

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA
Tuesday, February 26, 2020
5:30pm**

The Luray Town Council met in a Work Session on Tuesday, February 26, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Luray Town Council Chambers located at 45 East Main Street, Luray, Virginia at which time there were the following present:

Presiding: Mayor Presgraves

Council Present: Ron Vickers
Jerry Schiro
Leroy Lancaster
Joseph Sours

Council Absent: Jerry Dofflemyer
Leah Pence

Others Present: Steve Burke, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Chief Bow Cook, Luray Police Department

Mayor Presgraves led members in the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Speed Zone

Town Manager, Steve Burke, presented the Resolution from Page County for the School Speed Zone. Council members were provided with a copy of Page County's Resolution and the Town Attorney will proceed with the draft Town document accordingly.

Code Amendment- Artisan Manufacturing

Mr. Steve Burke requested to discuss the draft Code Amendments to Sections 202 and 406 of the Town Code regarding artisan manufacturing in the Business District. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing at their February 12th meeting and unanimously recommended approval of the amendment. Council members discussed several concerns regarding this as a by-right use. Members discussed limitation of space, potential noise issues, emissions, and other foreseen problems. Councilman Schiro suggested revising to a special use permit process in order to limit conditions. Mr.

Burke said that if Council would like to return this topic to the Planning Commission, he will need to cancel the upcoming public hearing. Members agreed to return the draft code to the Planning Commission for further consideration.

Code Amendment- Chapter 704 Satisfaction of Fees

Mr. Burke discussed the draft Code Amendment to Chapter 704 to include reference to delinquent real estate taxes and other charges, and to conform to state code. As drafted, applicants for special use permits, variances, and zoning permits from the Town will need to satisfy any outstanding payment prior to authorization of the requested permit. Council members agreed to proceed with the public hearing for March.

2019 Planning Commission Annual Report

Town Manager, Steve Burke, provided the 2019 Planning Commission Annual Report for Council’s review and discussion. The Town Council is requested to adopt the Annual Report at its March 2020 regular meeting.

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Burke discussed general goals for the FY 2020-2021 Budget. The proposed Revenues for the General Fund will be reduced approximately \$50,000 to reflect shortfalls from FY 2019 per the Town’s audit review. Expenditures will recognize an increase in the Town’s share of retirement costs and in health insurance. Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, has been working with Blue Ridge Bank to obtain financing proposals regarding the balloon payment of Dean Park and the replacement of the Imagination Station playground. Information received earlier today indicates a savings on this debt service. Mr. Burke stated that town staff will be able to provide a balanced budget at the March work session. Town staff will be recommending an increase in water rates, and an increase in sewer rates due to necessary system upgrades.

Council members discussed sewer septage receival and associated rates. Mayor Presgraves would like to see a comparability study of sewer surcharge rates by neighboring localities. Members also discussed DEQ requirements to accept countywide septage and directed staff to inquire about these regulations.

Announcements and Adjourn

With no further business, Mayor Presgraves adjourned meeting of the Luray Town Council at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Mayor, Barry Presgraves

Deputy Clerk, Danielle Babb