

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

Monday, March 9, 2020

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 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
Leah Pence

Council Absent:

Joseph Sours

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
Lee McWhorter, Citizen Comment
Rodney Jenkins, Baker Development
Ryanne Hodson, Business Owner

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

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, Pence. **Approved 5-0**

Consent Agenda

- (A) Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting –2-10-2020
- (B) Minutes of the Council Work Session- 2-25-2020
- (C) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$ 147,913.67
- (D) Financial Statements ending February 29, 2020.

CHANGE OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to add Item 8F- Brown's Building Listing Agreement to the meeting agenda, motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Pence. **Approved 5-0**

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mayor Presgraves opened the Citizen Comment portion of the meeting for anyone present to speak.

Lee McWhorter, 1755 US Hwy Bsn 340-

Mr. McWhorter spoke on behalf of the former Farmers Market board. Mr. McWhorter noted that he has located the speaker system and will pick the item up from the Parks Director. Mr. McWhorter hopes that the Town is able to find a board of directors and continue with the market. He feels it is a necessary component of the Town's Main Street designation. Mr. McWhorter stated that he intends to continue selling produce from his home.

PRESENTATIONS

The scheduled individuals were not present at the evening's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chapter 704 Satisfaction of Applicable Fees, Charges, Expenses & Liens

Town Manager, Steve Burke, requested the Council conduct a Public Hearing to receive comments on the amendment to Chapter 704 of the Town Code. The amendment would include reference to delinquent real estate taxes, nuisance charges, and other liens and conform to state code. Applicants for special use permits, variances, and rezoning permits would need to satisfy any outstanding payments pertaining to these references before approval of such permit could be obtained.

Mayor Presgraves opened the Public Hearing for citizen comment. With no members present to speak on the issue, the hearing was then closed.

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned that the Council adopt the Code Amendment to Chapter 704 as presented, effective upon adoption. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Pence. **Approved 5-0**

DEPARTMENTS, TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Luray Downtown Initiative

Ms. Meredith Dees discussed the recent Mardi Gras downtown celebration. The event was a huge success and she has received very positive feedback. Ms. Dees discussed the LDI Façade Improvement Grant and is pleased to announce the award winners; Performing Arts Luray, Hawksbill Brewery, and the Briar

Lane House. The total grant awards amount to about \$4900. Those businesses have received letters of award and will have signage posted at their locations.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

2019 Planning Commission Annual Report

Mr. Burke requested that Council consider accepting the 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Motion: Councilman Dofflemyer motioned to accept the 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Schiro with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Pence. **Approved 5-0**

Luray Avenue Area School Speed Zone

The Luray Town Council is requested to consider establishing a School Crossing Zone and School Speed Zone near Luray Elementary and Luray Middle Schools. The Page County Public School Board has adopted a Resolution requesting the maximum speed limit be decreased to 15mph from 7:30am to 8:45am and from 2:45pm to 3:45pm.

Motion: Councilman Schiro moved that the Town Council adopt the Ordinance designating a School Crossing Zone and a School Speed Zone near the Luray Elementary School and Luray Middle School as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Pence. **Approved 5-0**

General Drive Acceptance

Mr. Burke said that staff has reviewed all of the requested documentation and all items have been satisfied. Staff believed the road conforms to VDOT standards and can be accepted by the Town.

Motion: Councilman Schiro moved that the Town Council accept the dedication of the street improvements and the water, sewer, and storm sewer facilities located within the Right-of-Way commonly referred to as General Drive from the Luray Wal-Mart Access Road to Cave Hill Road from Baker Development Partnership as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Dofflemyer with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 5-0**

General Drive Donation-McDonalds

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, discussed the status of the donation of General Drive from Rt. 211 to Wal-Mart. The acceptance of the roadway by the Town would require deeds of gift from Luray Liberty LLC, Walmart Corporation, and McDonalds Real Estate in order to conform to VDOT roadway requirements. Mr. Chrisman has received positive feedback from all three parties of interest and hopes the dedication can be achieved within the next year.

Page County Conceptual Tourism Grant Program

Town Manager, Steve Burke, stated that Liz Lewis of Page County Tourism would like Council's consideration of a proposed grant program. The Tourism Grant Program is in the initial phases and would provide funding to develop and expand business. Page County has requested consideration of funding for up to \$20,000. Council members indicated that they would like more information on the structure of the grant program and matching components. Town Council members expressed interest in furthering this discussion.

Browns Building Listing Agreement

Mr. Burke said that the Council is requested to consider extending the Listing Agreement with Bill Dudley and Associates Real Estate Inc. to market and sell the Browns Building. The current agreement expires March 10, 2020.

Councilwoman Pence noted that she would like to see the Town solicit bids from other realtors. She does not believe this is fair and equitable to all agents. Councilman Schiro felt that Mr. Dudley has invested a great deal of time and effort at this point, and would like to continue with his firm.

Motion: Councilman Lancaster moved that the Town Council approve the extension of the Listing Agreement with Bill Dudley & Associates Real Estate Inc. to market and sell the Browns Building located at 36 West Main Street for a period of 90 days. Motion seconded by Councilman Schiro with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster. NAY: Pence.
Approved 4-1

TOWN ATTORNEY

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

CLOSED MEETING

-Recess-

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Unannounced Business or Industry Section 2.2-3711 (A) (5)

Mayor Presgraves requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters relevant to Section 2.2-3711.A.5 regarding the unannounced business or industry. The subject is a prospective business seeking potential connection to Town infrastructure.

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to recess the regular meeting and to convene in executive session; Councilman Dofflemyer seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Pence. Approved 5-0

-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.5 were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed session. **Motion:** Councilman Schiro motioned to certify the closed session; Councilwoman Pence seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Mayor Presgraves, Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Pence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer