



Town of Luray

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

September 15, 2020

At their September 14, 2020 Council Meeting, the Luray Town Council reviewed the following issues and took the following actions.

Under the Roll Call item:

All members were present with Councilwoman Pence attending electronically.

Under the Continuity of Government Announcement:

- 1) Mayor Presgraves announced that the meeting was conducted pursuant to the April 13, 2020 Ordinance for Continuity in the Government of Luray with the public able to attend the meeting following guidelines and provide input and comment through contact to the Town Manager prior to the meeting

Under the Consent Agenda item:

- 1) Council unanimously approved minutes from the August 10th Council Meeting and August 25th Work Session, and the Accounts Payable checks.

Under the Citizen Comments agenda item:

- 1) A statement from Cathy Herbert of 201 Hawksbill Heights Drive was read regarding her support for adoption of a resolution for racial equality.
- 2) A statement from Suzanna Grant of 125 Pass Run Drive was read regarding her desire for the Town to develop a crisis management plan and training.

Under the Presentations agenda item:

- 1) Mike Ritchie with the Virginia Rural Water Association presented Joey Haddock, the Town's Water Treatment Plant Superintendent with the VRWA System Operator Specialist of the Year award recognizing him for his service to the profession and the Town.
- 2) Melvin Tutt discussed his desire for the Town to assess the cultural climate of the community. He stated that the US Air Force conducted regular climate surveys to develop an understanding of how its members were doing and to identify possible areas for improvement. He requested that the Town Council consider a discussion at a future Work Session.

Under the Action & Discussion agenda item:

- 1) Town Council approved the agreement for grounds maintenance of property owned by the Luray Park Association by a vote of 5-1 (No – Pence).
- 2) Town Council approved the lease agreement for the basement at 47 West Main Street by a vote of 5-0-1 (Abstain – Pence).
- 3) Town Council unanimously authorized the purchase of Parcel 42A4-A-49A which the Town had established an option to purchase in November 2019 to establish the North Broad Street Park.
- 4) Town Council unanimously authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Luray Downtown Initiative for the development of the North Broad Street Park.



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- 5) Town Council unanimously authorized the donation of \$25,000 from the Town's CARES Act allocation to the Lord Fairfax Community College Foundation to establish the Town of Luray CARES Scholarship. The scholarship will assist those Luray residents whose jobs or family sources of income were impacted by COVID-19 in obtaining job education through the LFCC Workforce Solutions program.
- 6) Town Council unanimously approved the one hundred-twenty day extension of the Listing Agreement with Bill Dudley & Associates Real Estate, Inc. to market the Browns Building.
- 7) Town Council unanimously approved the use of \$47,000 of the Town's CARES Act allocation to purchase three digital information signs to assist the Town in communication critical information about COVID-19 and other improvement information to our residents.
- 8) Town Council unanimously approved rescheduling their October meeting from October 19th to October 13th.
- 9) Town Council unanimously adopted the Town's "Infectious Disease (COVID-19 & SARS) Preparedness and Response Plan and Policy" required by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.
- 10) Town Council unanimously adopted the resolution Adoption of a Request for Street Additions for Municipal Assistance Payments to seek VDOT's addition of portions of Cole Street, Sixth Street, and General Drive into the Urban Maintenance Program. Town Council also received an update from Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager, that the Roundabout project at West Main Street and Northcutt Drive was to be discussed by VDOT in October with a possible bid advertisement occurring this Fall. Mr. Chrisman also updated Council that the Primary Extension Paving for most of Main Street and Broad Street was anticipated to be approved by VDOT in 2021.
- 11) Town Council discussed the costs for various improvements that could be made to the Browns Building to increase its marketability.
- 12) Town Council unanimously adopted Code Amendments to Chapter 2 of the Town Code related to procurement that were based upon the changes to State law enacted on July 1, 2020.
- 13) Town Council postponed consideration of the Resolution on Equal Protection and Equality for Town Citizens until their September 22nd Work Session by a vote of 5-1 (No – Pence).

Under the Town Attorney's Report:

No Statement

Under the Mayor's Announcements:

No statement

For more information about the September 14th Council Meeting, please contact the Town Manager at sburke@townofluray.com or (540) 743-5511.