

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Tuesday, May 1, 2007**

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Luray Town Council Chambers located at 45 East Main Street, Luray, Virginia at which time there were present the following:

Presiding: Mayor Ralph H. Dean

**Council Present: Nancy Shifflett
William Menefee
Leroy Lancaster
Barry Presgraves
Earl "Rock" Racer**

Council Absent: Lonnie Arrington

**Also Present: Rick Black, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer
Ligon Webb – Town Planner
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Town Manager Rick Black asked that the Lee Street Capital Project be added to the agenda.

Mr. Black informed Council that the following items would be on the agenda for the May 14, 2007 Council meeting: Resolution adopting the Personal Property Tax Relief percentage for tax year 2007 and the public hearings on the 2007-2008 Budget.

Mr. Webb updated Council on the following Public Hearings that will be the agenda for the regular Council meeting: a special use permit request for a single family dwelling submitted by Allen Louderback and a vacation of Public Right-of-way request by Mr. & Mrs. James Beatty of 119 South Marye Lane.

Mr. Wayne Bronson of Oak Tree Productions was present to inform Council of a project they are doing for various towns. This 26 minute documentary series features the historic towns of Virginia. The narration of the featured towns will be presented by people who live in these historic towns. An example of the documentary which featured the Town of Mount Jackson, Virginia was shown to Council. The cost of the documentary for each town is \$6,000.00 and each program will also require one or more sponsors in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Chief of Police Page Campbell briefed Council on the LEOS Program through the Virginia Retirement System. The Police Department operates under a 30 years and age of 50 policy for full retirement benefits. Chief Campbell requested that Council approve a change in the program allowing police officers to retire upon reaching the age of 50 with 25 years of service. He also informed Council that another change in the LEOS Program that was approved by this year's General Assembly was increasing the "retirement multiplier" from 1.7 to 1.85 which would increase the amount of the full retirement benefit.

Mr. Larry Weaver of Racey Engineering presented to Council a summary of estimates for the Greenway Section IV. He stated that the estimates does not include right of way acquisition, permit requirements and hydrology studies and scoping fees. Mr. Black informed Council that the DCR will be here on May 9 to look at the project.

Mr. Black updated Council on the CDBG project. Phase I of the façade program will go to bid at the end of April and the next CDBG meeting will be held on May 7.

Allegheny Power is proposing a 25% rate increase effective July 1, 2007. The proposed budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year takes into consideration this increase based upon actual electrical usage. A brief discussion was held pertaining to street lights.

Assistant Town Manager Bryan Chrisman updated Council on the changes in the Personnel Policy which included the evaluation form which will be used beginning July 1, 2007. He also stated that he is working on amendments to the Policy that address position descriptions, job classifications and essential personnel.

Mr. Black presented to Council a copy of the Luray-Page Airport funding request for the upcoming Fiscal Year. Their current projection is approximately \$1422.00 short.

Mr. Black presented two Resolutions from Page County requesting Council support and adoption of the resolutions. These resolutions support increased funding for veterans and supports the development of comprehensive regulations for the use of remote controlled railroad track switching devices.

Mr. Black also updated Council on the maintenance of the Reservoir Chlorination Building which involves Mr. Jesse Proffitt and Mr. Ed Fox.

Mr. Black stated that the Lee Street Project was underway. He stated that he understood that it was the consensus of Council that the project includes the line into the Mimslyn.

Mr. Black informed Council of the Chamber Banquet and the Town Section meeting that is to be held in Gordonsville.

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the **work** session of the Town Council.

Mayor Ralph H. Dean

Mary F. Broyles
Clerk-Treasurer