

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Monday, March 30, 2007**

Budgetary Meeting

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2007 at 1 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
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**

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.

CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councilwoman Shifflett requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel before going on to the regular order of business. Mayor Dean requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion to be personnel. Councilman Racer motioned to recess the regular meeting and to convene in closed session. Councilwoman Shifflett seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer.

Approved 5-0

After an Executive Session was held, Mayor Dean re-opened the meeting for regular business.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Town Manager, Rick Black began by reviewing the proposed budget Revenues and Expenditures by line item for each department. Council members were all given revised copies of the budget prior to the afternoon's meeting for review. The revised budget was based on suggestions from council during the previous budget work session. In reviewing, Mr. Black noted all changes made to the budget based on council's request.

Overall, council reviewed various expenditures including but not limited to; uniforms, attorney fees, audit fees, contributions, materials and equipment. Items that received an overall budget item reduction include the following:

Farmer's Market Funding
Industrial Development Authority

Safety Program> Materials/ Supplies and Equipment
Streets> Equipment
Landfill Tipping Fees
Equipment Purchases

Overall increases in budget line items take into consideration the rising costs of fuel and postage. As well, Council wishes to increase Transient Occupancy Tax from 3% to 5%.

Council concluded by setting a date of for another budget work session to be held on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE

After reviewing the budget, council felt able to make an informed decision on setting the real property tax rate. Councilman Racer motioned to set the Real Property Tax Rate at \$0.22/100 .Motion was seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer. **Approved 6-0**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Manager, Rick Black, requested that council meet at 5:45 pm at the Luray Singing Tower on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2007. The reason for this is for a brief dedication of the new stage built at the singing tower.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the budgetary session of the Town Council at approximately 3:35 pm.

Mayor Ralph H. Dean

Danielle P. Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer