

**Minutes
Windsor Planning Meeting
Town Hall
March 7, 2019**

The Windsor Town Council met in Planning session on March 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Windsor Town Center, Windsor Virginia. Mayor Glyn Willis was present, and he called the meeting to order. He welcomed those who were present. Terry Whitehead, Town Clerk, recorded the minutes. Michael Stallings, Town Manager and Ben Sullivan, Planning and Zoning Administrator, were present.

Council members present: Durwood Scott
Greg Willis
Walter Bernacki
Kelly Blankenship
J. Randy Carr
George Stubbs

Farmville Representatives: Gerald (Gerry) Spates, Town Manager
A.D. (Chuckie) Reid, Vice Mayor

Meeting Facilitator: Renee Rountree

Mayor Willis thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He said this is the first planning session for this Council with three new Council members and a new Mayor. He said the goal of this and future planning sessions is to create a vision for the Town of Windsor and plan and organize where we want the Town to be in the future regarding growth and infrastructure.

Mayor Willis announced that Mr. Spates and Mr. Reid are present to give a presentation on how the Town of Farmville thrives. He said they gave an informative presentation at a VML conference attended by Mr. Stallings. Mayor Willis explained that Mr. Stallings felt this presentation may be helpful as Council begins the process of future planning and growth for the Town of Windsor.

Farmville Presentation

Mr. Spates reported that Farmville's population is approximately 8,200, which includes 4,200 Longwood students. He said the budget for Farmville is \$29,300,000 with a tax rate of .12 per \$100 for real estate and \$1.50 per \$100 for personal property. He said the Town's meals tax rate is 7%

Mr. Spates said Farmville is home to both Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College and is fortunate enough to have Green Front Furniture located in its hometown. He said High Bridge Trail State Park is located near Farmville. He noted that Farmville has a train station, golf course, airport, dog park, a downtown plaza, a farmers market, and two cemeteries. He said there is an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention facility and a regional jail located in Farmville, which has operated with no negative effects for the Town.

Mr. Spates said Farmville operates its own water and wastewater treatment plants, has a public works department, which maintains the streets, operates a trash collection service and recyclable service. He said Farmville also provides police protection, owns and operates an airport, and has a recreational department.

Mr. Spates said Farmville receives grants from VDOT, DMV, USDA, and he noted that the state and the FAA provides grant money for the airport.

Mr. Spates said he feels that rebuilt infrastructure promoted growth for the Town of Farmville.

Mayor Willis thanked Mr. Spates and Mr. Reid for attending the meeting and sharing the presentation with Council.

Planning Session

Council discussed expectations and goals for the planning sessions. They agreed that a unified vision is needed in order to establish goals and plan for future growth for the Town. Council discussed the following future goals and needs for the Town of Windsor:

- establish unified vision and plan
- develop a new downtown
- identify centralized area for business district
- make zoning more conducive to businesses
- involve community and receive input from citizens
- improve store fronts/make Town more attractive
- make Town where people want to work, live, and play
- facilitate neighborhood get-togethers/community block parties
- greater water and sewer capacity
- improve U.S. Route 460
- sidewalks for connectivity
- internet/broadband
- healthcare/doctors
- build new town hall
- bury power lines
- address drainage system
- landscape plan on U.S. Route 460/decorative lights
- employment opportunities to keep young people from leaving
- more rooftops needed to attract businesses
- revise comprehensive plan
- create some type of market for the Town
- make sure Town is equipped to offer services that citizens need
- make shopping a pleasant experience
- affordable housing
- public transportation for seniors/citizens

- parks and more recreation
- use strengths we have and grow
- think outside the box/give unique prospectives
- visitor center
- establish a draw for tourism
- revamp Town's website
- support and make decisions from citizen's expectations
- keep citizens informed
- be good stewards of taxpayers money

Council continued to discuss long-term and short-term goals for the Town. They agreed to schedule another planning session to continue to develop a vision and plan for the Town of Windsor.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Whitehead, Town Clerk