

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

Monday, January 14, 2019

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 14 2019, 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:

Ronald Vickers

Jerry Schiro

Jerry Dofflemyer

Leroy Lancaster

Joseph Sours

Leah Pence (present after roll call)

Also Present:

Steve Burke, Town Manager

Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager

Jason Botkins, Litten & Sipe

Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer

Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Meredith Dees, Luray Downtown Initiative- Director

Bill Huffman, Luray Downtown Initiative

Chief C.S. "Bow" Cook

Dakota Baker, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Ken Racine, Racine Multi Sports

Mike Foltz, Stanley Vol. Fire Dept.

Henry Molina, Fraternal Order of Police

Mike Uram, Stanley Town Council

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.

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. **Approved 5-0**

Consent Agenda

- (A) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – 12-10-18
- (B) Financial Reports Ending December 31, 2018
- (C) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$ 190,462.89

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dakota Baker, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation

Ms. Baker presented updates from Parks and Recreation and noted new additions to Town events. *Movies on Main* will be featured every other Thursday night from June through August and will feature free family movies at Ruffner Plaza. The summer concert series will be moved to Performing Arts Luray Plaza, due to the bridge construction. Ms. Baker noted that currently there is no stage area at Ruffner Plaza. She added that this will also allow for moving indoors at PALS during inclement weather. The concert series will also be extended into October this year.

PRESENTATIONS

Ken Racine, Racine Multi-Sports- Luray Half Marathon-September 7, 2019

Mr. Ken Racine briefed Council on three major events planned for 2019. The annual Swim Fest will be held on June 15th, the Luray Triathlon and Duathlon on August 17th and 18th, and the Luray Half Marathon on September 7th. Mr. Racine reviewed the planned course for the Luray Half Marathon and noted that downtown Luray will be the focus. He added that he hopes the event will bring a lot of business to Luray and that the race will be opened to the public on February 1st. Mr. Racine said that parking for the event will be well planned and he will work with local police and sheriff's office for traffic control.

Chief Cook said that he has met with Mr. Racine and reviewed the course. Ms. Dees, Luray Downtown Initiative, said that she is excited for the event to bring more folks downtown. Mr. Burke noted that no action is needed from Council on this item; as the approval for the event is with Chief Cook, through the event procedure. Councilman Dofflemyer added that this event is exactly what is needed.

Fishing Derby Request- Stanley VFD & Fraternal Order of Police- Mike Foltz, Henry Molina

Mike Foltz, Stanley Volunteer Fire Department, requested to use the Greenway area along Hawksbill Creek for a one-day trout derby. The event would be a fundraiser for the SVFD and the FOP, proceeds would be shared between the two organizations. The tentative date is May 4th, one weekend prior to the Festival of Spring. He complimented the Town's annual Trout Derby and noted that last year an event was held in Stanley near the Hawksbill Pool. He explained that there is not enough area along the Creekside for a larger event, therefore the need for this request.

Mayor Presgraves asked the groups to include Luray Fire Department in this fundraising effort. Ms. Dakota Baker, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, said she has met with Mr. Foltz and Mr. Molina and has no issues. She added that she likes their concept of an adult and child event; whereas the Town's Trout Derby is for children only. Councilwoman Pence noted that she feels the event is a great idea. Councilman Vickers added that it would be great to involve more police and fire organizations.

Councilwoman Pence countered that it is overreach to ask that the groups partner with others. Mayor Presgraves said that a decision would not be made this evening and the Council would discuss this further next month.

DEPARTMENTS, TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Luray Downtown Initiative

Ms. Dees advised Council members that Kyle Meyer from Virginia Main Street will be traveling to Luray next Wednesday. Ms. Dees noted that she will be attending the upcoming Main Street Directors Retreat in St. Paul.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

2019 Town Calendar of Holidays and Meetings

Town Manager, Steve Burke, said that Council is requested to take action on the 2019 Town Calendar of Holidays and Meetings so the schedule can be published. Councilman Vickers suggested adopting the State Holiday Schedule. Councilman Schiro felt that the employees would actually lose a day by adopting the state calendar.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to adopt the 2019 Town Calendar of Holidays and Council Meetings as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Sours with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

Main Street Bridge Updates

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, advised members that the steel beams have arrived in town. The contractor plans to begin setting beams tomorrow morning and the remainder throughout the next few days. After the beams are set the work will begin on the bridge deck.

Councilman Vickers complemented the improvements to the Memorial Drive intersection. Mr. Chrisman advised that the signal pole/arm should be delivered in mid to late February.

Planning Commission Appointments

Town Manager, Steve Burke, advised Council members that three Planning Commissioners have terms set to expire. All three of these members have requested reappointment. Also, Councilwoman Pence has advised members that her appointment, Ms. Gail Kyle, has resigned from her commission seat. Councilwoman Pence has recommended Mr. Frankie Seaward for appointment to the term set to expire December 31, 2020.

Motion: Councilman Dofflemyer motioned to appoint Tracie Dickson, John Shaffer, and Ronald Good to the Planning Commission whose terms shall expire December 31, 2022. He further motioned to approve that Town Council appoint Frankie Seaward to the Planning Commission whose term will

expire December 31, 2020. Motion seconded by Councilman Sours with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

Additional Streets for VDOT Urban Maintenance Program

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, requested to consider the approval of the Resolution for Adoption of Request for Street Additions for Municipal Assistance Payments to VDOT. The additions would include portions of Mount View Avenue, Village Place, Cole Street, and Sixth Street.

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to approve the Resolution for Adoption of Request for Street Additions for Municipal Assistance Payments as presented. He further moved that Town Council authorize the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager to execute any additional documents necessary to complete the process to add these streets to the VDOT Urban Maintenance Program and to adjust road dimensions as determined by VDOT. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

EDA Reappointment Recommendation

Town Manager, Steve Burke, asked Council to consider the recommendation of appointing Jason Pettit to the Town’s seat on the Economic Development Authority.

Motion: Councilman Dofflemyer motioned to recommend the appointment of Jason Pettit as the Town’s representative on the Economic Development Authority to Page County Board of Supervisors. Motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Presgraves stated that the work session for January 22nd will be cancelled. He noted that there is currently only one item for the agenda and it can be presented at the February regular meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer