

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA  
Tuesday, February 5, 2008**

The Luray Town Council met in a work session on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 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  
William Menefee  
Leroy Lancaster  
Barry Presgraves**

**Council Absent: Nancy Shifflett  
Earl "Rock" Racer**

**Also Present: Rick Black, Town Manager  
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager  
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney  
Mary Broyles, Treasurer  
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Andrew Jenner, Page News and Courier**

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

Mayor Dean asked Council Members, Staff, and attendees if there were changes or additions to the agenda. The only items to be added were a contribution request and a property acquisition update from Town Attorney, Jason Spitler.

Council members and staff discussed the Bluemont Concert Series and grant funding opportunities available for these concerts. Town Manager, Rick Black, asked Council to consider if they want to continue with the Bluemont Concert Series or increase the number of Concerts held at the Ruffner Plaza. Holding more concerts at the Ruffner Plaza would increase downtown activity and allow for corporate sponsorships. There are two options available for grant funding for the concerts with plans to apply for both.

As well, Performing Arts Luray has placed a request for funding in the 2009 Budget. Council may choose to fund some or all of their request.

Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager, notified Council that the Request for Proposal for construction bids on Greenway Phase IV will be advertised on February 8, 2008 with an anticipated construction completion date of July 31, 2008.

Town Manager, Rick Black, addressed the VDOT Revenue Sharing plan. After meeting with VDOT officials, staff recommends not applying for the program this year. According to VDOT representatives, requests that are for less than one million dollars rarely get funding. Thus, the best option would be to postpone participation in the program until next year, and package together several smaller projects.

Town Attorney, Jason Spitler, updated Council on the Fairgrounds Easement and his correspondence with Mr. Janney. Mr. Spitler advised that he has completed his review regarding Reid Engineering and

has some minor revisions. Also, Mr. Spitler has drafted the property acquisition agreement for the purchase of the Bennett house on behalf of the Luray Airport Commission.

Regarding the Airport Hanger Financing, this item will not be on the agenda for the regular Council Meeting. The Airport Commission has decided to apply for short term financing with the EDA.

Town Manager, Rick Black, discussed Town Tap Fees and noted that currently the fees are based on time and materials. Staff would like to revise this to a set fee and have researched the average cost of water and sewer each. The average cost calculated was \$1,200 but may be too costly when combined with the current facility fees. Staff's suggestion is to set a fee of \$1,000 each water and sewer for in-town applicants.

Rick Black addressed Council regarding the "Road Trip to History" movie and when they would like to see the film begin. Council has requested that Betty Grubbs be the historical "go-to" person for the film. Council discussed when they would like for filming to start and if more downtown work, such as the Wayfinding signage, should be completed before work begins on the movie.

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the work session of the Town Council at approximately 6:45 P.M.

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Mayor Ralph H. Dean

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Danielle P. Babb  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer