

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA  
Tuesday, September 4, 2007**

The Luray Town Council met in a work session on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 6:00 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 Ralph H. Dean**

**Council Present: Lonnie Arrington  
Leroy Lancaster  
William Menefee  
Barry Presgraves  
Earl "Rock" Racer  
Nancy Shifflett was present after roll call**

**Also Present: Rick Black, Town Manager  
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager  
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer  
Ligon Webb – Town Planner  
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Dean asked if there were any changes to the agenda. He stated the public hearings listed on the agenda were for discussion only. Mr. Black stated on September 12, 10:00 A.M. there will be a meeting concerning the train depot.

**Waste Water Treatment Plant** - Charlie Hoke stated that they had good success with Reid Engineering. The engineering report is being reviewed by the Department of Environmental Quality. Mr. Hoke stated that he had been in contact with Bob Aerhart, coordinator for the Water Quality Improvement Funds in regards to the grant application which was submitted about two years ago. Reimbursement requests can be submitted every 25% of completion of the project. The grant totals about \$4.555 million and the local share for the Town of Luray is about \$2.132 million. Mr. Hoke stated that if Council chooses to go with this engineering firm, it will allow us to meet the deadline of 2011.

**Public Hearings** - Ligon Webb, Town Planner, summarized for Council, the following topics for the meeting on September 10. (1) Vacation of an alleyway; (2) Adoption of an official zoning map; (3) The Comprehensive Plan and (4) Shenandoah Waste Services (SUP-07-6).

Mr. Jody Salyards addressed a number of concerns regarding his proposal to operate a materials recovery facility which will recycle construction debris and answered questions from council members.

**Luray High School Homecoming Parade** – Mr. Black stated he received a request from Luray High School for their homecoming parade on Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from the Wrangler Parking lot, down Main Street, turning on North Broad Street and finishing at Bulldog Field. This has been reviewed with the Police Department and they have no problem with the route or time.

**Airport Commission** – Mr. Powell Markowitz spoke regarding the hanger project. Funding was received from the Department of Aviation in the form of a grant for over \$500,000 and the total project has been bid at \$2,008,000. They have contacted the USDA. Loans are available and will need some short term financing. They have a deadline and had to bid this project in order to have their proposal ready for the Department of Aviation. The contract bid expires September 26<sup>th</sup>. The Airport Commission has an issue with the personal property tax at the County level. They attended a public hearing last week and seemed to get a positive response from the County on bringing that tax down in line with surrounding counties. Mr. Markowitz has spoken with Tom Cardman and also Lowell Baughan with the Economic Development Authority. There is a chance they will be able to be the funding agent for this project so that they could sign the loan, borrow the money and operate as an intermediary for the Airport Commission. They do have deadlines and Mr. Markowitz asked that Council consider approving this project so they won't lose this grant. The Airport Commission needs \$1.5 million borrowed from USDA and wants a commitment from the Town to pursue this grant, contingent upon the tax rate being lowered. The County will pay one-half. Mayor Dean suggested he get back with Mr. Cardman to see what they will do.

**Town Attorney Report** – Mr. Spitler stated he had no matters other than those included under Executive Session.

Mayor Dean requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of Sections 2.2-3711.A.3 – Publicly Held Property; Section 2.23711.A.6 – Investment of Public Funds; and Section 2.2-3711.A.1 – Personnel. Councilman Racer motioned to recess the work session and to convene in executive session; Councilman Presgraves seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer. **Approved 6-0**

After reopening the work session, Council agreed only personnel, land acquisition and disposition of public funds were discussed during the Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the work session of the Town Council at approximately 8:00 P.M.

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Mayor Ralph H. Dean

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Mary Broyles  
Clerk-Treasurer