

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF LURAY, PAGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
Monday, May 14, 2007**

The Luray Town Council met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Luray Fire Department, 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  
Jason Spitler, Town Attorney  
Mary Broyles, Clerk-Treasurer  
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer  
Charlie Hoke, Director of Utilities  
Lynn Mathews, Superintendent of Public Works  
Page Campbell, Chief of Police  
Andrew Jenner, Page News & Courier  
Catherine Stewart, LDI  
Tom Potts  
Steve Cave/ Judy Bell  
Carol Lee Strickler  
Ken Beyer  
Allen Louderback  
Robert Janney**

A quorum being present, Mayor Dean declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. All present stood to recite the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION- April 5, 2007**

Minutes of the April 5, 2007 Council Work Session were submitted for review. **Motion:** Councilman Lancaster motioned to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING- April 9, 2007**

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 9, 2007 were submitted for review. **Motion:** Councilman Racer motioned to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Councilwoman Shifflett with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION- May 1, 2007**

Minutes of the Council Work Session of May 1, 2007 were submitted for review. **Motion:** Councilman Arrington motioned to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Lancaster with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING- April 11, 2007**

Minutes of the Planning Commission Meeting of April 11, 2007 were submitted for review of information.

## **CDBG Management Committee Meeting- May 7, 2007**

Minutes of the CDBG Management Committee Meeting of May 7, 2007 were submitted for review of information.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Public Hearings were held on three topics;

- A) 2007-2008 Town of Luray Budget
- B) Alley Dedication (Steve Cave/ Judy Bell)
- C) SUP 07-2: (Allen Louderback, TM#42A4-A-13)

**2007-2008 Town of Luray Budget-** Mayor Dean opened the public hearing on this subject. Town Manager, Rick Black, stated that the budget synopsis and detail reports were in the council's packets and were also available for public review. No one present at the evenings meeting wished to speak on the budget issue. Also, Mr. Black addressed the Public Safety Leo's Program. **Motion:** Councilman Menefee motioned to approve the Leo's Resolution which would provide for full retirement benefits with 25 years of service and an age of 50 policy. Motion seconded by Councilman Arrington with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**Alley Dedication (Steve Cave/ Judy Bell)-** Rick Black presented a request from Steve Cave(Judy Bell) requesting a ten foot portion of an alley located between Sixth Street and Fifth Street be dedicated to him. Other portions of the alley have previously been dedicated. The issue had basically been approved in the past but was never recorded property. **Motion:** Councilman Arrington motioned to approve the alley dedication, motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**SUP 07-2: (Allen Louderback, TM#42A4-A-13)-** Allen Louderback was present at the evenings meeting, along with Attorney Robert Janney, to address his request to construct a single family dwelling in an M-1 zoning district. The Planning Commission previously denied this request. **Motion:** Councilman Racer motioned to return this request to the Planning Commission for further review, motion seconded by Councilwoman Shifflett with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Racer. NAY: Council Members Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, and Presgraves. **Denied 4-2**

After additional discussion by council and members present at this public hearing, council agreed that if approved, this special use permit request must conform to R-2 zoning guidelines. **Motion:** Councilman Arrington motioned to approve Mr. Louderback's request for the special use permit, motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves. NAY: Councilman Racer. **Approved 5-1**

**GENERAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Catherine Stewart, of LDI, thanked the Town Council for allowing the Town Employees to play such an important role in making the Festival of Spring a big success. Ms. Stewart also handed out new brochures and other various information to be made available to town visitors.

Carol Lee Strickler was present to ask Council to pass the Support for Veterans Resolution and the send to State Officials. **Motion:** Councilman Presgraves motioned to accept the Veterans Resolution, motion seconded by Councilman Arrington with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

Carol Lee Strickler also presented The Long Black Train Resolution which moves for Regulations as opposed to Guidelines concerning remote control rail switching devices. **Motion:** Councilman Presgraves motioned to accept the Long Black Train Resolution, motion seconded by Councilman Menefee with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**TOWN CLERK/TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer’s Report of Cash on Hand as of May 14, 2007:

<b>Sun Trust Bank:</b>	
General Fund Account.....	\$ 3,381,449.52
<b>Cash on Hand:</b> .....	\$ 5,938.02
<b>Total:</b> .....	<b>\$ 3,387,387.54</b>

Mary Broyles, Town Clerk/Treasurer submitted to Council for approval, Accounts Payable invoices in the amount of \$ 185,071.94. **Motion:** Councilman Racer motioned to approve payment of the invoices as presented; motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT**

Town Manager, Rick Black, noted that all items for his report were located under Old & New Business.

**TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

Town Attorney, Jason Spitler, noted that he had heard some concerns between the Luray Airport Commission and Luray Landing representatives. Mr. Spitler and Council decided to have a meeting to discuss these issues on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 6:00 pm pending no scheduling conflicts.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

**POLICE- PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR’S REPORT**

Chief Page Campbell thanked council for supporting the Leo’s Resolution. Also, Chief Campbell updated council on the progress of 911 addresses and noted that yard sale permits had been successful. Mr. Brice is currently working on the enforcement of lawn mowing within the Town.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Pat O'Brien, Director of Parks and Recreation, could not be present for the evenings meeting. Mr. Black noted that the Parks and Recreation Department had received an award for Tree City USA on April 24, 2007.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Public Works Director, Lynn Mathews reported that all of the monthly water samples checked out OK. The department made one new water and one new sewer tap. Also, the department repaired three water leaks over the last month. Upcoming projects for his department will include brush collections.

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT**

Charlie Hoke, Director of Utilities, noted full compliance for the month and stated that all projects are moving forward for the Water Treatment plants.

## **TOWN PLANNER'S REPORT**

Town Planner, Ligon Webb, reported that there would be two public hearings held at Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Manager, Rick Black, addressed the options available for Phase IV of the Greenway and the costs associated with each option. Council agreed to have Racey Engineering further explore one of these options.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Black also presented the resolution for personal property tax relief. This resolution is required every year to notify citizens of the percentage of tax relief available this year. For the FY 2008 the tax relief will be set at 84%. **Motion:** Councilman Racer motioned to approve the 84% Tax Relief for 2008; motion seconded by Councilman Presgraves with the vote as follows: YEA: Council Members Shifflett, Arrington, Menefee, Lancaster, Presgraves, Racer. **Approved 6-0**

Also, Mr. Black, addressed a request for a crosswalk at St. Mark's Luther Church Daycare. The Council was not interested in establishing a crosswalk and decided to take the approach of the school establishing a loading/ unloading zone for parents and students.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS`**

Mayor Dean reminded Council of the Shenandoah Memorial Day Parade on May 26, 2007.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mayor Dean adjourned the regular session of the Town Council at approximately 8:38 pm.

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Mayor Ralph H. Dean

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Danielle P. Babb  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer