

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, 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 Dofflemyer  
Jerry Schiro  
Leroy Lancaster  
Joseph Sours  
Leah Pence

**Also Present:**

Steve Burke, Town Manager  
Jason Botkins, Town Attorney  
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer  
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Meredith Dees, Luray Downtown Initiative- Director  
Barbie Stombock, LDI Board Member  
Bill Huffman, LDI Board Member

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 Dofflemyer 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, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

***Consent Agenda***

- (A) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – 9-10-18
- (B) Minutes of the Council Special Session – 9-25-18
- (C) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$ 578,136.26

## **CITIZEN COMMENT**

There were no citizens signed up to speak during the comment period.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **Draft Charter Amendment**

Town Attorney, Jason Botkins, presented the public hearing for the draft charter amendment. Council is requested to receive public comment for and to consider the draft amendment at this evening's meeting. There have been no substantive changes of late and the public hearing has been properly advertised. Mr. Botkins explained that if approved by the Town Council, the charter will then go before the General Assembly. Mr. Botkins said that the submission would be introduced by Senator Obenshain or Delegate Gilbert, whomever staff prefers. If the Resolution is approved during its regular session next year, the amended charter would go into effect on July 1, 2019. Mr. Botkins asked Council members if they have any questions this evening. Councilman Sours suggested the change in language from "light" to "electricity" in Section 2.2 (c) Financial Powers. Mr. Botkins agreed to make this change in language.

Mayor Presgraves opened the public hearing for citizen comment. With no comments from the public, the hearing was then closed.

**Motion:** Councilman Dofflemyer moved that the Town Council adopt the Town Charter Amendments as presented and refer the Charter Amendment to the General Assembly for consideration. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

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

### **Luray Downtown Initiative**

Ms. Dees noted a few housekeeping matters for the month and thanked members for their attendance at the *Construction and Cocktails* event. Councilman Dofflemyer complimented Ms. Dees on the event. Ms. Dees noted that while she does not have any numbers yet, the funds raised will benefit restarting the façade improvement program. Ms. Dees noted that the new downtown banners are up in the historic district. LDI has printed the new downtown brochures with map. Upcoming events for LDI include the Halloween activities which will be held entirely downtown. The event will include downtown trick-or-treating, and children's activities at the Chamber of Commerce. Also, Small Business Saturday will be on November 24<sup>th</sup> and will feature a welcome table hosted by LDI. Ms. Dees informed the Council that a Revolving Loan Fund application has been received and will be forthcoming from town staff. Lastly, the grand opening was held for the Compass Tea Room which features a variety of teas, coffee, and small retail items.

### **West Main Street Bridge Project Update**

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, was not present but provided a written update. Mr. Burke stated that the pile driving on the west end is complete, addressed dust issues, and said that the east side

has had some geotechnical investigations. The geotechnical firm is recommending micro-piles for the eastern abutment. Mr. Burke stated that the contractor is approximately two weeks behind schedule due to rain, sewer line issues, etc.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

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Barry Presgraves  
Mayor

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Danielle Babb  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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