

**A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 08, 2010

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2010 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 Barry Presgraves

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

Also Present: Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Mary Broyles, Treasurer
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Ligon Webb, Town Planner
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney
Page Campbell, Chief of Police
Pat O'Brien, Director of Parks and Recreation
Charlie Hoke, Director of Utilities
Lynn Mathews, Superintendent of Public Works
Powell Markowitz, Luray Page County Airport
Liz Lewis, Luray Downtown Initiative
Pam Flasch, Luray Page County Chamber of Commerce

A quorum being present, Mayor Barry Presgraves declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. All present stood for a moment of silence. All present then recited the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Presgraves welcomed members of the cub scouts to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Lancaster motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Schiro, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

Consent Agenda

- A) Minutes of October 12, 2010 Regular Council Meeting.*
- B) Minutes of the October 26, 2010 Council Work Session.*
- C) Financial Report for the period October 1 –31, 2010.*
- D) Accounts payable checks totaling \$138,474.91.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Use Permit: 7 Campbell Street

Town Planner, Ligon Webb, stated that the request for a special use permit at 7 Campbell Street has been withdrawn.

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENT

Richard Holder- 114 Cave Street

Mr. Holder stated that he would like to request a 15-minute parking space in front of his business (McKim and Huffman Pharmacy). Mr. Holder said that while his parking lot provides ample space, other entities are using the space in front of his building for all day parking. Mr. Holder advised that the street parking is the most handicapped accessible and would like to see this marked as a 15-minute parking. Councilman Vickers said that he recalled there being two spaces in front of the building. Mr. Holder said that there are two spaces, but restricting one will be sufficient. Councilman Lancaster said that he preferred there be no 15-minute parking anywhere on Main Street. Councilman Racer stated that he is in favor of at least one space for Mr. Holder's business. Councilwoman Menefee stated that she was in favor of the request due to the nature of Mr. Holder's business.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to approve the request for one 15-minute parking space in front of McKim and Huffman Pharmacy, motion seconded by Councilman Racer with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Arrington, Menefee, Schiro, Racer. NAY: Lancaster. **Approved 5-1**

TOWN AFFILIATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Luray Downtown Initiative

Liz Lewis stated that Catherine Stewart is no longer with the organization. Ms. Lewis stated that she will be assisting until a new director is in place. She said that the focus will be on restructuring the organization from being event based to a more marketing and support based organization. Ms. Lewis stated that LDI hopes to have this new plan in place for 2011 and that a new director will be qualified at that time.

Ms. Lewis stated that upcoming events will include the Sparkles and Sweets Program and the Community Reception at the BB&T Center following the Christmas Parade.

Luray/Page County Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Pam Flasch stated that Briana Campbell was meeting with Senator Warner and could not be at tonight's meeting. Ms. Flasch discussed the statistics for phone calls and walk-ins for the month. She stated that the Annual Chamber Banquet was a huge success! Also, Ms. Flasch reminded everyone of the free Tax Seminar to be held from 4:00-6:00pm. Ms. Flasch stated that there would be no Business After Hours this month due to the annual banquet. Lastly, she advised that the Chamber will be partnering with Page One for a food drive.

Mayor Presgraves complemented the Chamber Banquet and stated that there was a nice crowd. Ms. Flasch complemented Emily Campbell, Director of Events, for her work on the banquet.

Airport Commission

Mr. Powell Markowitz stated that he has a draft lease ready for the mechanic and that it should be back any day. He stated that he will provide the Town Attorney with a copy.

Mr. Markowitz said that for many years the airport has hoped to be able to provide jet fuel and that recent events are going to make this a possibility. A grant is available for \$63,000 for the installation of the fuel tank. While the grant funds will not completely cover the cost, he advised that Luray Caverns Corporation has offered to make up the difference. He stated that this project will be of no cost to the town or county. Mr. Markowitz stated that the availability of this fuel should lead to the rental of a large hangar unit for a corporate aircraft. He stated that many others will use the fuel such as the National Guard, rescue helicopters, and mechanic's customers. Mr. Markowitz requested that this business be advertised for a public hearing for the next regular Council Meeting. Mayor Presgraves re-stated that the acceptance of the DOAV funds for this project will be at no cost to the town or county.

Councilwoman Menefee asked if the crack-filling process is taking place on the runway. Mr. Markowitz stated that the work is currently in progress.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

POLICE – PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Chief, Page Campbell, stated that the total calls for service for October totaled 250. Chief Campbell said that the Halloween Event was a very successful and safe event. Mr. Campbell stated that he along with Councilwoman Menefee, and the Town Attorney have been attending the meetings of the Luray Little League.

Councilman Vickers asked approximately how many attended the Halloween Event. Chief Campbell and Pat O'Brien both stated that there were well over 1200 participants. Chief Campbell stated that the event has grown considerably since it was first held in the Town Hall parking lot in 1996.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. O'Brien handed out his monthly report to Council. He thanked the Luray Police Department, Public Works Department, Page County Sheriff's Office, and the Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce for their assistance with the Halloween Event. Mr. O'Brien discussed plans for the upcoming Christmas Parade and stated that the invitations have gone out.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Lynn Mathews, Superintendent of Public Works, said that the department had repaired six water leaks this month and worked on repairing fire hydrants. Mr. Mathews stated that the department had responded to five sewer calls. Mr. Mathews stated that the department is going to be very busy in the coming month. Upcoming projects for the department include sign repair, storm drainage work, trimming roadsides, assisting with paving projects, displaying flags, leaf collection, and preparing all equipment for winter weather.

WTP AND WWTP

Charlie Hoke, Director of Utilities, said that the Water Treatment Plant is running smoothly and that all samples have come back negative. He said that the system is a pleasure to work with and that only minor maintenance issues are taking place at the plant.

Mr. Hoke said that the Waste Water Treatment Plant final inspection will be conducted tomorrow. He said that the plant meets all current permits and is in compliance.

PLANNING

Mr. Webb told the Council that there will be two public hearings in December; however the commission will not meet in November. Mr. Webb provided Council with a booklet from the Department of Conservation. Councilwoman Menefee asked when there will be a report on the comprehensive plan. Mr. Webb stated that he will provide this report in January 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Presgraves stated that the Town Manager could not be in attendance at the meeting due to illness and that Mr. Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager, would give the report for *Old Business*.

Luray Landing Proposed Amendment

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, stated that the developer of Luray Landing is asking for action on the proposed amendment to the master plan. **Motion:** Councilman Arrington motioned to leave the Master Plan for Luray Landing as is and make no changes, motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Schiro, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination to Luray Planning Commission

Councilman Lancaster nominated Joey Sours (4 Mechanic Street) to the Luray Planning Commission. **Motion:** Councilman Lancaster motioned to appoint Joey Sours to the Luray Planning Commission, motion seconded by Councilman Arrington with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Schiro, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Jason Spitler, Town Attorney, stated that the Rural Development loan is now scheduled to close on Monday, November 15th. Mr. Spitler discussed the deed of sublease with Lord Fairfax Community College and stated that there was some asbestos found on the premises. He advised that the Town Manager is working to mitigate this problem and therefore the lease agreement should take place within the next few weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Investment of Public Funds, Section 2.2-3711.A.6 Disposition of Public Property, Section 2.2-3711.A.3

Mayor Presgraves requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Section 2.2-3711.A.6 and Section 2.2-3711.A.3. **Motion:** Councilman Racer motioned to recess the regular session and to convene in executive session; Councilman Lancaster seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Vickers, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Schiro, and Racer. **Approved 6-0**

Motion: Councilman Lancaster motioned to adjourn the closed session and to reconvene in open session; Councilwoman Menefee seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Vickers, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Schiro, and Racer. **Approved 6-0**

Mayor Presgraves asked members of Council to certify that to the best of their knowledge the only matters covered under Section 2.2-3711.A.6 and Section 2.2-3711.A.3 were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed session. **The roll was called with all members certifying "Yes".**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ ADJOURN

Mayor Presgraves announced that the Stanley Christmas Parade will be held on December 3rd, and that the Luray Christmas Parade will be held on December 11th. Also, he announced that the Town of Luray Christmas Dinner will be held on December 17th, with a social at 6:00pm and dinner at 6:30pm.

There being no further business, Mayor Presgraves adjourned the regular session of the Town Council at approximately 8:49 P.M.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle P. Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer