

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2013

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2013 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
Pam Flasch
Mary Menefee
Leroy Lancaster
Joey Sours
John Meaney

Also Present:

Charlie Hoke, Temporary Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Mary Broyles, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
Ligon Webb, Town Planner
Assistant Chief Wayne Petefish, Luray Police Department
Liz Lewis, Luray Downtown Initiative
John Robbins, Luray Page County Chamber of Commerce
Floyd Maxey, 15 Moyer Avenue
Jim Mayes, The Warehouse Art Gallery

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. Councilman Meaney led everyone in reciting the United States Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called with all members present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Menefee noted one change to the minutes of May 13th, 2013.

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

Consent Agenda

- A) Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Regular Council Meeting
- B) Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Council Work Session
- C) Financial Report for the period May 1-31, 2013
- D) Accounts payable checks totaling \$ 154,609.92

GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Mayes, The Warehouse Art Gallery -15 Campbell Street

Mr. Mayes stated that he would like to speak regarding off premises signs and provided a handout to Council and Staff members. Mr. Mayes asked members of Council to review the handout and verified that Mayor Presgraves had passed on an earlier memo he had sent to the Mayor. Mr. Mayes said that his business is not a very profitable one and has only seen a net profit in one year since he has been in business. He explained that the motive behind his business is personal and he views it as a service to the

community. Mr. Mayes recalled coming before the Council about five years ago when he was asked to remove his signs at that time. Mr. Mayes said that the removal of his signs immediately affected business and therefore he came before council and was granted a permit for two of his four signs. Councilman Vickers verified that this permit provided for an annual renewal. Mr. Mayes stated that signs are his most effective form of marketing and that visibility is key. Mr. Jim Mayes highlighted plans for the future of his business and said that his vision is for the town to become an arts destination. He feels that all forms of the arts will benefit if the community's art scene flourishes. Mr. Mayes would like to expand his business to include sculpture. However, the decision by Council this evening will determine if he goes forward with expanding his business to include sculpture. Mr. Mayes stated that his request is for a short term solution of allowing him to immediately place his signs back on the street. He explained that approximately seven weeks have been lost during his peak recovery time. He also volunteered to work with a committee on finding some long term solutions and advocated wayfinding signs. Mr. Mayes pointed out the various ways that the warehouse gives back to the community. He said that any area non profit is permitted to use the facility without charge. Also, the Expressions Studio was added to the gallery and is used for non-profit children's activities. Mr. Mayes then asked for questions or comments from the Council.

Mayor Presgraves asked how the sales figures were derived as Mr. Mayes stated that 90% of sales were from visitors. Mr. Mayes said that for many years the sales were logged and often times the information is based on discussions with customers. Mr. Mayes responded that since his signs were forced to be removed, the foot traffic into the gallery has been drastically reduced and thus has decreased sales. Councilwoman Menefee verified that Mr. Mayes attributes his loss of sales directly to the signage. Councilman Meaney commented that he feels the Council is in a position to do something to help Mr. Mayes and can't imagine not being able to find a compromise. Mayor Presgraves reminded attendees that the Council is attempting to enforce the town's existing sign ordinance. He said that if Council were to make exceptions to the ordinance, where would one "draw the line"? Mayor Presgraves suggested that Council take these comments under advisement and send to the Planning Commission for review. Currently the town is in full compliance with the law and has instructed the Police Department to enforce the current code. Mr. Mayes would like to ask that reason prevail; as he has been able to use these signs for about twelve years now. He stated that he has been asked to pull these signs with extremely short notice, with this causing a tremendous affect on his business. Mr. Mayes restated that he would like for Council to come to some sort of short term solution. Councilwoman Menefee recalled a former solution/arrangement with Mr. Mayes that would require him to take these signs in nightly. Mr. Mayes recalled this discussion and came back to council about a year and half ago requesting to leave the signs out at night. He said that taking the signs in at night seemed to be pointless and was an inconvenience to his staff. Councilwoman Menefee acknowledged that this is a difficult issue. Mr. Ligon Webb, Town Planner, said that the current ordinance does allow for some flexibility for signs and that the code would likely not need to be changed. Mr. Webb said that he feels Mr. Mayes is basically asking for Council to come up with an agreement. Council members discussed involving the Planning Commission in assisting with a solution that is fair and equitable. Mayor Presgraves maintained that it will still be difficult to determine where we draw the line on the issue. Mayor Presgraves said that he would give everyone a chance to speak that has signed up this evening. Councilman Vickers recalled the plans for the Bicentennial Planter that initially included a lamppost with wayfinding signage. Mr. Vickers maintained that he would like to be pro-business and would propose a short term solution to this. Mr. Mayes said that he does not foresee many other businesses having a similar issue, other than possibly the Trackside Theatre. Mayor Presgraves suggested that this would open up the request for special permissions to all businesses.

Cathie Miranda – 317 East Main Street

Ms. Cathie Miranda stated that she resides at 317 East Main Street and has a pottery business at this location. Ms. Miranda spoke in favor of the Expressions Studio and said that the program is free to both locals and visitors. She explained that the classes are taught by a volunteer and donations are accepted. Ms. Miranda stated that this is a very good program for parents who are looking for free activities for

their children and would be a grave loss if the program were ended. She added that the greatest amounts of donations are received from tourists and that visitors need to be aware of the warehouse location.

Sandy Newman – 331 Cottage Drive

Mr. Newman stated that he does not believe there is a way to “draw the line”; however, this must be taken on a case by case basis. Mr. Newman said that not every good business can be located on Main Street. He added that as a resident he has been able to locate these businesses, yet tourists are not able to find them. Mr. Newman stated that the face of Expressions Studio lies in his children who enjoy this program every Saturday. He feels that many school programs for art and music are drying up and does not want to see any additional programs lost.

Stephen Adler – 34 Brumback

Mr. Adler stated that the issue is community building and that he knows of no other place where there is more “community feeling” than at the Art Warehouse. He added that the Traskside Theatre is community oriented as well. Mr. Adler stated that these businesses are not non-profit; they simply are not making any money. Despite this they are willing to continue in business.

Mary delaFontaine – 25 Springview Blvd.

Ms. delaFontaine said that she runs the Expressions Studio within the Art Warehouse. She added that she pays for all expenses and has begun a free program that has continued over the last year. Ms. delaFontaine said that many visitors understand the value of an arts program and make contributions. She stated that the lack of signage has very much reduced the traffic into the warehouse.

John Robbins – Luray Page County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Robbins suggested an aspect of the sign issue that perhaps has not been considered yet. First of all, he noted that the Chamber agrees on the need for sign regulations to keep things in order. However, he does not want to see the sign ordinance become so rigid that it puts an owner out of business. Mr. Robbins stated that this would have serious consequences for the business and the town. He said that many members of the community are working to bring new businesses to the area. A prospective business owner in Luray is already faced with many empty storefronts and for sale signs. Mr. Robbins does not want to see a similar situation with The Warehouse Art Gallery. Mr. Robbins added that if our community continues to appear economically depressed, a new business is not likely to locate here. He maintained that this solution is neither a fast nor easy one. Mr. Robbins urged the Council to give due consideration to any possible exception that could be made for Mr. Mayes.

Linda Drum – 2 West Main Street

Ms. Drum said that she had a few comments on the discussion and suggested making exceptions for businesses within the historic district or on a case by case basis. She also added that Appalachian Outdoor Adventures has tried to help local artists by putting their items into her store. Ms. Drum said that despite her location on Main Street, some visitors still have difficulty finding the store. She feels that the dynamic of businesses downtown has changed and perhaps is much different than from when the ordinance was written. In addition, she recently saw a sign for the Luray Cavemen Baseball team and noted that consideration has been given for these signs.

Kira Newman – 32B East Main Street – Traskside Theatre

Ms. Newman spoke on behalf of the Traskside Theatre and noted its interesting predicament with its physical location, address, etc. Ms. Newman said that she too has been fighting this battle regarding signs for about the last six months. She noted that this issue began with the plans for the Bicentennial Planter and that she first heard about these plans from her landlord. She understood that her signage would be replaced and added that the planter has been a beautiful project. Ms. Newman noted that the lamppost and wayfinding signs were omitted from the design. She added that various wayfinding signs could be a solution to many area businesses. Ms. Newman also reported a decrease in foot traffic through the alleyway. Temporarily the theatre is allowed to use a sandwich board sign when they have an

employee in the building. Ms. Newman thanked the council for listening to all those concerned and for working with the area businesses.

Councilwoman Menefee noted that the Traskside Theatre is mainly event oriented. Ms. Newman said that typically the theatre is only open for shows or practices and does not hold regular business hours.

Susan Rocke – 58 West Main Street

Ms. Rocke stated that Luray has just been awarded the Arts and Cultural Designation and she feels that The Warehouse Art Gallery is the anchor for arts in downtown Luray. Ms. Rocke encouraged Council members to consider the sign ordinance provisions.

Joann Fargo – 201 West Main Street

Ms. Fargo stated that she and her husband run Bank Street Books and have operated this business on Main Street in Luray for nearly 15 years. She stated that if an owner cannot bring people into its business then they might as well close the doors. Ms. Fargo reminded that when one business flourishes, all will flourish creating a more vibrant downtown. Ms. Fargo would like to encourage Council to find a temporary solution in order to keep businesses like Mr. Mayes' gallery in business.

Kelly Zitzer – Domino's Pizza, 9 Campbell Street

Ms. Zitzer stated that she agreed with all of the previous speakers and acknowledged that her business benefits from national marketing promotions. However, she said that good business within the town will benefit everyone. Ms. Zitzer said that her business may be larger, but needs for small businesses to succeed as well.

Mayor Presgraves asked for any further speakers and stated that he would like for Council members to take these comments into advisement and look at during the work session. Councilman Vickers disagreed that he would like to speak to this issue while all speakers are present. Mr. Vickers said that he sees the two main concerns from the public to be "parking" and "signs" and realizes that many business owners are very concerned for the Art Warehouse. Mr. Vickers said that he is a member of Habitat for Humanity and this non-profit utilizes Mr. Mayes property for meetings. Mr. Vickers recognized that Council members have differing opinions on the sign ordinance and the degree to which it should be restrictive. As well, Councilman Vickers said that he was the one who came up with the motion to follow the letter of the law. Despite this, for many years the town had a special arrangement for Mr. Mayes which appeared to work. Mr. Vickers said that the construction of the planter caused some changes and there were concerns for pedestrian safety on the town's sidewalks. Mr. Vickers would like to see this matter go before the Planning Commission and attempt to come up with some solutions to help our local business owners stay in business while being fair to all concerned. Councilman Meaney disagreed with Councilman Vickers and said that we need to "take the bull by the horns" and look at this at the work session meeting and that the decision lies with Council members. Mr. Meaney would like for Council to take this evening's comments under advisement and look at this at the work session and then make a decision. Mayor Presgraves said that he would like for members to step back from tonight's discussion and review the existing ordinance and come up with an educated decision. Councilman Meaney reminded that the Council has already discussed sending this issue to the Planning Commission. The commission's response was that this is the Council's decision. Councilman Vickers stated that he would like to see Council give Mr. Mayes some leeway, as the decision may take as much as another month. Councilman Vickers said that he want Council to convey to the public that the town is pro-business and to go out of its way to make sure these owners stay in business. Councilman Vickers would like to see the town provide Mr. Mayes with a two week reprieve while the Council hashes this out at the work session.

Councilwoman Flasch stated that original wayfinding signs for the Bicentennial were beautiful, but she was under the impression that the business owners did not want them. Ms. Newman, Traskside Theatre, stated that this was incorrect. Councilman Vickers reminded that the Council decided to modify the plan and remove the lamppost, which then took away the attached signage. Mr. Vickers recalled that former Town Manager, Jerry

Schiro, pointed out that the town cannot take the position of providing signage for some businesses and not for others. Councilman Sours suggested that the wayfinding signage is a nice solution and is an asset to the community. He explained that this approach would need to make the business responsible for paying for the attached signage. Mr. Sours noted that this approach would also lessen any pedestrian hazards on the town's sidewalks and would incorporate some cohesive signage.

Council discussed the signage permitted for local baseball and that these signs are event oriented only. Town Planner, Ligon Webb, said that the town's ordinance is fairly flexible the way it is written. Therefore, when people would come in with requests, he would work with owners on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Webb reiterated that the decision is ultimately up to Council for a temporary or long term solution. Mr. Webb explained that this issue is common among many localities and has been discussed on and off by council over the past five years. Councilman Vickers stated that when he sees this amount of support, he would like to see Council grant a two week reprieve. Mayor Presgraves suggested that this may open the door for many requests from businesses that are not located on Main Street. Councilman Meaney explained that the Council is not saying no, but he feels they need more time to make the right decision. Councilman Meaney said that he does not feel that two weeks is too much to ask and that he feels there is a strong desire to come to a compromise. Councilman Meaney motioned to continue the sign ordinance discussion at the work session, with no temporary solution. Councilwoman Menefee suggested that Mr. Meaney modify his motion to include temporary relief for a period of two weeks with a solution discussed at the work session. Mr. Meaney stated that modifying his motion would defeat the purpose of the Council's purpose and did not change his motion.

Motion: Councilman Meaney motioned to continue the sign ordinance discussion at the work session and to not allow a temporary solution, motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Lancaster, Sours, Meaney, NAY: Menefee, Vickers, Flasch, TIED VOTE: YEA: Presgraves **Approved 4-3**

Floyd Maxey – 15 Moyer Avenue

Mr. Maxey recalled that the last time he spoke before Council he objected to the 16% tax rate increase. He said that the town has enjoyed increases in revenues over the past years without a rate increase. Mr. Maxey said that he was speculating at that time, so therefore needed to look at revenue figures over a period of years in order to gain statistical data. Thus, Mr. Maxey stated that he requested budget and revenue summaries that go back several years and was only looking for summary reports. Mr. Maxey said that since paperwork was involved he offered to do the copy work himself using his own equipment. He emphasized that his initial preference was for electronic copies. Mr. Maxey recalled that Mr. Chrisman said that he would provide paper copies from the town's records at no charge. Mr. Maxey stated that Mr. Chrisman did not provide access to files that he feels were readily available in the town office and that this appeared to "stonewalling". Mr. Maxey said that he was provided with electronic files eight days after his initial request. Mr. Maxey felt that all concerned parties know where these files are located on the town's server.

Mr. Maxey then recalled coming into the office to pay his tax bills. He stated that the clerk processed the payment and then displayed to the council his detail receipt. Mr. Maxey said that the receipt totaled 13 pages and that he was not assessed a charge for time or copies. He argued that the town does pose a charge on copies for requested information, along with employee's labor cost which he feels are already paid via his tax bills. Mr. Maxey explained that the town could have used other electronic methods that took little time, yet the town used five days to provide the requested material.

Mr. Maxey explained that after reviewing the budget files it appears that the town's budgeted revenues have grown approximately 17%. Mr. Maxey stated that the maximum time under the Freedom of Information Act is five days. He said that the maximum time allowed for information to be submitted is not intended as a date and time for the information to be sent. Mr. Maxey acknowledged that the town's FOIA Policy is on the agenda for tonight's meeting and suggested that information be provided the same

day. Mr. Maxey stated that there should be no difference between the way a request is handled from members of council or from citizens. In closing, Mr. Maxey noted the town's organizational chart and said that the citizens of Luray are at the top of this charge. However, he said that this is not the way that it actually is and perhaps the chart should be changed. He suggested that many large businesses are moving out of cities and towns like Luray should want to attract businesses, therefore taxes need to be low.

Roseanne Smythe – 127 South Court Street

Ms. Smythe said that she was so excited to look at the town's website and quoted information from the webpage in regards to "expanding and preserving its heritage". Ms. Smythe said that she is a resident of Court Street and over the years has seen some amazing old buildings taken down. She recalled some of these buildings and says that she is now aware that the Luray Graded School building is scheduled to come down. She stated that her concern is that the building is in the historic district and may actually be taken down. Ms. Smythe said that she understands that this decision is not up to the town but advised that there is a group of citizens who are interested in preserving this building. Ms. Smythe said that Mr. Chet Taylor began a non-profit foundation back in 2006 to preserve the building. She said that the mission of the foundation is to educate leadership and citizens about the importance of preserving the Luray Graded School. The goal is to preserve the historic exterior of the structure and its place along the skyline, while repurposing the facility. She added that this structure is one of the most endangered historic sites in the state at this time and this information can be found online. Ms. Smythe said that the leaders in the room can do something about this and thus are here in support of this preservation. Ms. Smythe said that the intent for the property is for additional parking at the new office complex and that the entire footprint of the building would only provide for an additional 16 parking spaces.

Mike Uram- 155 Cabbage Road, Stanley

Mr. Uram said that he was in attendance tonight on behalf of TRIAD and said that the town helped assist with their annual convention and their participation in the Festival of Spring. Mr. Uram said that he prefers to thank the Council and Staff in person for their continued assistance.

Chet Taylor- 2948 Oak Forest Lane, Luray

Mr. Taylor stated that he is present and would like to concur with Ms. Smythe's comments about looking at the prospect of losing a historic building here in Luray. Mr. Taylor recognized that the Town of Luray does not own this building, but the building is in our town and is in the town's historic district. Mr. Taylor feels that the town cannot ignore the issue of whether or not this building should stand or be demolished. Mr. Taylor encouraged town officials to do their duty to the citizens of Luray and take on this consideration. He suggested that perhaps the town turn this over to its planning commission or possibly turn this issue over to Luray Downtown Initiative. Mr. Taylor encouraged that if businesses were to operate out of a renovated structure there would be tax revenue generation which will not happen if a parking lot were to replace the structure. Mr. Taylor concluded by asking Council to be involved in this decision and not to simply ignore the issue.

STAFF REPORTS

PLANNING AND ZONING

Town Planner, Ligon Webb, distributed a draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan and stated that the Planning Commission will review this again on Wednesday and likely make a few small changes. Mr. Webb asked Council to review the draft copy at their leisure.

Mr. Webb reviewed his monthly report, which provided an overview of the cost for the North Broad Street Improvement Project. Mr. Webb explained the overrun on the project which was in the areas of engineering and for an ADA Compliance Issue. The overall estimate for the project was \$54,000 with a final cost of \$58,993. Mr. Webb explained that Liz Lewis, LDI, plans to apply for an additional grant to potentially complete phase II of the improvements next Spring.

Town Planner, Ligon Webb, stated that the advertisement for the alleyway vacation regarding Mr. Erik Fox's request will be in the upcoming newspaper. A public hearing will be held on the issue in July.

TOWN AFFILIATED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Luray Downtown Initiative

Ms. Liz Lewis stated that the North Broad Street gateway looks great and the grant has been closed. Ms. Lewis said that another grant opportunity will be available in November and that she intends to pursue this option. Ms. Lewis discussed other grant opportunities to assist with overgrown planting beds on North Broad and Main Streets. Ms. Lewis discussed the Buy Local Grant and said work will continue on this throughout the summer. She also discussed new businesses opening downtown and invited members to the open house for Primitive Corner on Friday, June 15th. Ms. Lewis discussed the Art Filled Summer Day Camp that will serve as an LDI fundraiser and said that the opening is June 18th at 18 East Main Street. She explained that the camp will be over a 9 week period and will host 10 children per week. Other items of discussion included the Summer Concert Series flyer, newspaper shopping advertisement, event flyer, and shopper survey.

Councilman Lancaster inquired about the cancellation of the concert scheduled for June 7th. Ms. Lewis said that the decision was made to postpone the concert on that Friday morning due to inclement weather. Despite that the concert could have been moved to the Performing Arts Center, there were also concerns for other conflicts due to the LHS Graduation the same evening. Ms. Lewis explained that she and Mr. O'Brien decided ultimately to cancel due to various factors and the concert will be postponed to the end of the series.

Luray-Page County Chamber of Commerce

Mr. John Robbins, Chamber Director, said that he would like to thank Mr. Chrisman for his prompt response to some concerns from the Chamber about the energy efficiency of the Visitor's Center. He added that some of the measures put into motion are already recognizing savings for the Town and Chamber. Mr. Robbins announced that just this week the chamber launched a mobile version of its website. He noted that the main website saw over 6,370 unique visitors in May 2013 which is 10% higher than May 2012. Mr. Robbins noted that Memorial Day was very good for business in Page County. He said that Luray Caverns reported its best Memorial Day since 2005. The Luray Page County Chamber of Commerce saw 1,918 visitors for the month of May and 516 tourist phone calls. Mr. Robbins noted that on June 18th at 8:00am the chamber will host a free seminar from a nationally recognized retail expert, Mark Wilson. Mr. Robbins said that recently members have heard him emphasize the importance of outdoor recreation to Page County and said that last month the Daily News Record published a 48 page special insert regarding outdoor recreation in Rockingham County. Mr. Robbins said that he has met with the Page News and Courier about the possibility of a similar publishing. He said that the newspaper was very enthusiastic about the concept but would require a great deal of lead time. He noted the possibility of such a publication for next Spring.

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, commented on the subject by discussing a recent conversation with the Daily News Record. He noted that they are looking for more stories regarding the Town of Luray, as well as the other two towns. Mr. Chrisman stated that they are looking for additional stories regarding our area and if any members have any topics to please forward them to him.

UPDATES

Luray Caverns Release Form

Temporary Town Manager, Charlie Hoke, said that the town has been provided with a release form from Luray Caverns regarding the airport. Mr. Hoke advised that Mr. Graves, Luray Caverns, felt it was important to have an official release of the fixed based operations there. Mr. Hoke said that he has contacted Mr. Powell Markowitz and he discussed the release form and has recommended that the town approve the form. The form states that the end of the current fixed base operations will end on June 30, 2013 at midnight. Mayor Presgraves stated that he sees no issues with the authorization of the release form and asked for Council's action on this matter.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to authorize the Luray Caverns Release Form as discussed, motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Flasch, Menefee, Lancaster, Sours, Meaney. **Approved 6-0**

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Funding for West Luray Water Engineering

Temporary Town Manager, Charlie Hoke, said that Town Council members have previously authorized staff to meet with Baker Development regarding the agreement for section one of the development. The agreement for section one consists of the wastewater treatment pump station for the development and also the 12-inch water line that was proffered by Baker Development. The town sanctioned a water study which revealed that this line would not achieve the desired goal of supplying water, pressure, and fire suppression for the development. Therefore, Mr. Hoke is recommending that the town seek an engineering study of West Luray in order to have some viable options to supply water to both this area of town including the development. Mr. Hoke stated that it would be best to have an engineer's decision on this matter. Mayor Presgraves questioned the cost of such a study. Mr. Hoke advised that the cost should be less than \$10,000. Mayor Presgraves stated that he feels the modeling study completed by Mr. Shirley was very thorough and seems to be very clear on what is needed. Mayor Presgraves stated that he is not sure we need to "reinvent the wheel" on this. Mr. Hoke recommends conducting the engineering study to include all of West Luray and using the water facility fee line item to fund the project.

Motion: Councilwoman Menefee motioned to direct staff to economically conduct a formal engineering water study of West Luray as discussed, motion seconded by Councilman Vickers with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Menefee, Lancaster, Sours, Meaney. ABSTAIN: Flasch. **Approved 5-0**

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney, Jason Spitler, was not present at the evening's meeting and Mr. Hoke provided a few updates for Council members. Mr. Hoke said that town staff, along with the Town Attorney, is continuing to work on the defaults regarding CDBG Loan Funds. The Town Attorney has also acknowledged the Planning Commission appointment of Mr. Jerry Dofflemyer. Mr. Spitler also has some recommendations for the proposed Town FOIA Policy which Mr. Hoke would like to discuss at the Council Work Session.

Councilman Vickers stated that he has an appointment for the Luray Tree and Beautification Committee. Mr. Vickers stated that he would like to recommend Ms. Susan Zorn and the committee is in favor of her appointment.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to appoint Ms. Susan Zorn to the Luray Tree and Beautification Committee, motion seconded by Councilwoman Menefee with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Flasch, Menefee, Lancaster, Sours, Meaney. **Approved 6-0**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Presgraves said that he had two announcements before adjourning the meeting. The Stanley Homecoming Parade will be on July 6th at 6:00pm and members should RSVP to Mayor Presgraves. The employee picnic will be held on July 3rd and Council members should arrive at the Lake at 10:00am.

Councilwoman Menefee said that WHSV TV3 had a report of a bear problem at Lake Arrowhead. Ms. Menefee asked if staff had any report on this issue. Mr. Hoke said that Mr. O'Brien had mentioned this problem.

Mayor Presgraves discussed correspondence received from Ms. Frances Menefee regarding the confederacy monument in the area of the post office. Mayor Presgraves stated that the United Daughters of the Confederacy would like to place a sign on the property indicating the donations that have been raised toward the restoration. Councilman Vickers said that he is in favor of the group raising the funds to repair this monument. Mayor Presgraves said that there would be no obligation for funding from the town.

Motion: Councilman Vickers motioned to authorize the placement of a donation sign at the confederate monument by the United Daughters of the Confederacy as discussed, motion seconded by Councilwoman Meaney with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Vickers, Flasch, Menefee, Lancaster, Sours, Meaney. **Approved 6-0**

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Presgraves adjourned the regular session of the Luray Town Council at approximately 8:57 pm.

Barry Presgraves
Mayor

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer