

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

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 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:

Charlie Hoke, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Chief Carl "Bow" Cook, Luray Police Department
Nancy Shifflett, Luray Downtown Initiative
Meredith Dees, Luray Downtown Initiative
Dixie Tate, Page News and Courier
Barbie Stombeck, LDI Board Treasurer
Bill Huffman, LDI Board Member

A quorum being present, Mayor Barry Presgraves declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. All present stood for a moment of silence. Councilman Lancaster led everyone in reciting the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Sours motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster 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 –2-13-2017
- (B) Minutes of the Council Work Session- 2-28-2017
- (C) Financial Report- Month Ending 2-28-2017
- (D) Accounts payable checks totaling \$ 157,657.77

TOWN AFFILIATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

LURAY DOWNTOWN INITIATIVE

Meredith Dees, Luray Downtown Initiative

Ms. Meredith Dees provided a power point presentation detailing the year in review for LDI. Some highlights of LDI's work included downtown flower baskets, the first annual Christmas Tree lighting, façade improvements to the Brown's building, Trick or Treat on Main, Small Business Saturday, downtown enhancements, advertising, and the Chicken Chow Down Fundraiser event. Other efforts by LDI included the re-facing of the community billboard, ribbon cutting and anniversary events, and several leadership changes. Ms. Dees noted new LDI board members and their roles, and her role as Program Director, and the continued assistance from SBDC. Ms. Dees discussed the role of Virginia Main Street and noted that LDI has been a member for thirteen years now. Upcoming goals for LDI include transformation strategies, work plans, and the upcoming budget. A work plan strategy meeting will be held on March 21st.

PUBLIC HEARING

BY-RIGHT USE IN B-1 TO INCLUDE SCHOOLS

Town Manager, Charlie Hoke, presented information on the Public Hearing for Schools as a by-right use in the B-1 Zoning District. Mr. Hoke explained that this change would allow for the location behind Wal-Mart, recently donated to LFCC, to be utilized for the construction of a school campus.

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

Motion: Councilman Lancaster motioned to approve Schools as a By-Right use in the B-1 District, motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Dofflemyer, Schiro, Lancaster, Sours, Pence. **Approved 6-0**

UPDATES AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

PENDING ACTION FOR BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENTS

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, stated that after a review of the relevant Ordinance sections with our Town Attorney a change has been recommended. A public hearing will be required of both the Council and Planning Commission for this change. This change would outline the process by which parcel adjustments can be handled administratively, whereas there is no net increase in lot numbers. This would allow the change to take place administratively and not go through the subdivision ordinance process. Mr. Chrisman said that he will publish the advertisement for the public hearings and the matter will be before the Town Council in May.

RENTAL HOUSE AT RECREATION PARK

Mr. Hoke updated Council members on the rental house at the recreation park. He said that initial estimates for repairs were in excess of \$100,000. However, another bid was received for about \$10,000 and would cover demo of the interior only. An additional bid of \$55,000 was received to cover the interior rehabilitation of the home. The council has several options concerning the property; rental, demolish entirely, or utilize the space for storage or offices. Mr. Hoke said that the cost for renovating the property has not been included in the

current budget or upcoming budget cycle. Council discussed other options for the property and also requested a bid for demolition only.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer