

MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Luray Town Council met in a work session on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 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: Nancy Shifflett
Lonnie Arrington
Bill Menefee
Leroy Lancaster
Barry Presgraves
Earl "Rock" Racer**

**Also Present: Jerry Schiro, Town Manager
Rick Black, Assistant Town Manager
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**

Council met to discuss issues concerning updates on out of town water and sewer connections, town Christmas parades, appointments to Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, and the Parks and Recreation State Award.

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

The first item on the agenda was the Town Attorney's update. Jason Spitler briefed council on the status of several issues; the Airport Lease has been signed and closing has been completed on the Addison Property. Mr. Spitler asked that council move to approve all documents for the Luray Landing Business Park and direct Mayor, Clerk, and Town Manager to endorse them as appropriate.

Motion was made by Mrs. Shifflett to accept and approve Luray Landing Documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Presgraves with the following YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer. Approved 6-0.

Mr. Schiro presented copies of the annual audit report and noted that the auditors would be willing to attend a meeting to answer questions or give a presentation if council so wishes. A concept plan was given to council for Luray Heights and should come before council in December for approval. Mr. Schiro provided council with a draft agenda for the Monday, November 13 council meeting. Each council member received a packet with three different alternatives from designers for the November 14th meeting on the Luray Rail Depot. Mr. Schiro informed council of one public hearing which is on the school rezoning.

Mr. Schiro updated council on the out of town water and sewer connections on 7th Street extended. Concerning Mr. Jeff Sullivan's prior request, he has now decided to go with a private system. Mr. Schiro spoke with Diane Keeney who owns additional property in this area and suggested that she may want to plan ahead for a potential subdivision of the remainder of the property so that the town could come up with an infrastructure plan for water and sewer.

Stanley and Shenandoah Town Councils have requested that the Luray Town Council participate in their parades coming up in December. Council feels it would be a good gesture to participate in these parades and council members will decide amongst themselves who will attend each parade.

Mr. Schiro briefed council on the sewer connection on Collins Avenue (Charlie Judd Property) and its relation to the fairgrounds property. Town Attorney Jason Spitler has reviewed the deed and associated legal records and states that the town is tying into a public manhole and does not need further approval from the Fair Association.

Regarding the report from Mr. Ligon Webb, Town Planner, The Town's subdivision ordinance appears to have some conflicting language regarding residential construction in an identified floodplain area. If members of the council agree with Mr. Baughan's interpretation, Town Planner, Ligon Webb will initiate an ordinance amendment in compliance with State regulations.

Mr. Schiro addressed a letter from Lowell Baughan advising that his term on the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission will expire December 2006. After many years of service, Mr. Baughan would like for council to select a replacement to serve on the commission.

On the agenda was the issue of setting an alternate date or possibly canceling the December Work Session. The session is scheduled the same evening as the annual Christmas Parade. Consensus was to cancel the December Work Session pending any pressing issues.

Mr. Schiro recognized the Parks and Recreation Department for being awarded the Local and State Urban Forestry Award. The local award will be presented on November 16, 2006 at the Johnny Appleseed Restaurant in New Market. The state award will be presented at the Hotel Roanoke on December 5, 2006. Pat O' Brien and one council member will attend the state ceremony in Roanoke.

Mr. Schiro presented to council for approval the proclamation honoring the Reverend James Stewart for his years of service to his congregation at Bethel Baptist Church, the Citizens of Luray, and the entire community. Motion was made by Mrs. Shifflett to accept the resolution in appreciation of the Reverend James Stewart. The motion was seconded by Mr. Presgraves with the following YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer. Approved 6-0.

Mrs. Nancy Shifflett asked council if the town would continue with the annual Christmas Party. Mr. Schiro will see what is available for this year's party and report back to council.

Mr. Black briefed council on a request from Mr. Scott Alger, 115 South Bank Street, to vacate the alleyway/street leading to his home. Mr. Black has responded to Mr. Alger in the form of a letter dated October 20, 2006. The letter stated that council, in the past, has not vacated a right of way that is dedicated as a street.

Mayor Dean requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel issues. Mrs. Nancy Shifflett motioned to recess the regular meeting and to convene in closed session. Councilman Presgraves seconded the motion with the following members voting YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, and Racer. Approved 6-0.

After reopening the regular session, Council agreed only personnel issues were discussed during the Executive Session.

Mayor Dean adjourned the work session at approximately 7:50 pm.

Mayor Ralph H. Dean

Danielle P. Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer