

**Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
October 2, 2012**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 2, 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 Bill Lewis and Deputy Clerk Theresa L. Cieslinski.

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

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

Citizen Presentations

Mayor Evans recognized Brad Johnston, Principal of Farmville Central High School, a representative for Farmville High School fundraiser for the Athletic Booster.

Mr. Johnston explained to the Board the Athletic Booster Club was having a fund raiser in the back alley behind Farmville Hardware and would like to ask the support of the board to donate the staging and power for the band.

Maureen Brazzel, representative for the Academic Booster Club, reported to the Board the new ideas for raising funds which included newsletter news, website access for memberships, displaying forms at downtown businesses and meeting with all four schools to work together. Ms. Brazzel thanked the Board for their support.

Public Hearings

1. Property at 4357 West Hines Street

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the homeowner has already demolished this property so no action is required.

2. Property at 3585 South Walnut Street

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the property located at 3585 South Walnut Street (parcel #12384), owned by Jones, Gertrude Heirs, has been condemned by the building inspector and request authorization to have the dwelling demolished.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the demolition of property request open at 7:37 p.m.

There being no further comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the demolition of the dwelling located at 3585 South Walnut Street and adopted Ordinance (2012) 778, Ordinance Directing the Building Official to demolish the property herein described as being dangerous and unsafe and directing that a notice be placed thereon, and that the same not be occupied until demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Property at 4122 South Main Street

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the property located at 4122 South Main Street (parcel #00567), owned by Armstrong, Annie G. Jane Heirs, has been condemned by the building inspector and request authorization to have the dwelling demolished.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the demolition of property request open at 7:40 p.m.

There being no further comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the demolition of the dwelling located at 4122 South Main Street and adopted Ordinance (2012) 779, Ordinance Directing the Building Official to demolish the property herein described as being dangerous and unsafe and directing that a notice be placed thereon, and that the same not be occupied until demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Property at 4151 South Main Street

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the property located at 4151 South Main Street (parcel #06439), owned by Dupree, Elaine E., has been condemned by the building inspector and request authorization to have the dwelling demolished.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the demolition of property request open at 7:42 p.m.

There being no further comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the demolition of the dwelling located at 4151 South Main Street and adopted Ordinance (2012) 780, Ordinance Directing the Building Official to demolish the property herein described as being dangerous and unsafe and directing that a notice be placed thereon, and that the same not be occupied until demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Property at 3632 Williams Street

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the property located at 3632 Williams Street (parcel #25290), owned by Styers, Thomas Frank, has been condemned by the building inspector and request authorization to have the dwelling demolished.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the demolition of property request open at 7:44 p.m.

There being no further comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve the demolition of the dwelling located at 3632 Williams Street and adopted Ordinance (2012) 781, Ordinance Directing the Building Official to demolish the property herein described as being dangerous and

unsafe and directing that a notice be placed thereon, and that the same not be occupied until demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Property at 3538 South George Street

Developmental Services Director Paul Ellis stated the property located at 3538 South George Street (parcel #15516), owned by Deckelbaum, Richard S., has been condemned by the building inspector and request authorization to have the dwelling demolished.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the demolition of property request open at 7:46 p.m.

There being no further comment, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the demolition of the dwelling located at 3538 South George Street and adopted Ordinance (2012) 782, Ordinance Directing the Building Official to demolish the property herein described as being dangerous and unsafe and directing that a notice be placed thereon, and that the same not be occupied until demolished. The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Consent

7. Approval of Minutes

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

- September 04, 2012 Regular & closed sessions
- September 24, 2012 Special & closed sessions

8. Ordinance Amending 2012/2013 Budget - Controlled Substance

To adopt an ordinance amending the 2012/2013 budget to move funds to controlled substance federal forfeiture account.

9. Appoint Advisory Board Members to the Housing Authority Commission

To approve the reappointments of Eddie Tew and Amos Horne for 5-year terms to the Housing Authority Commission

10. Appoint Advisory Board Members to the Library Advisory Board

To approve the reappointments of Kearney Long, Mary Dixon, Joann Williford and Gay Davenport to the Library Advisory Board.

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

- *Approved the minutes from the September 04, 2012 regular and closed sessions, September 24, 2012 special and closed sessions*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2012) 783, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2012/2013 Budget Ordinance*
- *Adopted Resolutions (2012)1198 and (2012)1199, Resolutions appointing Advisory Board Members to the Housing Authority Commission*
- *Adopted Resolutions (2012)1200, (2012)1201, (2012)1202, (2012)1203, Resolutions appointing members to the Library Advisory Board.*

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Decision

Special Presentation & Vote

Mayor Evans made a special presentation of the New Town Manager, David P. Hodgkins from Cherryville, NC.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to extend Employment Agreement to David Hodgkins with the terms stated in the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Contribution to Farmville Central Marching Band Booster Club

Mayor Evans stated he would like the Board of Commissioners to make a \$100.00 donation to the Farmville Central Marching Booster Club from the Legislative Travel and Staff Development.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to contribute \$100.00 to the Farmville Central Marching Booster Club. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Contribution to Farmville Academic Booster Club

Mayor Evans stated he would like the Board of Commissioners to make a \$100.00 contribution to the Farmville Academic Booster Club. This will enable the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to become members of the club for School Year 2012-2013.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve a contribution of \$100.00 to the Farmville Academic Booster Club and they are able to use it at their discretion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. LSTA Grants for Farmville Public Library

David Miller, Library Director asked the Board of Commissioners for approval to apply for two Library Service and Technology Act Grants which are due by February 28, 2013.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the Library's request to apply for both LSTA grants. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Farmville Public Library Participate in the Taste of Farmville

David Miller, Library Director requested permission for the Farmville Public Library to participate in the Taste of Farmville. He stated the Library Board and staff will be serving as needed. The Button Chair exhibit will be on display and refreshments will be available for visitors. Mr. Miller also requested for Connie Widney, Children's Librarian, to read a Christmas story to the children again this year.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Library's request to participate in the Taste of Farmville and Ms. Widney to read a Christmas Story for the children. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Municipal Athletic Park

Rich Moore, McDavid Inc., presented the options for funding the local match of \$176,250 required for PARTF grant to improve the Municipal Athletic Park. After detailed discussion, Jeff Polaski, Recreation and Parks Director, will call a special meeting for the Recreation and Parks Board for their recommendations regarding the improvements and McDavid, Inc ask contractor for an extension of his 90 day price quote for an additional 5 days to November 7th so recommendations can be brought back to the Board of Commissioners at the November meeting.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to table this item, pending recommendation from the Recreation and Parks Board and getting a 5 day extension from the contractors price quote. The motion carried unanimously.

16. Automatic Meter Reading

Rich Moore, McDavid Inc., presented options for funding to complete replacement of older water meters with automatic meter reading facilities. After detailed descriptions of the three options, Board agrees the option to pay as you go.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept Option 3 – Reject the \$475,000 loan from Public Water supply and allocate funds from the water fund (operational account) each year as in prior years to replace about 200-300 meters each year. To pay for all of the needed meters and software upgrades, this would require another 5-7 years of budget appropriations. McDavid will notify the Public Water Supply of our intent to withdraw our request for funding of \$475,000. The motion carried unanimously.

17. Acceptance of Offer to Lease Property – Solar Energy, LLC

Mayor briefly described the details regarding the Option to Lease Agreement to Degs Solar Energy, LLC and after discussion the Board agrees agreement needs amending for clarification.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to table Lease Agreement until Attorney Bill Lewis amends the Option to Lease Agreement for clarification. The motion carried unanimously.

18. Pedestrian Plan Services Contract

It is requested the Board of Commissioners approve the Pedestrian Plan Services Contract between the Mid-East Commission.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the contract between the Mid-East Commission and the Town of Farmville to complete a Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

19. Connect CTY – Contract Renewal

Brian Spehar, IT Administrator presented three quotes for our notification system. Our current contract expired September 30, 2012. Our current provider, Connect

CTY, submitted a lower quote than our original contract which was also lower than the other two quotes received. Mr. Spehar suggested we remain with Connect CTY

Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to approve the 3-year contract with Connect CTY. The motion carried unanimously.

20. Appoint Mid-East Commission Board of Directors

Commissioner Hicks stated the Town of Farmville currently does not have representation on the Mid-East Commission Board. An individual needs to be an elected official or municipal staff person. He would like to nominate Theresa Cieslinski to serve on this board.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to appoint Theresa Cieslinski to serve on the Mid-East Commission Board. The motion carried unanimously.

21. Award of Bid for Knuckle-boom Truck & Financing

Paul Ellis, Developmental Services Director, recommended award of bid to Triple T. Parts & Equipment Company for purchasing a knuckle-boom truck, with financing by BB&T at 2.17% interest rate. Ellis stated he received two finance quotes but BB&T was the lowest.

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board awarded the bid to Triple T. Parts & Equipment Company and approved financing with BB&T. The motion carried unanimously.

22. Greene Correctional Inmate Contract (added agenda item)

Paul Ellis, Developmental Services Director requested the Board of Commissioners approve the discontinuation of the Inmate Labor Contract due to the quality of inmates we are now getting. In discussing the issues, Commissioner Moore mentioned the hiring of a temporary part time summer employee and Mr. Ellis stated he thinks his staff can handle it but when the season arrives he would see how things went.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the discontinuation of the Inmate Labor Contract with the NC Department of Corrections effective October 5, 2012 and adopted Ordinance (2012) 783, Ordinance ending inmate contract with NC Department of Corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Evans addressed his concerns regarding the downtown parking issues. He presented the Board with a letter he drafted for the downtown merchants. The Board agrees the parking is an issue and the letter should be sent to all Main Street and Wilson Street Businesses.

Closed Session

On motion by Commissioner Hicks, the Board adjourned into closed session at 9:46 p.m. pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

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On motion by Commissioner Dixon, the Board returned into regular session at 10:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

On motion by Commissioner Moore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Theresa L. Cieslinski, Deputy Clerk