisory Board Members to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Interim Town Manager Noble requested for the following members to be appointed/re-appointed to the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board:

- John Moore
- Lindsey Annis
- Brenda Ross
- Mike Marengo

Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to adopt the following:

- *Resolution (2012) 1194, Appointing Advisory Board Member- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (John Moore)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1195, Appointing Advisory Board Member- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (Lindsey Annis)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1196, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (Brenda Ross)*
- *Resolution (2012) 1197, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (Mike Marengo)*

The motion carried unanimously.

10. Greene County Sports Merger

Recreation Director Jeff Polaski explained to the Board that on June 21, 2012, Rick Langley and he met with representatives from Greene County to discuss the possibility of a recreation merger between the two programs. Polaski further explained the merger would include football, basketball and baseball, with a potential opportunity to start a girls' softball league. He stated the only down side would be having to travel to Snow Hill twice for basketball. Polaski recommended for the Board to approve the merger with Greene County.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the recreation merger with Greene County. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Knuckle Boom Truck

Interim Town Manager Noble stated the Developmental Services Department would like for the Board to consider authorizing the purchase of a knuckle boom truck to pick up yard debris and house hold items. Noble explained the knuckle boom truck would allow the Town to utilize one equipment operator and free up an operator to be better used doing other tasks. He stated the Town has found a piggyback bid from Amick Equipment Company for \$117,700. Noble further stated the Town could enter into a 59 month lease to purchase the truck.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Finance Officer to obtain a minimum of two quotes for financing of the knuckle boom truck. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Carolyn Ward thanked the Board for the recreation merger with Greene County.

Commissioner Hicks thanked Sam Noble for his efforts the past 8 months serving as the Interim Town Manager. Hicks commented that Sam has helped the Town through some difficult times.

Closed Session

On motion by Commissioner Baker, the Board adjourned into closed session at 8:39 p.m. pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss matters relating to personnel and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to economic development. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Shackelford, the Board returned into regular session at 10:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the lease option on 45 acres in the Industrial Park; subject to final wording and approval of the Town Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Shackelford, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk