

**WORK SESSION OF
THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF
THE TOWN OF LURAY, VIRGINIA**

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

The Luray Town Council met in a work session on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 5:30 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 Jerry Dofflemyer

Council Present:

Stephanie Lillard
Jerry Schiro
Jason Pettit
Joseph Sours
Ligon Webb

Council Absent:

Ron Vickers

Also Present:

Steve Burke, Town Manager
Bryan Chrisman, Assistant Town Manager
Danielle Babb, Clerk- Treasurer
Danielle Alger, Deputy Clerk- Assistant Treasurer
Chief of Police, Carl “Bow” Cook, Luray Police Department
Joey Haddock, Water Treatment Plant

(This meeting was made public via the Town’s Facebook page.)

A quorum being present, Mayor Dofflemyer declared the Council to be in session for the transaction of business. All present stood for a moment of silence. Councilman Webb led everyone in the United States Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called with five Council Members in attendance. Ron Vickers is at a conference.

UPDATES & DISCUSSION ITEMS

Blighted Properties & Derelict Buildings

Town Manager, Steve Burke presented a request to discuss a Code Amendment to Chapter 26 – Buildings and Building Regulations of the Town Code and to Article IX of Chapter 78 to establish regulations on blighted properties and derelict buildings. State Code 36-49.1:1 and 15.2-907.1&2 allow Towns to 1) establish a program to identify qualifying properties; 2) notify the property owner of the property/building status; 3) require an abatement plan; and 4) provide action for the Town to pursue.

Derelict Building owners would have ninety (90) days to develop a plan to abate the building or face a \$500 civil penalty.

Mayor Dofflemyer asked for any questions on the matter. Town Manager, Steve Burke, stated that it might be better to discuss with Town Attorney, Jason Botkins. Mayor Dofflemyer said this issue is very important to him. Councilman Pettit stated that he was concerned about some of the requirements and if a property has more than one structure on it and only one of the structures is the nuisance, what would happen. Councilman Sours asked what the time frame of this would be for repairs or demolition and is there anything in the Code that dictates a time frame. Mr. Burke stated that the owner has 30-90 days if they do not respond. Mr. Burke added that if the owner does respond then part of the plan must include a schedule of what they are proposing.

Fairview Estates Boundary Line Adjustment

Mr. Burke presented a request from Ramsey Inc. for a friendly boundary line adjustment of 5.61 acres of the property into the Town limits to allow duplexes to be constructed. Page County has reviewed the survey plat and has resolved some issues with Ramsey Inc. A Public Hearing will be scheduled upon concurrence from the Page County Board of Supervisors.

Mayor Dofflemyer asked Council for any discussion on the matter. Mayor Dofflemyer asked if they would need to go before the Planning Commission. Councilman Webb stated that it would not need to go through the Planning Commission and just the Council.

ARPA Funding

Mr. Burke presented a request to discuss prioritization of ARPA Funding in general terms of how the Town should appropriate the funds received in the second allocation. Department requests from the Police Department, the Parks & Recreation Department, and Water Department are provided for Council's consideration. Staff are currently investigating an option to finance the acquisition and installation of remote read water meters.

Mayor Dofflemyer asked Council for any discussion on the matter. Councilman Webb stated that he would like to know the breakdown of what is allocated and what is not allocated. Treasurer, Danielle Babb, stated that \$826,000 has been spent to date. Mr. Burke stated that there is a need for rehabilitation on the Singing Tower and requests the Councils consideration. Ms. Babb added that council should keep in mind that we haven't spent anything on non-profit or account management funds, and the Town still has some give and take. Ms. Babb also listed items that we have paid for, including the first allocation of hazard pay in 2021, legal fees, first round of advertising with Page News, HVAC upgrades, body cameras and police equipment (the body cameras were paid up front instead of leased), sewer cameras, playground demo and new construction of playground, electrical upgrades, initial funding on greenway extension and the first pay request from Patterson on the Sewer Lift Station. Mr. Burke added that additional monies from facility fees can be applied to offset lift station costs.

Mayor Dofflemyer asked if anyone had anything further this evening.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57p.m.

Jerry Dofflemyer
Mayor

Danielle N. Alger
Deputy Town Clerk