



Town of Luray

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

July 10, 2018

At their July 9, 2018 Council Meeting, the Luray Town Council reviewed the following issues and took the following actions.

Under the Citizen Comments agenda item:

- 1) Margaret Stevenson expressed concern about the potential environmental impacts on Hawksbill Creek from the Urban Grid Solar project proposed in Page County. Ms. Stevenson also briefed Council on the Hawksbill Greenway Foundation's efforts to communicate and secure commitment from property owners for the extension of the Greenway to Dean Park. Ms. Stevenson indicated that they currently had commitment from half of the property owners from the Park to Hawksbill Heights Drive; they will continue discussion with the property owners and report back to Council as commitments progress.
- 2) Mike Uram, a Councilman from Stanley, expressed his appreciation for the Town's participation in the Stanley Homecoming Parade.

Under the Public Hearings agenda item:

- 1) Council conducted a Public Hearing to receive comment on a proposed Code Amendments to Town Code Section 30-1, 30-38, 30-41, 30-96, and 30-102 related to operations and Business License tax rates for Itinerant Merchants, Peddlers, and Solicitors. Buddy Cave spoke to express concern about the proposed \$500 license tax rate and the elimination of proration for the business licenses. Jason Pettit spoke in favor of the proposed changes. Town Council voted unanimously to approve the Code Amendments as presented.

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

- 1) Gina Hilliard presented the quarterly update on initiatives and accomplishments of the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce. Items of interest included the Chamber's coordination of a visit for VTC Outdoor Influencers, 22 new memberships, and a joint Business After Hours event with the Harrisonburg-Rockingham County Chamber of Commerce on July 12th. Discussion also included the Chamber and LDI's development of a map for local businesses that has been added to the bridge construction information kiosks.
- 2) Meredith Dees provided an update on the Luray Downtown Initiative activities including the painting of a sanitary sewer manhole along the Greenway as part of the Town's continuing Art in Public Places efforts.

Under the Updates & Discussion agenda item:

- 1) Council unanimously adopted the resolution supporting Page County's application to the VDOT's Smart Scale Program for improvements to the US 211/340 & Big Oak Road intersection.
- 2) Council received an update on action by the General Assembly that became effective July 1st from Jason Botkins, our Town Attorney. Based upon some of these changes, Town Code will need to be updated in the near future.
- 3) Council unanimously approved the recommendation of reappointment of Rose Anne Smythe and Michael Swenson to the Judge of Page County Circuit Court to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals.



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- 4) Council unanimously adopted the resolution approving the application to the USDA Rural Development program of sewer improvements financing.
- 5) Council received an update from Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager, on the West Main Street Bridge reconstruction. Orders Construction will be closing West Main Street to all traffic beginning July 16th.

Under the Old Business agenda item:

- 1) Council discussed draft Code Amendments related to Special Events and Assemblies. Staff are continuing to develop the draft and will present a finished draft at a future meeting.

For more information about the July 9, 2018 Council Meeting, please contact the Town Manager at sburke@townofluray.com or (540) 743-5511.