

**A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE TOWN COUNCIL  
OF  
THE TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA**

**Monday, January 13, 2020**

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:00 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 Barry Presgraves

**Council Present:**

Ron Vickers  
Jerry Dofflemyer  
Jerry Schiro  
Leroy Lancaster  
Joseph Sours  
Leah Pence

**Also Present:**

Steve Burke, Town Manager  
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager  
Jason Botkins, Litten & Sipe  
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer  
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Chief Carl "Bow" Cook, Luray Police Department  
Bill Huffman, Luray Downtown Initiative  
Meredith Dees, Luray Downtown Initiative  
Jason Pettit, Luray Downtown Initiative  
Randy Arrington, Editor- Page News & Courier  
Ligon Webb, Director of Building and Zoning- Madison County

A quorum being present, Mayor Presgraves declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. All present stood for a moment of silence. Councilman Sours led everyone in the United States Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called with all members present.

Mayor Presgraves welcomed special guests Mr. Randy Arrington, Editor- Page News and Courier, and Mr. William "Ligon" Webb, Director of Building and Zoning- Madison County, to the evening's meeting.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** Councilman Vickers motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Dofflemyer with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

### *Consent Agenda*

- (A) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – 12-09-19
- (B) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$140,693.17
- (C) Financial Statements ending December 31, 2019

## **DEPARTMENTS, TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

### **Luray Downtown Initiative**

Ms. Meredith Dees discussed upcoming plans for a Mardi Gras themed event. The event will feature downtown shops and restaurants with mask decorating and Mardi Gras themed menus. Participants can enter to win a “king cake” made by Baby Moons. The event will take place on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Proclamation – Dixon Freeland**

Mr. Burke presented a proclamation recognizing Dixon Freeland for his contributions to the Town of Luray through his service on the Town’s Tree & Beautification Committee since its establishment in September 2000. Mr. Freeland served as the committee’s first Chairman and has continued his service through organizing and participating in the committee’s various efforts.

**Motion:** Councilman Dofflemyer motioned to approve the Proclamation recognizing Dixon Freeland for his contributions to the Town through his service on the Tree & Beautification Committee as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

### **Tree & Beautification Committee Appointment**

Town Manager, Steve Burke, requested that Council members consider the appointment of Joshua Mayne as Councilman Schiro’s appointee to the Tree & Beautification Committee to fill the vacancy of Mr. Freeland.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Pence moved that the Town Council appoint Joshua Mayne to the Tree & Beautification Committee with his term to expire December 31, 2022. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

### **Repeal – Town Code 18-36**

Mr. Burke requested Council members consider the repeal of Town Code Chapter 18-36 Barking or Howling Dogs. Mr. Burke noted that both Sections 18-36 and Section 58-5 address the noise issue, but that Section 18-36 is not as enforceable. The recommendation is to allow Section 58-5 be the controlling code.

**Motion:** Councilman Schiro moved that the Town Council repeal Town Code Section 18-36 Barking or howling dogs as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Dofflemyer with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

### **Code Amendment- Chapter 18- Animals**

Town Manager, Steve Burke, discussed draft Code Amendments to Sections 1-9 of Chapter 18- Animals. The Town Attorney has developed Code Amendments to Chapter 18 to protect public health and safety based on recent inquiries about keeping non-domesticated animals within the Town. No action is needed this evening as a draft amendment will be on the February agenda. Council members discussed potential changes regarding livestock, fowl, etc.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY**

Jason Botkins, Town Attorney, had no further business for the evening.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

*-Recess-*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Personnel: Performance of the Town Manager,  
Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1)**

Mayor Presgraves requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters relevant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 regarding the performance of the Town Manager.

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

*-Closed Meeting-*

**Certification:** Mayor Presgraves asked members of Council to certify that to the best of their knowledge only matters covered under Section 2.2-3711.A.1 were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed session. **Motion:** Councilman Schiro motioned to certify the closed session; Councilman Vickers

seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Mayor Presgraves, Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence.

Town Attorney, Jason Botkins, stated that he will prepare a draft based on the closed session information, and Council may take formal action at the February meeting.

**Motion:** Councilman Schiro motioned to approve the continued employment of the Town Manager as discussed; Councilman Lancaster seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. Approved 6-0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilman Vickers inquired if there were any updates on the Brown’s Building. Mr. Burke stated that the listing has been posted with Bill Dudley Associates Real Estate, and that the signage is displayed in the Brown’s window.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Barry Presgraves  
Mayor

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Danielle Babb  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer