

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 7:00 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: Jerry Schiro, Town Manager  
Rick Black, Assistant Town Manager  
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney  
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer  
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Ligon Webb, Town Planner  
Charlie Hoke, Director of Utilities  
Lynn Mathews, Superintendent of Public Works  
Pat O'Brien, Parks & Recreation Director  
Sergeant G.R. Anderson, Luray Police Dept.**

A quorum being present, Mayor Dean declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. All present stood to recite the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the September 11, 2006 Regular Council Meeting were submitted for review. **Motion:** Councilwoman Shifflett motioned to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION OCTOBER 03, 2006**

Minutes of the Council Work Session of October 03, 2006 were submitted for review. **Motion:** Councilman Lancaster motioned to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Racer with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2006**

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of September 13, 2006 were submitted for review of information.

**GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Catherine Stewart of the Luray Downtown Initiative briefed council on topics including Evenings on Main, plans/ map of the Greenway for the Halloween event, and items published in "Main Street News" which is a national publication.

Susan Contrell of South Court Street, Luray requested permission to ask for donations for her upcoming event to be held on the Greenway. Ms. Contrell will be hosting a Halloween Dog Parade and would like to request that participants make a donation toward greenway lighting or other improvements. Council felt it would be best if the donations went toward general greenway improvements.

Danny Shoop of Point Place in Springview subdivision addressed problems with the cul-de-sac in front of his property conflicting with his future driveway plans. Mr. Shoop was requesting to place a driveway in the area of the cul-de-sac. Council requested staff review Mr. Shoop's request and report back on this issue. However, if this issue does not involve any easements of some sort, council does not need to further address this request. Mr. Schiro stated that Mr. Shoop be aware of the area that is town property and all that this encompasses and that the town is not responsible for future disturbance to his driveway necessitated by future growth. **Motion:** Councilman Lancaster motioned to approve Mr. Shoop's request for permission to allow a driveway between his property and the cul-de-sac, motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**TOWN CLERK/ TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer's Report of Cash on Hand as of October 10, 2006:

<b>Sun Trust Bank:</b>	
General Fund Account.....	\$ 2,881,775.61
<b>Cash on Hand:</b> .....	\$ 30,786.29
 <b>Savings Accounts:</b>	
PVB-FmHA Sewer Plant Sinking Fund.....	\$ 28,788.00

Mary Broyles, Town Clerk/ Treasurer submitted to Council for approval, Accounts Payables invoices in the amount of \$ 178,432.30. **Motion:** Councilman Racer motioned to approve payment of the invoices as presented; motion seconded by Councilwoman Shifflett with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

As Mr. Schiro mentioned at the work session last Tuesday, the agenda for this meeting is fairly light. Mr. Schiro addressed council concerning the request by the Luray Wranglers to have the town assist with improvements to Bulldog Field. The Luray Wranglers intend to improve the field facilities and would like for the town to assist with demolition only.

Mr. Schiro revisited the report from the School Board Ad Hoc Committee requesting waiver of the rezoning application fee from the schools of \$350. **Motion:** Councilwoman Shifflett motioned to approve the waiver of the rezoning application fee of \$350, **with the provision that the School Board pay for the cost of advertising the required Public Hearings**; seconded by Councilman Arrington with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

Mr. Schiro noted the upcoming Virginia Municipal League Conference to be held in Virginia Beach. There was a brief discussion regarding transportation plans for the conference.

### **TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Town Attorney Jason Spitler

Mr. Spitler stated that Luray Caverns may be signing off on the Airport Lease agreement on Wednesday, October 11, 2006. Mr. Spitler noted that Mr. Belton, County Administrator, anticipates that the county will sign off on this at their October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lastly, Mr. Spitler noted that the Addison Property closing is scheduled for Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### **POLICE- PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

Chief Page Campbell could not be present due to a family emergency. In his absence, Sergeant G.R. Anderson noted that Chief Campbell's information could be found in the Council Packet.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Pat O'Brien distributed the new Greenway brochure and also distributed the Tree and Beautification Committee's Mural Art Calendar to council members.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Public Works Director, Lynn Mathews reported that all of the monthly water samples checked out OK. Mr. Mathews updated council regarding one new water tap and one new sewer tap. Also, Mr. Mathews noted that the Christmas decorations will receive new bows and will now be extended to Leaksville Rd. As well, there will be monthly brush pickup and fall clean-up work.

#### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT**

Charlie Hoke, Director of Utilities, stated that they were in compliance with all state and federal regulations. He noted a meeting earlier that day with Patton, Harris, and Rust. He discussed with Jim Allen of Rural Development the option of a low interest rate loan for the new water treatment plant.

#### **TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT**

Town Planner, Ligon Webb noted that he and Assistant Town Manager, Rick Black had observed several of premises signs that were illegal and that letters would be sent out regarding these signs.

Also, Mr. Webb stated that the Comprehensive Plan Committee had a very successful first meeting on October 3, 2006. The next committee meeting would be held on October 24, 2006.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Under new business Mr. Schiro stated that there has been a request for out of town water and sewer connection on 7<sup>th</sup> Street extended. Currently there are four residences in this area; each is served by a separate lift station. Mr. Schiro and Mr. Black agree that this issue requires further consideration regarding establishing some sort of master plan for this area. Such a plan might include property owners discharging into a common pump station maintained by the town whereas the residents would contribute to the cost of such plan. Mr. Schiro expressed concern regarding these connections in terms of

problems relating to future maintenance. Council requested that staff further review these concerns and come back with further recommendations as well as suggesting that staff meet with the property owners.

Also under new business, Mr. Gilbert Griffith was present to discuss his interest in a new tap connection at his property. Council requested that staff review Mr. Gilberts request to see if this was feasible and to proceed with Mr. Gilberts' request accordingly.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the regular session of the Town Council at approximately 7:40 pm.

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Mayor Ralph H. Dean

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Danielle P. Babb  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer