

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

The Luray Town Council met in a work session on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 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 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
Ligon Webb – Town Planner
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**

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

Mayor Dean turned the meeting over to Mr. Dave Puckett for an update on the Luray Depot. Mr. Puckett advised council that the drawings which include electrical, mechanical, and plumbing; are ready for the building inspector's approval. The time frame for all approvals should take about six to eight weeks and then the project will be ready to go out for bids. Mr. Puckett anticipates a speedy approval process.

Town Planner, Ligon Webb, advised council that there will be a public hearing at the Monday, June 11, Council Meeting regarding Bob Falter's request of a Bed & Breakfast in an R-2 Zoning district. This issue was previously approved by the Planning Commission with a vote of 5-0. Also, Mr. Webb noted that at the July Council meeting there will be a public hearing on the final plat for Phase 1 of Luray Landing which is comprised of 90 Residential Units.

Town Manager, Rick Black, requested feedback from Council Members on the Oak Tree Productions project. Council Members agreed they were very interested in the project and would like to proceed with further planning.

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, addressed Council on the possibility of beginning a recycling center in the town. Mr. Chrisman stressed that the concept has various advantages and disadvantages. Council expressed concerns over the location and management of such a facility.

Mr. Black noted that the schedule for the Bluemont and Plaza Concerts could be found in the work session packets. Also, he noted that the VML AD for the conference issue would need to be decided upon.

Bryan Chrisman briefed council on the Personnel Policy Updates. All employees have received a revised personnel policy manual and evaluation forms.

Regarding Phase IV of the Greenway, Mr. Black asked for feedback from Council on the future direction of the Greenway. There had been many previous discussions regarding this topic and Mr. Black would like to know Council's consensus on future direction of the Greenway, if any. Councilman Racer emphasized that he would like to see a Pocket Park under the Bridge at the Swimming Area; thus making that end of the Greenway complete. Mr. Racer added that the Greenway would likely be extended once the issue of route choices is resolved. The pocket park would be a project for a future year budget, as the estimated cost to the Town would be approximately \$130,000. The consensus from the remainder of the council members is to focus on restroom facilities for the existing area.

Councilman Racer updated members on the NSVRC Budget and gave a copy to all council members.

Mr. Black addressed the issue of facility fees and the relation of fees to the availability of water and sewer. Also, he advised council that the advertisement from the Town for the Page County Chamber of Commerce needs to be revised. Councilwoman Shifflett would like to see the advertisement include more than just Main Street Luray and include all that Luray has to offer.

Mayor Dean requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion to be property acquisition and funding. Councilman Lancaster motioned to recess the regular meeting and to convene in executive session; Councilman Racer 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 property acquisition and funding issues were discussed during the Executive Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the **work** session of the Town Council at approximately 7:40pm.

Mayor Ralph H. Dean

Danielle Babb
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer