

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

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, May 11, 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

**Council Absent:**

Leah Pence

**Also Present:**

Steve Burke, Town Manager  
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager  
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk Treasurer  
Chief Bow Cook, Luray Police Department  
Jason Botkins, Litten & Sipe (*present electronically*)

*(This meeting was made public via the Town's Facebook page and YouTube broadcast. Public comments were accepted prior to the meeting via e-mail to [sburke@townofluray.com](mailto:sburke@townofluray.com))*

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. Mayor Presgraves led everyone in the United States Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Presgraves stated that due to the threat of transmission of COVID-19 and in recognition of the Governor's Executive Order, this Meeting is closed to the public as provided by the Town's Emergency Ordinance providing for Continuity of Government of Luray adopted by Town Council on April 13, 2020.

**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 –4-18-2020
- (B) Minutes of the Work Session of Council- 4-28-2020
- (C) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$ 166,525.25
- (D) Financial Statements ending April 30, 2020.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Mr. Burke stated that no comments were received in advance of the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**FY 2021 Town Budget**

The Town Council is requested to hold the public hearing to receive public input on the FY2020-FY2021 Budget. Mayor Presgraves opened the Public Hearing for citizen comments. Mr. Burke stated that no citizens provided comments prior to the meeting, the hearing was then closed.

Councilman Schiro requested to discuss the proposed rate increase for septage hauling fees. Mr. Schiro commented that the rate increase should be tied to improvements at the plant. These improvements would include better monitoring and more efficient processing of septage dumped by the haulers. Councilman Schiro stated that an agreement should be negotiated with Page County towards a cooperative effort; as the majority of the septage is from county residents. Council members felt this was an unfair burden on town residents. Councilman Vickers acknowledged that an increase in fees should be made in advance of making these improvements. Mayor Presgraves discussed the sewer plants difficulty in processing raw sewage as opposed to normal household waste. Council and staff members discussed staff's proposed rate being cost prohibitive for haulers. Other items discussed included hours of operation, accessibility, and rate types. Mr. Burke stated that currently the plant is losing money on its operations regarding septage at the rate of .15 cents per gallon. Mr. Burke said that staff will come up with a rate proposal that would cover costs incurred by the Town, likely being around .25-.30 per gallon to break even.

**ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Luray Little League - Concession Payment Relief**

Mr. Burke requested that Council consider a request from Luray Little League to waive the first quarter payment for the Concession Agreement at R.H. Dean Park due to the delay of their season. The first quarter payment is \$500.

**Motion:** Councilman Vickers moved that the Town Council approve the waiver of the first quarter payment of \$500.00 by the Luray Little League for the Ralph H. Dean Park Concessionaire Agreement as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Sours with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

**Personal Property Tax Relief**

Mr. Burke provided the Resolution establishing qualifying personal use vehicles to qualify for tax relief in accordance with the Personal Property Tax Relief Act. The 2020 PPTRA is set at 57% tax relief for qualifying vehicles.

**Motion:** Councilman Sours motioned to adopt the Resolution establishing the criteria for tax relief for qualifying personal use vehicles in conformance with the Personal Property Tax Relief Act for the tax year of 2020 as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Dofflemyer with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours. **Approved 5-0**

**TOWN ATTORNEY**

Jason Botkins, Town Attorney, had no further business for the evening and hopes that everyone is staying well.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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Barry Presgraves  
Mayor

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Danielle Babb  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer