

**Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
October 1, 2013**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 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, David Shackelford and Jamin Dixon; Town Manager David Hodgkins; Town Clerk Amy B. Johnson and Town Attorney Bill Lewis.

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: Evelyn Harris Jones and Hazel Case Yelverton.

Pastor Bill Price, of the Farmville United Methodist Church, offered the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Citizen Presentations

Mayor Evans stated there were no citizen presentations at this time.

Town Manager Hodgkins informed the Board that the Downtown Committee has been working with three meetings thus far and more to come. He stated they have been assigning tasks to smaller groups and should have some recommendations at the November, 2013 meeting.

Finance Director Amy B. Johnson presented the financial report for the month of August, 2013.

Town Manager Hodgkins asked for the following item to be deleted from the evening's agenda:

- Agenda item #13 – Approve Site Plans for Wilco Hess on Marlboro

On motion by Commissioner Baker, the Board approved the above deletion to the evening's agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

1. Reduce Rear Yard Setbacks in RA-20

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the Planning and Zoning Board reviewed a request to reduce the rear yard setbacks in RA-20 zoning district at their September 10th meeting. Ellis stated that currently, the area and bulk regulations of the Code of Ordinances call for a rear yard setback of 20% of the lot width. Ellis requested for the Board to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board to change the rear yard setbacks to 25 feet, which would equal the distance required for most of the zoning districts.

Mayor Evans opened the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

There being no further comments, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board and to adopt Ordinance (2013) 808, Ordinance Amending Chapter 157.071 of the Code of Ordinance, Town of Farmville. The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consent

2. Approval of Minutes

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

- September 3, 2013 Regular session

3. Appoint Advisory Board Member- Housing Authority Commission

To adopt a resolution to re-appoint a member, Sherri Von Schrittz, to serve on the Housing Authority Commissioner Board.

4. Appoint Advisory Board Member- Recreation and Parks Commission

To adopt a resolution to appoint a member, Dominique Baker, to serve on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board.

5. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget- Police Dept.

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 budget ordinance to place funds back into the Police Department- Controlled Substance- State expenditure account due to an accident in the FY 12/13 budget year and insurance reimbursement.

6. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget- Police Dept.

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 budget ordinance to place funds into the Police Department- Controlled Substance- Federal Forfeiture account in order to purchase body worn cameras for each individual officer.

7. Adoption of Ordinance Amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget- Utility/Electric Fund

To adopt an ordinance amending the FY 2013/2014 budget ordinance to place funds back into the Electric Fund- Maintenance/Repair-Generator expense account due to damage from a lightning storm, to the generator located at the Fire Station.

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

- *Approved the minutes from the September 3, 2013 regular session*
- *Adopted Resolution (2013) 1225, Re-Appointing Advisory Board Member- Housing Authority Commission (Sherri Von Schrittz)*
- *Adopted Resolution (2013) 1226, Appointing Advisory Board Member- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (Dominique Baker)*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 809, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget Ordinance- Police*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 810, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget Ordinance- Police*

- *Adopted Ordinance (2013) 811, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget Ordinance- Electric*
The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Decision

8. Relay for Life Event

Emily Harris, Co-Chairman of Relay for Life, requested for the Board to give permission to hold the 2014 Relay event at the Babe Ruth Field like they did last year.

Commissioner Shackleford made a motion to approve the request for Relay to use the Babe Ruth Field on May 9th & 10th, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Boys and Girls Club Lease Presentation

Misty Marsten, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, spoke to the Board about the current agreement, explained what the Boys and Girls Club is about and the services it provides for children, and asked for continued support.

Steve Stevenson, Chairman of the Pitt County Boys and Girls Club Board, addressed the Board and thanked them for all their past support and asked for continued support. He said all funds to support the Boys and Girls Clubs are raised funds. He explained how hard it is to raise funds in this economy but they keep on. He said that the work being done by these people is truly "God's work."

Bynum Satterwhite, a representative of the Farmville Boys and Girls Club Board, spoke in support of the Club and asked the Board to evaluate how much they value what the Club provides and how they would feel if the Club no longer existed in the Town.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to seek a recommendation from the Recreation Advisory Board and to delay the decision until November 2013 meeting. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioners Dixon, Baker, Moore and Shackleford voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Hicks voting in the negative.

Commissioner Hicks asked for a five- year history detail of the utilities at the building.

10. Veterans Memorial

Mayor Evans stated the Appearance Commission considered the request to move the Walter B. Jones Town Commons sign. He stated they felt the current location of the sign was ideal and did not recommend relocating it.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Appearance Commission and to not relocate the Walter B. Jones Town Common sign. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Arts Council Request Regarding Magnolia Trees in Front of Building

Mayor Evans stated the Appearance Commission considered the request from the Arts Council to remove the two Magnolia trees in front of the Arts Council building. He stated they felt the marquee is easily visible from both directions on Main Street and given that the Town of Farmville is a Tree City, they recommend not to remove the trees.

Commissioner Moore commented that it may be a good idea to table the issue and give the Arts Council time to work with the Appearance Commission.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to delay a decision for 60 days. Hicks stated this would give the Appearance Commission time to trim the trees or re-consider the request and meet with the Arts Council if they so desire. The motion carried unanimously.

12. NCLM Annual Business Meeting Voting Delegate and Alternate Voting Delegate

Mayor Evans stated the NC League of Municipalities will hold its annual conference October 13-15 in Hickory with the Annual Business Meeting being held on October 15, 2013. He asked the Board to designate one voting delegate and one alternate voting delegate for the Town Board.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to delegate Mayor Evans as voting delegate and Town Manager Hodgkins as the alternate voting delegate. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Approve Site Plans for Wilco Hess on Marlboro

Deleted item

14. Award Bid on 2014 Digger Derrick

Special Services Director Glenn Letchworth asked the Board to award the “piggyback” bid to Altec Industries for the 45’ Digger Derrick. He stated the quoted price from Altec is \$196,962 and the anticipated delivery is about eight months.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to award the “piggyback” bid to Altec Industries. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Evans asked for citizen comments.

Frances Barnhill had a question concerning the monthly Town newsletter.

Carolyn Ward expressed her concern about the future of the Boys and Girls Club.

Emily Harris expressed her support for the Boys and Girls Club but not to the extent that it takes away from the Recreation program.

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On motion by Commissioner Dixon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk