

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA
Thursday, November 9, 2017
5:30PM**

The Luray Town Council met in a special session on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 5:30 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: Leroy Lancaster

Council Present: Ron Vickers
Jerry Dofflemyer
Jerry Schiro
Joseph Sours
Leah Pence

Absent: Mayor Barry Presgraves

Also Present: Bryan Chrisman, Acting Town Manager
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Councilman Lancaster led members in the United States Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called with Mayor Presgraves absent.

UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Acting Manager, Bryan Chrisman, provided Council with several updates. Mr. Chrisman said that the Council has been invited to attend the *Christmas in Stanley* event and parade on December 2nd. Council members discussed if they would be able to attend. Mr. Chrisman also discussed e-mail correspondence with the Luray Train Club regarding their request to use the Brown's building. Mr. Chrisman explained that he has also met with the Page County Building Official and has provided Council with this update in their meeting packet.

Councilman Dofflemyer said that he would like to discuss issues with the Ralph Dean Recreation Park ball fields. Mr. Chrisman explained the fees associated with using the ball fields. He noted that the Town does not come close to recovering its costs. He also advised that precedence has always been given to local groups. There have been some scheduling meetings held and the issue seems to be dates and fees. Mr. Chrisman explained that tournament organizers do make money on their events and pay very little fees to the Town. Mr. Chrisman added that staff has been researching fees charged

by other localities for their fields. He plans to revisit the town's fee schedule and bring this back before Council. Councilman Schiro expressed that he would like to see the fees remain revenue neutral. Mr. Chrisman explained that tournaments involve a great deal of staff time to prep fields, clean up trash, maintain restrooms, and much more. He also stressed the importance of keeping the field work in house in order to ensure the fields are maintained to our standards. Councilwoman Pence countered that perhaps preference should be given to those paying to use the fields. Acting Manager, Bryan Chrisman, explained that the Luray Little League is the least demanding of all those that use the facilities. Mr. Chrisman discussed the concession stands for next year and said the Town plans to advertise for a local vendor. He hopes that advertising will begin in December to recruit a vendor for 2018.

Councilwoman Pence inquired about the Luau Event at Lake Arrowhead that was held in the summer 2017. Acting Manager, Bryan Chrisman, said that there will not be a Luau Event next year. He said that staff plans to focus on combining some events and taking pressure of the Parks and Recreation Department in terms of planning and staffing. Mr. Chrisman along with Councilman Sours discussed the need to work on efficiencies with events in terms of budgeting and scheduling.

Councilwoman Pence discussed the recent VML Conference and the presentation on Council members hosting their own event. She feels the Council should return to this discussion at a later time and consider the support of hosting and planning its own event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Disposition of Real Property, Section 2.2-3711.A.3 (Brown's Building and Main Street Bridge)
Personnel Matters, Section 2.2-3711.A.1 (Town Manager)

Councilman Lancaster requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters relevant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 and Section 2.2-3711.A.1.

Motion: Councilman Lancaster motioned to recess the special session and to convene in executive session; Councilman Sours seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. Approved 6-0

Motion: Councilman Lancaster motioned to adjourn the closed session and to reconvene in open session; Councilwoman Pence seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. Approved 6-0

Councilman Lancaster asked members of Council to certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters covered under Section 2.2-3711.A.3 and 2.2-3711.A.1 were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed session. The roll was called with all members certifying "Yes".

Adjourn

With no further business, Councilman Lancaster adjourned the special meeting of the Luray Town Council at approximately 9:30 p.m.

President of Council, Leroy Lancaster

Deputy Clerk, Danielle Babb