



Town of Luray

45 East Main Street
P.O. Box 629
Luray, Virginia 22835



PUBLIC NOTICE

February 12, 2019

At their February 11, 2019 Council Meeting, the Luray Town Council reviewed the following issues and took the following actions.

Under the Consent Agenda item:

- 1) Council unanimously approved minutes from the January 14th Council Meeting, January Financial Reports, and the Accounts Payable checks.

Under the Citizen Comments agenda item:

- 1) No citizens spoke.

Under the Presentations agenda item:

- 1) Mike Foltz, President of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Department, updated Council on a proposed fishing derby that they are planning for May 4th along the Hawksbill Creek from Main Street to Bull Dog Field that will partner with the Fraternal Order of Police. Mr. Foltz stated that they had communicated with the Luray Volunteer Fire Department; LVFD will not be participating in the event, but expressed no issues with SVFD hosting the event. Town Council endorsed the Special Event Permit Application to be issued.
- 2) Chris Gould with Page Valley Cycling presented an overview of their planned event in Page County for August 27th and 28th. A Time Trial event will begin and end at Lake Arrowhead while traveling throughout Page County. Another event will occur at Shenandoah Speedway.

Under the Public Hearings item:

- 1) Town Council conducted a public hearing to receive input on a request from Timothy Gray of 412 Fourth Street to vacate approximately 0.098 acres of public alley around his property. Roxanne Shoemaker of 419 Fourth Street stated that she represented Sue Hume of 305 Luray Avenue who was against the vacation request as it would impact access the rear of her property. Ms. Shoemaker also referenced a letter that was submitted by David Hume for Ms. Hume reiterating their opposition to the request. Ms. Francis Dress of 309 Luray Avenue also spoke against the vacation request as she utilizes the alley for maintenance of her property. Kim Gray of 412 Fourth Street spoke regarding the basis for their request. Ms. Gray stated that they had maintained the alley for over thirteen years. With the heavy rain last season, motorists utilizing the alley had done significant damage through rutting and damaging the grass. Tim Gray of 412 Fourth Street also spoke that he had taken to parking his vehicle over the worst areas as a means to reduce damage in the wet areas. Due to the impact on the adjacent property owners, Town Council voted unanimously to deny the vacation request.



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Under the Departments, Town Boards, and Commission agenda item:

- 1) Meredith Dees with the Luray Downtown Initiative presented an overview of LDI's accomplishments, as well as some of their upcoming efforts in 2019. LDI is planning to conduct a raffle where the winner would be the first person to drive across the West Main Bridge once construction is completed. LDI is also planning to develop and sell a Town Christmas Ornament. Ms. Dees then presented Council with the LDI funding request of \$37,000 for FY19-20.
- 2) Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager, provided an update to the West Main Street Bridge Construction project. Orders Construction has begun installation of the deck pans that will be used to support the concrete slab, which is scheduled to be poured in March. Photos and videos of the demolition can be found at the "See Imagery" button at www.luraybridge.com
- 3) Dakota Baker, Parks & Recreation Superintendent, presented an overview of the events and programs planned by her Department this year. The Evenings on Main Concert Series will be run from June through October; Festival of Spring will continue on Saturday May 11th; and a new Movies on Main series will be hosted at Ruffner Plaza every other Thursday beginning June 27th showing Jungle Book, E.T., Up, Charlotte's Web, and The Wizard of Oz sponsored by Alcovia Mortgage, Anderson Windows, Bill Dudley & Associates Real Estate, F&M Bank, and Luray Downtown Initiative, respectively. The Department is also developing two programs for children: the first is a Junior Naturalist Program where children can complete activities included in a program where they will visit all of our parks on their own schedule to achieve a Junior Naturalist certification, and the second is a series of outdoor adventure programs that will be scheduled each Saturday at a Town Park from 1pm to 2pm throughout the summer. Details about all of these events will be available on our website and Facebook when finalized.

Under the Action & Discussion agenda item:

- 1) Town Council unanimously approved the addition of Item 8E – Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission Representative to the meeting agenda.
- 2) Town Council unanimously approved authorizing staff to complete and submit the Zoning Certification and Locality Response Letter to accompany requests to the Virginia Housing Development Authority for federal housing tax credits for Luray Village and Rugby Square Apartments.
- 3) Town Council unanimously approved a request for a \$500 donation to the Earth Day Committee for their Earth Day event.
- 4) Town Council unanimously approved a contract for auditing services with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates for a three year period.
- 5) Town Council unanimously approved an update to Town Code 82-132 Parking to clarify the locations for enforcement, as well as the size of truck. The Town Attorney confirmed that a public hearing was not required for Council's consideration of this Code as it relates to public safety.
- 6) Town Council unanimously approved the appointment of Councilman Ron Vickers to serve as the Town's representative to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission.

Under the Town Attorney's Report item:

- 1) Jason Botkins informed Town Council that the amendment to the Town Charter had been approved in the Senate and was currently being considered in the House.



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Under the Closed Meeting item:

- 1) Town Council conducted a Closed Meeting to discuss disposition of real property specifically 36 West Main Street.

For more information about the February 11, 2019 Council Meeting, please contact the Town Manager at sburke@townofluray.com or (540) 743-5511.