

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

Monday, June 8, 2020

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, June 8, 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 (*present electronically*)
Leah Pence

Also Present:

Steve Burke, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Mary Broyles, Clerk Treasurer
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).

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. 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 Schiro 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 –5-11-2020

(B) Accounts Payable checks totaling- \$ 197,140.76

(C) Financial Statements ending May 31, 2020.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Mr. Burke stated that two letters have been received in advance of the meeting in accordance with the submission deadline of 5:00pm the day of the meeting.

Chris Hurlbert-161 South Lawyer Drive, Stanley, VA-

Town Manager, Steve Burke, read aloud the letter submitted by Mr. Hurlbert. Mr. Hurlbert's letter to Council requested the removal of the monuments on South Broad Street and Reservoir Avenue.

George Barbee- PO Box 387, Captiva Island, FL-

Town Manager, Steve Burke, read aloud the letter from George Barbee of Captiva Island, Florida. Mr. Barbee is the descendant of sculptor Herbert Barbee and stated that his family wants to ensure the preservation of the monument.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

FY2020-2021 Town Budget Adoption

Mr. Burke requested that Council consider the adoption of the FY 2020-2021 Budget. A public hearing was conducted at the May 11th meeting at which time public comments were received. Council members discussed the consideration of sewer surcharge rates. Mr. Burke explained that this would be covered under the rate schedule discussion, however; staff has settled on a rate of .40 cents per gallon for consideration during tonight's agenda.

Motion: Councilman Vickers moved that the Town Council adopt the FY 2020-2021 Budget as presented and authorize the Mayor to execute the resolution adopting the budget. Motion seconded by Councilman Schiro with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

FY 2020-2021 Town Rate Schedule

Mr. Burke provided the Town Rate and Fee Schedule for FY 2020-2021. Councilman Schiro discussed the septage rate. Council and staff discussed additional options for utilizing an internal gauge to meter the amount of septage on the truck. Mr. Burke verified that operationally the town has limited the access to only times when Town staff is present to monitor receiving. Town Council agreed to removal of the base fee of \$12.50 and implementation of .40 cents per gallon or \$400.00 per 1,000 gallons. If a digital meter is not available on the truck, the hauler will be charged for full volume.

Motion: Councilman Dofflemyer motioned to adopt the Ordinance for the FY 2020-2021 Rates & Fees Schedule as presented with the Septage Disposal Fee of \$400.00 per 1,000 gallons based upon the full tank volume of the septage truck. Motion seconded by Councilman Schiro with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

Dean Park Debt Refinancing

Town Manager, Steve Burke, requested Council consider the refinancing of the outstanding debt for Ralph H. Dean Park.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to approve the Resolution approving the issuance of a \$131,157.68 non-tax exempt general obligation refunding bond to refinance the outstanding debt for improvements made at Ralph H. Dean as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Schiro with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

Accessory Dwelling Ordinance Request

The Town Council is asked to consider a request from John Coleman to expand the allowed zoning districts for Accessory Dwelling Units by Special Use Permit. Mr. Coleman's residence is at the intersection of Luray Avenue and Blue Ridge Avenue. The Town Council was previously requested to consider the use of accessory dwelling units in the R-2 Zoning District by Special Use Permit at the May 2009 Council Meeting. At that time the Council restricted the use of accessory dwelling units to higher density residential district.

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to refer a Code Amendment to allow accessory dwelling units in the R-2 Medium Density Residential Zoning District by Special Use Permit to the Planning Commission; provided that the unit is located on the same parcel as the main building and that independent utility connections are made. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Pence with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Sours, Pence. NAY: Lancaster **Approved 5-1**

Recommendation of Reappointment- Board of Zoning Appeals

Mr. Burke, Town Manager, requested Council consider the recommendation of William "Bill" Fisher to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill a five year term. Councilman Schiro recommended the re-appointment of Mr. Fisher.

Motion: Councilman Schiro motioned to recommend William Fisher to the Judge of Page County Circuit Court for re-appointment to the Town of Luray Board of Zoning Appeals to fill a five-year term ending June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

Covid-19 Facilities, Programs & Events Update

Town Manager, Steve Burke, updated Council members on facilities, programs, and event changes due to Covid-19. Mr. Burke stated that Lake Arrowhead beach is open for use, but is "swim at your own risk". He stated that staff has incurred some parking issues at the beach area. Town Shelters will re-open for use in July and must meet the requirements for less than 50 persons and safe distancing. Mr. Burke stated that recycling activities are still suspended and the Page County Jail has not determined when they will

allow inmates to participate in work release. Staff offered that Town Council meetings could resume to normal provided that distancing can be met and participants will have to be allowed on a first-come first-serve basis. Mayor Presgraves agreed with this and requested that masks be required.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to amend the ordinance providing for Continuity in the Government of Luray adopted April 13, 2020 to allow public participation at public meeting in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Pence with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence.
Approved 6-0

TOWN ATTORNEY

Jason Botkins, Town Attorney, had no further business for the evening and plans to attend the next meeting in person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN

Mayor Presgraves discussed members of Town Council limiting e-mail discussions in order to conform to FOIA requirements. Council members discussed work session meetings and notification requirements. Members discussed perhaps a change in verbiage from “work sessions as needed” to “work sessions unless cancelled”, no determination was made. Councilman Vickers discussed the recent prayer vigil at West Luray Recreation Center. Councilman Vickers also discussed the recent monument vandalism. Councilwoman Pence said that she would like to have an informed discussion regarding the monuments at a later time. Councilman Dofflemyer requested updated meals tax revenue figures.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer