

Town of Farmville
Board of Commissioners
January 6, 2009

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Robert L. Evans presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Joe Kue, Joe Hillard, John Baker, John Moore and Charlotte Batton; Town Attorney Bill Lewis; Town Manager Richard N. Hicks and Town Clerk Amy B. Johnson.

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

Pastor Oscar Coggin, of the Pine Street Baptist Church in Farmville, offered the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Evans introduced Frank Bradham, who resides at 5946 May Boulevard in Farmville.

Mr. Bradham expressed his desire to help start the evening's meeting off on a positive note, by commending the Chief of Police and his employees and others for the re-routing of the truck route. He stated it had decreased the truck trafficking in the Town.

Town Manager Hicks stated he had no comments at this time.

Finance Director, Amy B. Johnson gave the financial report for the month of November, 2008.

Donnie Greene, Paul Ellis, Dean Corbett and Jeanne Bonds gave their quarterly departmental reports.

Town Manager Hicks stated he had the following deletion to the evening's agenda:

- Removal of Agenda item #9

The Board agreed to remove Agenda item #9.

Public Hearings

1. Rezoning Request at 9100 West Marlboro Road

Paul Ellis presented a request from Ms. Barbara Jones that her property at 9100 West Marlboro Road be rezoned from R-15 Residential to Highway Business. He stated Ms. Jones wished to operate an after school daycare business.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on the Rezoning Request at 9100 West Marlboro Road to be opened at 7:59 p.m.

Barbara Jones, the owner of the property, addressed the Board concerning her rezoning request and her desire to operate an after school daycare

There being no further comments, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 8:01 p.m.

Commissioner Moore made the motion to adopt Ordinance (2009) 632, Ordinance Amending Chapter 27, Zoning

Items for Consent

2. Approval of Minutes

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

- December 2, 2008 (regular meeting)
- December 2, 2008 (closed meeting)

3. Approval of Minutes

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

- October 15, 2008 (special meeting)
- October 27, 2008 (special meeting)

4. Annual Certification of Fireman

To approve and certify the current roster of the Farmville Fire Department as a valid and accurate list of all eligible firemen.

5. Adoption of Ordinance Amending 2008-2009 Budget

To adopt an ordinance amending the 2008/2009 Budget to decrease the Cable TV Franchise Revenues to \$0 and to include the budgeted amount of \$36,000 to the Utilities Franchise Tax Account due to the Town's payments now being included in the quarterly Utility Franchise Tax payments from the State.

6. Adoption of Ordinance Amending 2008-2009 Budget

To adopt an ordinance amending the 2008/2009 Budget to appropriate funds of \$2600 to use from the Friends Trust Account in order to match a grant received from the GATES Foundation that will allow the Library to purchase 8 additional computers.

On motion by Commissioner Kue, the Board approved the following:

- *Approved the minutes from the December 2, 2008 regular and closed session meetings*
- *Approved the minutes from the October 15, 2008 special meeting and the October 27, 2008 special meeting*
- *Approved the Annual Certification of Fireman Roster*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2009) 633, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2008/2009 Budget Ordinance- General Fund*
- *Adopted Ordinance (2009) 634, An Ordinance Amending the FY 2008/2009 Budget Ordinance- General & Library Trust Funds*

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Decision

7. Presentation of 2007/2008 Audit

Jay Paris presented the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2008.

Commissioner Hillard made a motion to approve the audit for the year ended June 30, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Proposal for Management of Candlewick Wastewater Collection System

Van Lewis, from McDavid Associates, stated several months ago, the Town Board expressed an interest in accepting the wastewater from the Candlewick Subdivision on Stantonsburg Road in the event they were successful in creating a Sanitary Sewer District or some type of governing jurisdiction. Lewis stated if the project moves forward, they need to determine if the Town of Farmville would have an interest in managing the day to day operations of the service district.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept interest and move forward in managing the Candlewick Wastewater Collection System. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Presentation on Safe Routes to School Program

Tabled.

10. Adoption of Resolution Approving Plans for Phase 1B Water Project

Van Lewis stated McDavid Associates has completed the plans and specifications for the Phase 1B of the GUC Waterline Project. He requested adoption of a Resolution Approving the Plans and Specifications for Contract 3- Water Transmission Lines, Booster Pump Station and Controls; and Contract 4- Well Ammonia Feed Systems.

Commissioner Kue made a motion to adopt Resolution (2009) 991, Plan Approval and Authorization to Receive Bids Contract No. 3- Water Transmission Lines, BPS and Controls, Contract No. 4- Well Ammonia Feed Systems, Alternative Water Supply Project, Phase 1B- Farmville Internal Improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

Town Manager Hicks suggested moving Agenda items #11 & #12 until after Agenda item #18 due to time.

The Board agreed.

13. Award of Bids on Bucket Trucks

Town Manager Hicks stated the 2008/2009 budget included funds for the lease/purchase of a new bucket truck and service bucket truck. Hicks requested authorization to award the bid to Altec Industries in the amount of \$150,106 for a 55' Hydraulic Articulating Aerial Device (Bucket Truck). He also requested authorization to award the bid to the City of Englewood in the amount of \$83,224 for a small service bucket truck with additional options to make the unit more useable than the existing one.

Commissioner Hillard made a motion to award the bid for the large 55' bucket truck to Altec Industries and place the purchase of the small bucket service truck on hold. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Award of Bids on Financing Equipment

Town Manager Hicks stated he requested proposals from BB&T and Southern Bank for the financing of both bucket trucks. Hicks requested approval of the financing proposal, for the large bucket truck, from BB&T for a 59-month lease purchase at an interest rate of 2.71%, which was the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Kue made a motion to award the bid for the financing proposal to BB&T at 2.71% for the large bucket truck. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Request Consideration of Purchasing Street Sweeper

Town Manager Hicks requested the purchase of a new Street Sweeper. He stated the current one in the shop awaiting repairs of an estimated cost of \$8,000 to rebuild the engine. Hicks informed the Board the truck was 10+ years old and is beginning to show significant wear. He stated that he planned on trying to replace the unit in the 2009/2010 budget year, but now is recommending that in lieu of making the expensive repairs, the Town go ahead and purchase the new unit. Hicks presented two proposals from Twin States Equipment, Inc. based on doing a piggyback bid on a recent bid by Rocky Mount. He recommended the stainless unit at \$169,489 and stated Paul Ellis, the new Public Works Director, would be responsible for selecting a suitable operator and taking advantage of some extensive training from the company after the purchase.

Commissioner Kue made a motion to accept the proposal from Twin States for a new street sweeper. The motion failed 2 to 3, with Commissioners Kue and Baker voting in the affirmative and Commissioners Moore, Hillard and Batton voting in the negative.

16. Award of Bid on Financing Street Sweeper

Skipped due to failed motion in agenda item #15.

17. Request Authorization to Proceed with Underground Line Replacement

Town Manager Hicks stated for the past couple of years, the Town has been experiencing significant problems with the underground electric system service at the Farmville Housing Authority. Hicks presented a cost estimate prepared by Power Services in July of 2006. He stated in lieu of replacing all of the transformers, he feels it would be best to use the existing outdated units until they fail and replace them one at the time. He stated the total estimated cost for the installation of the underground cable was \$190,957.95. Hicks presented a proposal from E&R, Inc. with a fixed cost of \$123,115.30. He said the 2008/2009 Budget includes \$75,000 for capital improvements. Hicks asked the Board for authorization to move ahead with the installation of the underground with E&R for a distance that the budgeted funds will allow. Hicks added that any remaining work would be proposed to be completed in the 2009/2010 budget.

Commissioner Hillard made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to proceed with the project of replacing the underground line at the Farmville Housing Authority.. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Discuss Potential Projects for Economic Stimulus Package

Town Manager Hicks stated there has been a tremendous amount of discussion in the past few weeks regarding a proposed Economic Development Stimulus Package that might be developed in Washington. Hicks added the preliminary discussions are that the funds may be 100% grant. He suggested the Town make a decision and have projects “shovel ready.” He stated the following projects that come to mind:

1. Replacement of Moye-Turnage Road Sewer Outfall Line
2. Infrastructure for Industrial Park
3. Moye-Turnage Road Waterline

Van Lewis, from McDavid Associates, gave a presentation on the Moye-Turnage Road Sewer Outfall line.

After a general discussion, Commissioner Kue made a motion to proceed with the Moye-Turnage Road Waterline project and the Replacement of the Moye-Turnage Road Sewer Outfall Line project. The motion carried 4 to 1, with Commissioners Hillard, Moore, Baker and Kue voting in the affirmative and Commissioner Batton voting in the negative.

12. Proposed Amendment of Chapter 19, Code of Ordinances- Parks and Recreation

Recreation Director Jeff Polaski presented a proposed Organizational Chart for a Master Recreation Committee. He explained he would supervise the Master Recreation Committee and information would flow from the committee through he to the Town Board and vice versa. He also explained the committee would consist of a 5-member executive Board, made up of the following components:

- One member from the Youth Board
- One member from the Adult Board
- One member from the Long Range Planning Board
- Two members from the Private Sector

Polaski stated if the Board was satisfied with the proposal, he would bring an ordinance back for adoption at the February Board meeting.

The Board indicated their satisfaction with the proposed Organization chart for a Master Recreation Committee.

18. Presentation on Utility GIS System

Van Lewis, from McDavid Associates, presented the Town’s Water, Sewer and Storm Drainage GIS System. Lewis stated it had been ten years to develop and collect all the necessary data.

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On motion by Commissioner Batton, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk