

MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA
Tuesday, November 22, 2011

The Luray Town Council met in a work session on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 5:30 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 Barry Presgraves

Council Present: Ronald Vickers
Lonnie Arrington
Mary Menefee
Leroy Lancaster
Jerry Schiro
Earl Racer

Also Present: Rick Black, Town Manager
Ligon Webb, Town Planner
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney
Fay McConnell, Luray Police Department
Page News and Courier
Charles Hoke, Director of Utilities
Carlie Hoke, Luray High School Student
William Menefee, former Town Council Member
Diane Griffith, Luray Little League
Kim Windle, Luray Little League
Larry Seekford, Luray Little League
Terry Dodson, Luray Little League
Teresa Dodson, Luray Little League
David Geese, Luray Little League
Josh Wood, Luray Little League-President
Dennis Shenk, Luray Little League
Jeffrey Dallas, Luray Little League
Becca Pickett, Luray Little League
Beezer Bailey, Luray Little League
Wayne Hilliards, Luray Little League

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Barry Presgraves and everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The roll was called with all members of Council present.

Town Planner's Report

Ligon Webb, Town Planner, said that he has provided Council members with a report regarding the rezoning request from Luray Caverns. The parcel is about 6 acres total and is adjacent to a B1 zoned property. The intended use of the property is to construct a maintenance building facility and overflow parking area. Mr. Webb said that the only issue from the Planning Commission is in regards to the parking area and the proper use of crosswalks. He advised Council members that the public hearing for this request will be held at the December 12th Council Meeting. Councilwoman Menefee confirmed that the parking area will be all new parking. Mr. Webb said that this would amount to about 3 acres of parking and he added that the area must be in accordance with the landscaping ordinance. Mr. Webb said that 5% of the space must be landscaped and a buffer will be required on the Highway 211 side of the parking site. Mr. Webb said that all parties are aware of these requirements. Mayor Presgraves confirmed that the total area discussed is approximately 6 acres. Mr. Webb said that Luray Caverns hopes to begin work around the beginning of the year and noted that an approved site plan is still needed. Mr. Webb stated that Luray Caverns is working with Racey Engineering on the project and he believes everyone is on board with these plans.

Employee Deferred Compensation Plan

Town Manager, Rick Black, stated that changes to the federal tax code require the Town of Luray to adopt a resolution restating their commitment to the Employee Deferred Compensation Plan. Mr. Black explained that the plan is completely employee funded and that the town does not contribute to this. Mr. Black said that this will be an action item for Council at the December 12th meeting. He added that the biggest change to the plan is the addition of a Roth IRA option for employees.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Black told Council members that paperwork has been received from Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative and a resolution will be prepared for the December meeting. The resolution is in regards to the change in right of way for the new service line that was installed to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Presgraves confirmed that the new Comcast contract has been mailed.

Luray Little League

Town Manager, Rick Black, stated that at the Monday March 8th 2010 Public Hearing the Town of Luray advertised an amendment to the FY 2010 Budget for \$750,000 dollars for improvements at the Ralph H. Dean Recreation Park. Prior to that hearing, on behalf of the Luray Little League, a letter was submitted dated February 10, 2010. Mr. Black explained that the letter was addressed to the Mayor and Town Council and spoke on behalf of the Luray Little League expressing appreciation to the Town for its participation in Project Softball. Mr. Black went on to read the remainder of the letter aloud for those in attendance. The letter stated that the league was launching what they hoped to be a successful fundraising campaign and referred to a fundraising goal of \$750,000 dollars. The letter maintained that these funds would be made available to offset expenses such as construction, financial obligations and league operations. The letter stated that the league was committed to the success of the project and the

community. Mr. Black concluded reading the letter and advised members that the letter was signed by former President of Luray Little League Incorporated, Nathan Strickler.

Mayor Presgraves asked if everyone had a copy of this letter. He assumed that since the letter came from the league, on their stationary, that everyone had a copy. Mayor Presgraves said that copies could be made available for league members if needed. Mayor Presgraves then directed current President of the Luray Little League, Josh Wood, to speak for the league. Mr. Wood advised attendees that Ms. Diane Griffith would be giving a presentation on behalf of the league.

Diane Griffith- 1132 Hook Hill Road, Luray

Ms. Griffith referred to the letter presented by Mr. Black and informed Council that this was the first time the league had been made aware of this letter. Ms. Griffith then confirmed that everyone had a copy of the presentation that the league would like to discuss this evening. Ms. Griffith said that she would like to go through the presentation and that some questions may be answered throughout. She advised that the intent from the league this evening was to begin dialogue that will assist the league with understanding Project Softball as it relates to both the Town of Luray and the Luray Little League. Ms. Griffith said that the league would like to make some introductions, review contributions made by the league, review the letter received from the town, and ask some questions in regards to a letter from the town. Ms. Griffith continued that the league would like to share some general information, receive questions from the Town, and have an opportunity for the league to ask questions. She stated that the league also wishes to share what they believe the town expects; and for the Town of Luray to discuss what they, in fact, expect from the league. Ms. Griffith expressed that the goal of this presentation is to bring some clarity between the Town of Luray and the Luray Little League and to continue the good relationship that has existed for the last 55 years.

Ms. Griffith then provided introductions; stating that her role is the Secretary for the Luray Little League. Other introductions included the other board members for the league; Kim Windle (assistant Treasurer), Larry Seekford (equipment manager), Terry Dodson, Teresa Dodson, David Geese, Josh Wood (League President), Dennis Shenk, Wayne Hilliard, Jeffrey Dallas, Becca Pickett, and Beezer Bailey.

Ms. Griffith thanked members of Council for allowing the league to be on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Ms. Griffith said that the league has always had a good working relationship with the town and that the league would like to see this continue. She thanked the town for allowing the children use of the fields and for the maintenance of these fields. Ms. Griffith said that the league would like to see the fields continue to be used for the children to play ball. She stated that it is unfortunate that the means of communication over the last two months has been through the Page News and Courier versus a formal dialogue. Ms. Griffith said that the articles have contained inaccurate information and hurt the league and town's images. She added that the league may be asking some tough questions but feels optimistic that progress can be made to benefit the children of the community.

Ms. Griffith then detailed contributions that had been made to the fields over the years. The items mentioned included various lighting, materials, and equipment.

Ms. Griffith included in the packet to Council members, a copy of the letter that was received by the league. She stated that the first question from the league was if all Council Members were aware of the wording of the letter, and were in agreement. Council members confirmed that they were aware of the letter and agreed with it. Ms. Griffith said that the letter also referred to a “commitment” and that the league would like to know what this commitment is. Town Manager, Rick Black, stated that this commitment is in reference to the letter dated March 2010, that was read earlier. Ms. Griffith said that in January 2011 there were statements made that there had been no commitments or contract. Mr. Black responded that there was no contract; however, this letter came from the Luray Little League. Ms. Griffith said that this is the first time the league has seen a copy of the March 2010 letter. Mr. Black stated that he assumed that since the letter came from the league that they had a copy. Mayor Presgraves asked if there were any previous minutes ever kept by the league. Ms. Griffith said that there were only minutes kept off and on; she said that there were no minutes showing that this letter was approved by the board at that time. Councilwoman Menefee reminded that this letter came from the President of the league at that time. Ms. Griffith said that regardless, the President of the League must still obtain approval before making such decisions. Councilwoman Menefee said that receiving a letter from the President of the League would cause the assumption that due process had been followed. Ms. Menefee said that this was not viewed as a contract but as a good faith effort.

Ms. Griffith said that the letter received from the town had not yet been taken to the general membership of the league. She said that the letter from the town stated that the league may continue to use the facilities without obligation regarding fees, field maintenance, utilities or other expense. The letter advises the league that the town will forward a written agreement regarding the league’s continued use of the public fields. Ms. Griffith asked why this written agreement for field use was not sent with Mr. Black’s letter. Mr. Black responded that the agreement is the standard form that everyone signs to use the park, however the form for the league provides some additional language from the town’s insurance carrier regarding liability. He added that the form is very similar to that which the league completes annually and states the times of use, etc.; only with additional language for insurance purposes.

Ms. Griffith said that the board has made efforts to find the league’s minutes. She said that the league has contacted Chief Campbell, who stated that the only items they have are the league’s financial statements. She advised Council members that a letter was sent to Mr. Strickler in November 2010 requesting all records relating to the league. Ms. Griffith said that the league received only keys and other items and that no minutes were received. She added that previous league directors were contacted as well, with only some records received.

Ms. Griffith stated that the league board members who were active during the time of Project Softball were asked if they were aware of any financial commitments made between the Town of Luray and the Luray Little League. She said that no board members recall any type of motion being made regarding this. Also, she said that the league posed questions to members regarding the luau event. Former members recalled that the proceeds would be turned over to the town to be used toward Project Softball. Ms. Griffith said that the league recognizes that this has not yet happened. However, she said that the league has been awaiting the final audit committee reports. She said that once these reports are reconciled, the league plans to cut a check to the town for those profits. Councilman Vickers inquired about the amount of the check. Ms. Griffith responded that she is not certain at this time due to some questions regarding expenses. She added that there was a great deal of turnover in chairpersons for the luau event causing more confusion. Mayor Presgraves confirmed that rules and regulations have been

implemented to ensure that this does not happen again. Ms. Griffith said that thanks to the audit committee's work, this should not happen in the future. Mayor Presgraves stated that despite the league's non-profit status, they must still file federal taxes. Ms. Griffith confirmed that all tax submissions have been caught up to date.

Ms. Griffith stated that the league would like to make Council members aware that if concession stand privileges are taken away from the league; they will not be permitted to host any tournaments at the park. She stated that the tournaments would not be granted to the league thus impacting the town's revenues from hosting such events. Councilwoman Menefee asked if this was a standard policy. Ms. Griffith said that when tournaments are hosted, the revenues benefit the district. The district then provides funding for other teams to advance further into the tournaments.

Josh Wood, Luray Little League President- 1872 Bixlers Ferry Road, Luray

Josh Wood, League President, stated that the tournaments would not be placed where there are no concessions. He said that there are some anticipated state tournaments for 2013. Councilwoman Menefee confirmed that the district views the concession stands as the largest source of revenue. Mr. Wood said that the concessions are the biggest form of revenue because there is no admission charge to watch the games and no fees for the teams to play. He explained that the main revenue sources are from the sale of t-shirts, concessions, and sponsorships. Councilman Schiro asked if the district receives the entire profit of the concession stand. Mr. Wood replied that the profits are split with the league. Councilman Schiro asked if the town agreed to give a percentage of profits to the district, there should be no difference. Mr. Wood said that he is uncertain and that the town should speak with the district administrator about this. Councilwoman Menefee confirmed with Mr. Wood that the district administrator is Craig Owens of Stanley. Mayor Presgraves said that there may be no guarantee for future tournaments. Mr. Wood said that Mr. Owens would like to continue to hold tournaments in Luray; however, if there are no concession stands he will not do so. Mr. Wood explained that District 3 collects revenue and dues from the league, which allows the price to be lowered for the kids to play. Councilman Schiro inquired about what expenses are incurred by the district when the town is maintaining the fields. Mr. Wood explained that the district pays for team meals, umpire fees and meals, and other items. Councilman Schiro asked if it should be the Council's understanding that the district is no longer interested in holding tournaments in Luray if the town takes over the control of the concession stands. Mr. Wood confirmed that this is his understanding based on information from Mr. Owens. Councilman Racer stated that he understands that Strasburg's concession stands are operated by the county. Therefore, Mr. Racer concluded that this should be no different. Mr. Wood said that he is uncertain and is merely passing along information provided by Mr. Owens. Mayor Presgraves said that it should be irrelevant where a portion of the proceeds are from.

Diane Griffith- 1132 Hook Hill Road, Luray

Ms. Griffith resumed her presentation on behalf of the league. Councilman Arrington asked about a letter from the league to Mr. Strickler requesting records. Mr. Arrington asked who the term "we" refers to in this statement. Ms. Griffith said that "we" refers to the board of directors of the league for 2010/2011.

Ms. Griffith then asked for any questions from the town. Town Manager, Rick Black, asked how many members of the current board of directors were elected in September 2009. Ms. Griffith said that she was not on the board at that time and would have to refer to her records. Some members of the board at that time were in attendance at this evening's meeting. Mr. Black inquired if anything happened at any of the league's board meetings regarding Project Softball. Mr. Terry Dodson stated that nothing was ever presented to the board in a motion and that the board was not properly informed. Mr. Dodson said that the Luray Little League Board at the time assumed that the town was taking care of overseeing the project and were only informed by what Mr. Strickler advised them of. He said that regarding any commitment to pay back the town, nothing was ever presented. Councilman Schiro recalled that Mr. Dodson was at some of the initial meetings for the project, along with Pat Racey and Bob Kelley. Mr. Dodson said that he was in attendance. Councilman Schiro asked if Mr. Dodson heard a commitment during Mr. Strickler's presentation to the Town Council that the league would help to offset costs of the project. Mr. Dodson said that he recalled Mayor Presgraves asking Mr. Strickler what kind of money he thought the league could contribute. He recalled Mr. Strickler saying that the league could raise \$250,000 - \$300,000 dollars and that this was never acted on by the league in the form of a motion. Councilman Schiro said that while he understands this, the Luray Town Council negotiated in good faith hearing from the president of their organization. Mr. Schiro said that there is certainly no contest of who is providing the most for the children of the community. He advised members that certainly the intent of this project was for the children and the overall interest of the community. Mr. Schiro said that Council members acted in good faith and turned this project around very quickly in order to meet the league's request to have a tournament here. He added that this was because Council wanted to try to continue making this a good program; however the Council was not aware that the league was not in favor of this. Councilman Schiro stated that the Council would have no way of knowing that they were not in favor of the project. Mr. Dodson said that the league's board members were only aware that the project was going well and would be completed on time. Mayor Presgraves said that it is hard to comprehend that those persons who were in attendance during the public meetings at that time do not remember making such a commitment. Mayor Presgraves stressed that the Council's intent was twofold; to create some economic development for our area, and to provide an outlet for the children of our community to advance their skills through playing baseball. Mr. Presgraves said that he has no regrets in spending funds on the improvements at the park; however, it is unfortunate the way things have been handled.

Ms. Griffith continued with her presentation and said that her next question involved the projected revenues given by Mr. Pat Racey regarding the economic development impact for the town. Mr. Black said that records are kept of any items submitted during Council meeting. Mayor Presgraves said that actual revenues are more of estimation in terms of an increase in lodging or meals tax revenues. Ms. Griffith said that the impression of those involved at the time was that these revenues would offset the cost of the project. Mayor Presgraves added that the Council adopted a cigarette tax from which the first year of revenue was paid against the debt for the project.

Ms. Griffith asked Council and Staff members if any consideration had been given to how the Steve Mauck family may feel after providing support for the naming rights of Field #4, if the concession stand operations are removed from the league. Mr. Black said that they have not been asked specifically. Ms. Griffith said that she understood that the Mauck family had contributed \$10,000 for those naming rights. Mayor Presgraves reminded that the Town of Luray has not been given those funds. Mayor Presgraves

said that he does not believe they were supporting the concessions; they were supporting the concept of the park and the improvements for the children.

Ms. Griffith asked if Council members were aware that any commitment discussed at town meetings would have required a motion and majority of the Luray Little League Board of Directors for approval. Councilwoman Menefee said that the process is the business of the league. Mayor Presgraves said that the league had a flawed process and there was an assumption that the league knew what was going on. Councilman Schiro said that Ms. Griffith had mentioned that the letter written to the league by the Town Manager had not been shared with the league's general membership. He added that despite this, the board members are present and taking a position on behalf of the league. Ms. Griffith explained that the league is not taking a position; they are creating a dialogue to clarify information about the process and to express what the league believes the town expects of them. Councilman Schiro continued that it would still be good if the membership had all of the information as Mr. Black's letter asked. Ms. Griffith said that the board will take this to the general membership once further questions are answered. Mr. Schiro reminded that previously the Council had assumed that whoever was before them represented the organization. Ms. Griffith said that this is correct and that the letter referred to too many written commitments that the league did not have. Ms. Griffith said that until tonight a commitment had never been seen (referring to the letter read by Mr. Black). She added that this letter does not signify to her a commitment from the league's board at that time; but rather one person acting on their own. She stated that there are no minutes for them to refer to and that this action would take a motion and majority vote of the board to gain approval. Ms. Griffith maintained that the board of directors did not want to take something before the general membership without having something written. Councilman Schiro reminded that the letter received by the town on behalf of the league was in writing. Councilman Racer questioned where the oversight was on the part of the league, as he realized that Mr. Strickler certainly could not have acted alone through this entire construction project. Ms. Griffith said that this is what the league would like to ask of the town. Councilman Racer maintained that this is not the problem of the town, but the league. Ms. Griffith stated that the league does not own the fields and did not authorize the improvements. Councilman Racer stated that the Council was told that they would receive at least a quarter of a million dollars back on the project with no problem. Ms. Griffith said that certainly the league could not have authorized the permits and approvals on their own. Councilman Racer said that the town did everything they were supposed to do, yet somehow the rest of the league was unaware of the commitments to pay money back to the town.

Ms. Griffith said that things did happen that shouldn't have and know a predicament exists and that both parties need to work through it. Councilwoman Menefee asked Ms. Griffith what she defined as the "predicament". Ms. Griffith said that the predicament is "\$750,000 from a non-profit organization". Councilwoman Menefee said that as the Mayor indicated previously, the Council felt this was a good faith effort to provide some funding back to the town. She said that while the letter on the league's stationary stated \$750,000, certainly this amount was not expected in entirety. Councilwoman Menefee said that the letter from Town Manager Black clearly says that the Town of Luray will manage the concessions and that this suspends the leagues obligation to provide anything. Ms. Menefee said that this obligation is suspended based on the fact that the town takes over the concessions. Ms. Griffith maintained that nothing has been confirmed in writing. Ms. Menefee said that a specific dollar amount will not likely be stated and she understands that there were cost overruns. She added that presentations had been given to explain these cost overruns and that there was no formal contract. Councilman Schiro said there was an understanding that the little league was going to contribute back to the town and

certainly had an understanding that the league would contribute as much as possible to offset the debt service of the project. Councilman Schiro reminded that this was an unfunded item in the town's budget and that these are taxpayers' dollars being spent. Mr. Schiro stated that taxpayers elect the members of the Town Council to oversee these funds. He said that the council approached this very seriously, but felt that this was a worthwhile project for the community. Mr. Schiro said that the Council proceeded on good faith with what was being told to them in these meetings. He said that in hindsight a specific contract should have been in place. Mr. Schiro agreed with Mr. Racer's comments that the Council trusted those who represented the league and felt very strongly that this was an excellent opportunity to enhance economic development for the town. Councilman Schiro said that regardless of what is paid back to the town, the money was well spent on an excellent facility for the entire youth of the community. Ms. Griffith maintained that there is failure on the part of both entities, and that she does not feel she has heard the town say this. Councilman Schiro said that he appreciates the work that went into this presentation; however he would like to know what the league hopes to achieve.

Ms. Griffith continued her presentation by saying that the league would like to have a copy of the estimates that were initially provided on the project by Pat Racey. Also, the league requested the financial records regarding project softball. Mr. Black said that these records have been given to the audit committee. Mr. Black said that anyone is welcome to come in and he will go over these records. Mr. Terry Dodson expressed his concern over items that the league is unaware of and records that the league does not have. Councilman Schiro said that frustrations should not be directed at the town when the league's internal operations have created these problems. Councilman Lancaster said that there is the insinuation that there should have been a contract and therefore the town was not charged accurately by the contractor. Mr. Lancaster said that town staff is aware of how the money was spent. He added that the biggest problem was the time crunch for the project, and that the town normally would take much longer to plan for this type of project.

Ms. Griffith said that it appears that league members were the main supporters of the cigarette tax. Those persons were in support of the tax if the funds went towards the debt of the project. Ms. Griffith confirmed that those funds were earmarked as such.

Ms. Griffith said that according to the minutes the town had several types of loan proposals. Mr. Black confirmed that the loan was through Page Valley Bank and was initially set up incorrectly. The account was initially set up by the bank using the league's tax identification number, but was corrected immediately by the town as soon as town staff was aware.

Ms. Griffith asked Council members how the town was not aware of the final cost of the project. Mayor Presgraves said that a budgeted amount of \$750,000 dollars was based on the engineer's estimates. He said that in order for the project to be completed, the additional costs had to be paid. Ms. Griffith said that according to the August 2009 minutes, Mr. Strickler said that the league did not expect the town to fully fund the project. She added that the league's minutes for the same time reflect different information. Mayor Presgraves explained that this was a "gentlemen's agreement" that the league would help the town and yet the town has not seen any funds from the league. Ms. Griffith also referred to the August 2009 minutes of the Luray Town Council that discussed the formation of a steering team for the design of the fields. Mr. Black verified that a committee was formed for the design of facilities.

Ms. Griffith referred to the April 2010 minutes of the town regarding the leagues exclusive rights for the use of the fields at the R.H. Dean Park. She asked if there is a written agreement or some form of documentation that permits the league's rights to use the fields. Ms. Griffith then asked if the town made any type of agreement upon the town being given the fields from the VFW. Mayor Presgraves said that the town was not given the fields at the park from the VFW. Mayor Presgraves added that the current fields at the park were purchased by the town for the citizens of the community. Mr. Black said that the original fields on Route 340 were owned by the VFW and then given to Page County.

Ms. Griffith then questioned an excerpt from the August 2010 minutes where Mayor Presgraves asked what types of funds were going to be issued from the Luray Little League to offset these costs. She further read from the excerpt that the league "should be making a good faith effort to contribute to the cost of this project". Ms. Griffith inquired why this statement would have been made when the league had made an apparent commitment through the letter from Mr. Strickler. Councilman Vickers said he understood this letter to be a goal. Councilman Schiro said that while the goal stated \$750,000 dollars, certainly no one ever expected the league to be able to repay \$750,000 dollars to the town.

Councilman Schiro asked earlier in the meeting what the league hopes to achieve. Ms. Griffith then told Council that she would like to share with them the league's "beliefs". She added that these beliefs had not been shared with the general membership of the league but rather are the brainstorming ideas of the current board.

Ms. Griffith then read the following:

(See attached document provided by Luray Little League)

- *Anything agreed to between the Town of Luray and the Luray Little League must be in writing and approved via signatures of both parties.*
- *The written agreement will be reviewed by an attorney for the Luray Little League before approval.*
- *The written agreement shall remain in effect as long as Luray Little League or any chartered Little League organization exist or claims the right to exist. The Town of Luray and Luray Little League shall review the terms of the agreement annually and make changes that are warranted.*
- *All written agreements and requested amendments to the agreement will be presented to the Luray Little League General Membership before final approval.*
- *Beginning with the 2011-2012 season if the Luray Little League has a profit at its fiscal year end, 10% of the profit (which will include fundraising, concessions, sponsorships, registrations, etc.) will be donated to the Town of Luray to be applied toward Project Softball.*
- *This donation will be made within 30 days of the end of the leagues fiscal year.*
- *This donation is based upon the contingency that the Luray Little League has lifetime priority over all existing and any future baseball and softball fields, maintains operations of concessions and use of press boxes at the Ralph Dean Park.*
- *Town of Luray has the right to supersede scheduling of little league events given 14 days prior notice of Town of Luray sponsored events.*
- *Town of Luray to allow properly trained little league personnel to assist with field maintenance, field preparation and care. Town of Luray to verify the training of, and approval of, all personnel.*
- *Luray Little League will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Town of Luray concerning the use and care of all existing and future fields and facilities. Such rules and*

regulations should be adopted by a joint committee of the Town of Luray and Luray Little League.

- *Any future improvement projects need to be discussed by, and approved by, all parties involved in said projects. Any agreements on scope, purpose, and financing must be in writing and approved by all parties involved after having met the individual organizations constitution, rules, regulations, and/or by-laws. All parties must have the support of a majority of their respective members/membership.*
- *The Luray Little League will support the Town on additional fundraising events to help with the Project Softball loan.*

Ms. Griffith then stated some closing remarks, noting that blame of the miscommunications and lack of documentation can be placed on all involved. She added that the focus should be on the children and finding a solution that ensures the children can play ball. Ms. Griffith said that the league feels a solution can be found but will require accurate communications between the town and league. Lastly, Ms. Griffith thanked the Council for allowing the league this time to speak and asked to hear what the Council expects.

Mayor Presgraves asked Council members if they had any additional comments. Councilman Schiro and Town Manager Black thanked the league for their presentation. Councilman Racer added that this was a very good presentation. Councilman Schiro asked who the league would like to represent their organization. He stated that there would be communications that would need to take place beyond this meeting. He said that it would be best if the Town Manager and an appointed representative of the league meet to work through these issues. Mr. Schiro said that there must be the understanding that this information be brought back to both bodies of organizations. Josh Wood, President of the League, said that this could be discussed at the next meeting and that he would let the Council know. Mr. Wood added that the league would like to know what the town expects and then take that information to the general membership. Councilman Schiro responded that this needs to be nailed down through future meetings. Mr. Wood concluded by saying that he believes both parties are ready to move on.

Lee McWhorter- Page County Citizen

Mr. McWhorter stated that he was speaking this evening as a concerned citizen. Mr. McWhorter said that all of his children played ball at the little league fields and that he remembers the vision for these fields. He added that all of these problems require a solution. His research found that the American Legion and VFW still have active leagues for older children. Mr. McWhorter added that anyone can be replaced at any of these fields. He then discussed the concept of non-profit organizations. Mr. McWhorter stated that he attends many public meetings and he recalls attending a number of meetings of the town council where he understood Mr. Nathan Strickler to present information to the Council that he thought was the resolution of the board of the league. He stressed that there was no indication whatsoever that when the VFW was used to feed the tournament participants that the Luray Little League Board was not involved in those plans. Mr. McWhorter added that he does still not believe this because a number of these persons were in attendance at league functions such as the luau. He stated that he too was under the impression that the league's board was firmly behind every move made by Mr. Strickler. He furthered that the fields are not going anywhere and that this needs to be resolved. Mr. McWhorter said that he "hopes the league can listen to the Council and realize that just because they are in the dark, does not mean that the town is wrong".

Dennis Shenk- 415 Almond Drive, Luray

Mr. Shenk said that he has been involved with the little league for many years and that he hopes the Council will remember that the league has given for the buildings that they have built and that the league has been a good partner. He asked Council to remember that the league “has not just taken, but have given too”.

Mayor Presgraves asked for any further comments, with none given he moved to the next item on the agenda.

Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Jason Spitler, said that his only topic for the evening was the sewer plant easement covered earlier by Mr. Black.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mayor Presgraves adjourned the work session of the Town Council at approximately 7:05 pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle P. Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer