

**MINUTES OF A TOWN COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
5:30pm**

The Luray Town Council met in a Work Session on Tuesday, October 27, 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 Barry Presgraves

Council Present: Ron Vickers
Jerry Dofflemyer
Jerry Schiro
Leroy Lancaster
Joseph Sours
Leah Pence (present after roll call)

Others Present: Steve Burke, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Chief Bow Cook, Luray Police Department
Mary Broyles, Clerk –Treasurer
Danielle Babb, Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Jason Pettit, Luray Downtown Initiative

Due to the threat of transmission of COVID-19 and in recognition of the Governor’s Executive Order, this Work Session will have limited seating. The meeting was made available to the public via the Town’s Facebook page live-streaming broadcast.

A quorum being present, Mayor Presgraves declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. Mayor Presgraves led members in the United States Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called with Councilwoman Pence absent at roll call.

Mayor Presgraves read aloud the Ordinance for the *Continuity in the Government of Luray*.

UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Parcel Donation

Town Manager, Steve Burke, presented a request for donation of a portion or all of the Tax Map # 42A11-A-177. The parcel is an existing parking lot that contains some electrical equipment. Staff recommends acceptance of the entire parcel. The upper portion of the lot contains electrical/ cell tower equipment that has associated lease income. Councilman Lancaster requested the amount of annual tax income from the property. Councilman Schiro confirmed that the intended use of the lot would be for public parking. Mr. Burke maintained that the lot would still be designated for Blue Ridge Bank during working hours and public parking at all other times.

West Luray Recreation Center Donation Request

Town Manager, Steve Burke, said the West Luray Recreation Center has requested a donation of \$5,000 towards the insulation of the building for winter use. The Town Attorney has determined that since the center provides tutoring and computer lab with internet access, this would qualify for CARES Funding. Council members asked if the County would consider the \$5,000 request. Mr. Burke said that he was unaware if the center has already requested County CARES Funds for this or other improvements.

Browns Construction Cost Estimate

Mr. Burke said Council had previously requested cost estimates for various improvements at the Brown's Building. He stated that Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, has obtained costs for painting, glass repairs, bird-proofing, and other miscellaneous improvements. These items are not funded in the FY2021 Town Budget. Council members inquired about a potential offer on the sale of the building. Mr. Burke said that matter will be discussed at the November session of Council. Council members agreed to hold off on any decisions about further improvements at this time.

Luray Volunteer Fire Department- CARES Vehicle Request

Town Manager, Steve Burke, said that the Council has received a request from the Luray Fire Department for the purchase of a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe to respond to COVID-19 related emergencies. The request would be in the form of a donation of \$40,000 from the Town's allocation of CARES Act funds.

Town Manager, Steve Burke, also mentioned that the Town may have to consider additional funds for the Small Business Grant. The town has reached its cap of \$25,000 from applications received.

VDOT – State of Good Repair Road Paving

Assistant Town Manager, Bryan Chrisman, updated Council on VDOT State of Good Repair Funding. He said that VDOT will be proceeding with several primary extensions that qualify for paving. These projects should begin in spring 2021.

Council inquired about any updates on the Roundabout Project. Mr. Chrisman said that he believes the project is scheduled to go out for bid in January 2021.

Adjourn

With no further business, Mayor Presgraves adjourned meeting of the Luray Town Council at approximately 6:05 p.m.

Mayor, Barry Presgraves

Deputy Clerk, Danielle Babb