

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA
-BUDGET WORK SESSION-
Monday, March 24, 2008**

The Luray Town Council met in a special work session on Monday, March 24, 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: Nancy Shifflett
Lonnie Arrington
William Menefee
Leroy Lancaster
Barry Presgraves
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**

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

Town Manager, Rick Black, opened the meeting with several announcements. Mr. Black informed Council that representatives from Rural Development will be present on April 23, 2008 to present the Town with a symbolic check for the five million dollar loan proceeds. The presentation will be held at the Ruffner Plaza at 11:00a.m., weather permitting. Also, Mr. Black requested that Council convene in Executive Session before adjourning the evening's meeting. Lastly, Mr. Black advised Council members that the Board of Zoning Appeals will be meeting on April 17, 2008 at 7:00p.m. regarding the property at 25 Forest Hills Drive.

Town Staff and Council met for the purpose of discussing the first draft of the proposed FY 2008-2009 Budget. Town Manager, Rick Black, led the discussion and asked Council members to address any questions or concerns throughout the presentation.

Council and Staff reviewed expenditures by department and discussed several topics. Council and staff briefly touched on salaries and the associated cost of living increase. Town Manager, Rick Black, reviewed the General Operating Budget. Council and staff discussed Contributions to local organizations this year in comparison to last year. Council and staff discussed other areas such as recreation, police, streets, and VDOT reimbursements.

Mr. Black noted that the water budget is currently operating with a deficit. The initial draft of the budget was developed with a rate increase for residential customers. The sewer budget too is operating with a deficit and was also developed with a rate increase for residential customers. Previously at the February 11, 2008 Regular Council Meeting, Mr. James Kelly of Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates was present to

discuss the water and sewer deficits. Mr. Kelly advised that the Town needed to consider raising rates as the General Fund can not continue to support the water and sewer funds.

The Town Rate/Fee schedule was reviewed with the 2008-2009 proposed increases for; zoning/land use fees, refuse fees, water and sewer rates, shelter rentals, swimming and boating fees. The zoning fee increases were proposed to cover for the associated costs. Recreational fees were increased to assist in the cost of maintaining these facilities.

Town Manager, Rick Black, advised Council that a public hearing would need to be held on the budget in May to allow for any additional revisions before the June 30 adoption deadline. Prior to executive session Councilman Menefee was excused from the meeting by Mayor Dean.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Personnel, Section 2.2-3711.A.1
Public Property, Section 2.2-3711.A.3**

Mayor Dean requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Section 2.2-3711.A.1 and Public Property, Section 2.2-3711.A.3. Councilwoman Shifflett motioned to recess the work session and to convene in executive session; Councilman Lancaster seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer. **Approved 5-0**

After reopening the work session, Council agreed that only personnel and public property were discussed during the Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the work session of the Town Council at approximately 9:35 p.m.

Mayor Ralph H. Dean

Danielle P. Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer