

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 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:

Ron Vickers
Jerry Dofflemyer
Jerry Schiro
Leroy Lancaster
Joseph Sours

Council Absent:

Leah Pence

Also Present:

Steve Burke, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Jordan Bowman, 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
Powell Markowitz, Boy Scout Troop 100
James Boyette, Boy Scout Troop 100

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 Schiro led everyone in the United States Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called with one Council member absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Schiro. **Approved 5-0**

Consent Agenda

(A) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – 10-15-2019

(B) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$249,048.03

**Financial Reports will be provided at the close of the Fiscal Year.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Powell Markowitz- Boy Scout Troop 100

Mr. Powell Markowitz spoke on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 100 in appreciation of the Council's support over the years. He provided Council members with a list of troop members that have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This evening the troop is in attendance as a part of their *Citizenship in the Community Badge* requirements. Mr. Markowitz has been involved with the Boy Scouts since 1964, and Troop 100 is the only remaining Boy Scout troop in Luray.

James Boyette- Boy Scout Troop 100

Mr. James Boyette thanked the Council for all that they do for the troop and for the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Code Amendment Chapter 98- Parks and Recreation Facilities

Mr. Burke requested the Council hold a public hearing to discuss the draft Code Amendment to Chapter 98. The proposed revisions would expand the section from addressing only waterways to include all Parks and Recreation facilities. The chapter currently focuses on Lake Arrowhead, and the new proposal would broaden to include all park activities. Councilman Sours discussed section 98-37 regarding loudspeakers and sound equipment.

Mayor Presgraves opened the public hearing for citizen comment. There were no citizens present to speak, therefore the hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilman Dofflemyer motioned to adopt the Code Amendment to Chapter 98- Parks and Recreation Facilities as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

Code Amendment- Appendix A- Zoning

Mr. Burke requested the Council conduct a second public hearing this evening to receive public comment regarding draft amendments to various sections of the Town's Appendix A- Zoning. Mr. Burke said that the Town Attorney has suggested Council adopt an alternative motion regarding this agenda item in order to table further consideration until the December meeting. Councilman Sours noted that Ms. Pence (absent from the meeting) had questions regarding the regulations for bed and breakfast facilities. Councilman Vickers complemented the section on sustainable energy. Mr. Vickers also discussed the regulations on signage and feather banners, specifically. Mr. Burke noted that town staff is currently working on bringing those with feather banners into compliance with the

code. Mr. Burke noted that some clarification was ongoing regarding lodging facilities, and therefore requested that any action be tabled until December.

Mayor Presgraves opened the public hearing for citizen comment. There were no citizens present to speak, therefore the hearing was closed.

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to table consideration of the Code Amendments until the December Town Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

DEPARTMENTS, TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Luray Downtown Initiative

Ms. Meredith Dees thanked Council for their support of the Bridge Event and the Public Works department for their assistance with set-up. Ms. Dees said the dinner, food, and music were all great. The funds raised from the dinner will go toward the re-creation of a Mural Program. This will consist of a grant program to fund new murals and rehabilitate ones in disrepair. Ms. Dees doesn't have any official figures yet on the funds raised, but feels the event was a success.

Ms. Dees reminded Council Members of several upcoming events. Small Business Saturday will be on November 30th, and participants can obtain a shopping card from the Visitor Center. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 6th. Lastly, the Façade Improvement Grant application phase will wrap up on December 30th.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mr. Burke requested that Council consider adoption of the 2020 Arbor Day Proclamation. The 2020 celebration will be held April 25th at the Hawksbill Greenway.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to approve the Proclamation of Saturday, April 25th, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Town of Luray as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Sours with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

West Main Street Speed Reduction

Town Manager, Steve Burke, revisited the West Main Street speed study. At the March 2019 Council Meeting members adopted an Ordinance to reduce the speed limits on West Main Street and Leaksville Road in advance of the forthcoming roundabout project. Staff requests that Council consider adoption of the reduced speed limits on West Main and Leaksville so that new signs can be posted. Council asked Assistant Manager, Bryan Chrisman, to discuss the anticipated timeline for the roundabout project.

Motion: Councilman Dofflemyer affirmed the adoption of the speed limits on West Main and Leaksville Road as presented and adopt the Resolution Establishing New Speed Limits on West Main Street as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

Purchase Option- 42A4-A-49A

Mr. Burke said that following the discussion from the October Council Meeting regarding the North Broad Street Improvement Project, an option agreement has been drafted. The agreement provides for a \$1,000 payment with a 12-month option to purchase the property needed to improve the North Broad Street gateway.

Motion: Councilman Sours motioned to approve the option agreement to purchase the North Broad Street lot identified as Tax Map No. 42A4-A-49A and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Option Agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Schiro with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

Code Amendment- Section 82-90- Protective Helmet

Mr. Burke requested to discuss a draft Code Amendment that would require the use of helmets by children age 14 and under when using bicycles and other mobility devices. State Code provides that localities may establish ordinances to require helmets for children and violators be punished by fine of \$25. Chief Cook stressed the importance of helmet use. The Council will hold a public hearing in December for the proposed code amendment.

Draft Tree & Beautification Committee By-Laws

The Town Council is requested to consider a draft By-Laws for the Tree and Beautification Committee. The committee was founded in 2000 and would replace the original Ordinance establishing the body.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Financing

Mr. Burke requested to discuss funding for the proposed improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Improvements needed include upgrades to the septage receiving area, new influent screening, and pump improvements. Staff continues to work on proposed sewer rate adjustments and how to assign cost increases to septage haulers. Councilman Schiro said that he would like to see some cost assistance through County provisions for septage hauling to the plant. Council and staff will continue to discuss funding options.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jordan Bowman, Attorney for Litten and Sipe, had no further business for the evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Presgraves reminded Council members of the upcoming Chamber Banquet on November 14th. Also, the Stanley Christmas Parade will be held on December 7th and Luray's Parade on December 14th. Councilman Schiro complemented the Downtown Trick or Treat Event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer