



## Town of Luray

45 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 629  
Luray, Virginia 22835



### PUBLIC NOTICE

April 12, 2022

At their April 11, 2022 Council Meeting, the Luray Town Council reviewed the following issues and took the following actions.

Under the Roll Call item:

All members were present.

Under Addition or Deletion from Agenda item:

No action.

Under the Consent Agenda Item:

Town Council unanimously approved the minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, the March 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session with a noted correction to the single use water rate increase, financial reports for March 2022, and the accounts payable totaling \$183,302.47.

Under the General Citizen Comments Agenda Item:

No speakers spoke

Under the Presentations agenda item:

- 1) Bill Dudley with the Hawksbill Greenway Foundation introduced members of the Foundation and Racey Engineering attending the meeting. He also asked Council's consideration of the proposal for the Redwell/Isabella Furnace/Yager Spring Greenway Feasibility Phase I Study and confirmed that the Foundation would fund half of the proposed \$28,000 fee.
- 2) Jackie Elliott, Program Manager for the Luray Downtown Initiative, informed Town Council that LDI and the Town has been awarded a grant to evaluate/market remote working in Luray; LDI has submitted their funding request for FY 2022-2023; LDI was working with their businesses on the Fourth of July Downtown Get Down Event; LDI was developing two fund raising events that will be announced shortly; and LDI is pursuing a marketing grant.

Under the Public Hearings agenda item:

- 1) Town Council conducted a Public Hearing to receive public input on a request for a Special Use Permit to operate a distillery at 622 West Main Street (Tax Map No. 42A10-A-18) in the Business (B1) Zoning District. Town Code 406.2p.1 require a Special Use Permit for Artisan Manufacturing – Distilleries. Audre King of 630 West Main Street spoke in favor of approving the permit to promote business development on the west end of Luray in hopes of one day expanding the Historic Downtown area west. Town Council unanimously approved the Special Use Permit.
- 2) Town Council conducted a Public Hearing to receive public input on a request for a Special Use Permit to operate a lodging house at 22 North Deford Avenue (Tax Map No. 42A11-A-53) in the



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Townhouse & Apartment Residential (R-5) District. No speakers spoke. Town Council unanimously approved the Special Use Permit with the conditions noted in the Town Code.

- 3) Town Council conducted a Public Hearing to receive public input on a Code Amendment to Section 402.8 Street Names in the Subdivision Section of the Town Code to cite Chapter 74, Article IV. No speakers spoke. Town Council unanimously approved the Code Amendment.
- 4) Town Council conducted a Public Hearing to receive public input on possible increases to the FY 2022-2023 Tax Rates to include: Real Estate Tax Rate Restoration – from \$0.267 to \$0.29; Meals & Beverage Tax Rate – from 4% to 5%; Transient Occupancy Tax Rate – from 5% to 6%; and Cigarette Tax Rate – from \$0.15 to \$0.20 per pack. Carol Cave of 1275 Elgin Drive spoke against increasing the Meals & Beverage Tax Rate due to the additional burden that the additional tax would cause to customers and further increase costs. Following the Public Hearing, Councilman Pettit spoke about how the tax rate increase does add cost to restaurant operators due to credit card fees and that customers see all fees and taxes as the total cost. Councilman Webb stated that he supports restoration of the Real Estate Tax and the increase of the Cigarette Tax. Councilman Sours stated that all taxes disincentivize some action. Councilman Schiro stated that the Town's costs have increased to provide services. Town Council unanimously approved conducting a Special Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup> to consider possible adjustments to the FY 2022-2023 Tax Rates.

Under the Action & Discussion agenda item:

- 1) Town Council unanimously approved the Code Amendment to Section 6-6 Putting Advertisement on Vehicles to change “in” to “on” and to allow placement with owner’s consent.
- 2) Town Council unanimously approved the request to provide water service outside of the Town limits to 107 Patriot Way through a one-inch water meter.
- 3) Town Council unanimously approved the award of the West Lu Sanitary Sewer Pump Station to Patterson Construction Company in an amount not to exceed \$1,174,344.00.
- 4) Town Council unanimously approved the donation of the Town’s inflatable tent to Boy Scout Troop 100.
- 5) Town Council unanimously approved the advertisement for the Public Hearing for the FY 2022-2023 Town Budget for June 13, 2022.
- 6) Town Council unanimously authorized the Town Treasurer to transfer \$20,000 from the FY 2021-2022 Budget item for Park Debt Service to the Parks & Recreation Capital item for improvements to Imagination Station. Town Council also authorized the Town Treasurer to record non-salary related budget transfers among line items and between Departments as needed throughout the fiscal year to accommodate transfers not to exceed \$50,000.
- 7) Town Council unanimously approved the use of unallocated ARPA funds to perform the Phase I Feasibility Study for the extension of the Hawksbill Greenway to Redwell/Isabella Furnace/Yager Spring. Council also awarded the study to Racey Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. Councilman Pettit voiced concern about sanitary sewer Inflow and Infiltration issues.

Under the Town Attorney’s Report agenda item:

No update provided.



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Under the Council Comments agenda item:

Councilman Webb confirmed that Imagination Station was under construction. Councilwoman Lillard thanked the Planning Commission for their service.

Under the Mayor's Announcements agenda item:

Mayor Dofflemyer invited Council to the Grand Opening of Mend my Mobile on Wednesday and to plant trees with the Department of Forestry along Hawksbill Creek this Saturday.

Under the Closed Meeting agenda item:

Town conducted a Closed Meeting for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice and for discussion of the potential disposal of publicly-held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Town, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) and (8) of the Code of Virginia. Following the Closed Meeting, the Town Council unanimously certified the Closed Meeting discussion.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting can be viewed on the Town's YouTube page at <https://youtu.be/owkGuzNwZ3g>

For more information about the April 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, please contact the Town Manager at [sburke@townofluray.com](mailto:sburke@townofluray.com) or (540) 743-5511.