

Town of Lovettsville

Town Council

Minutes of Reconvened Regular Meeting November 20, 2008

At 8:25 P.M., at the Lovettsville Elementary School, 49 South Loudoun Street, Lovettsville, VA 20180, Mayor Walker called for a vote to reconvene the Town Council Meeting recessed on this date at 7:50 P.M.

Motion: To reconvene the recessed Town Council Meeting of November 20, 2008

By: Council Member Zoldos

Second: Council Member Staley

Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Staley, Zoldos

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Present at Meeting

- Mayor Elaine Walker
- Council Members Charlotte Coleman, Scott Dockum, Michael Senate, Shaun Staley, Robert Zoldos
- Town Manager Keith Markel
- Town Clerk Judy L. Kromholz

Absent

- None

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Loudoun County Deputy Sheriff Lambert presented his monthly report ending November 20th. He encouraged those present to get the word out to the community to lock their vehicles, even when parked in their driveways.

Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company

No member of the Company was present.

Lovettsville Business Association

LBA Vice President Darren Casper reported that the LBA is sponsoring their second annual tour of Lovettsville businesses on December 4th. The walking tour will meet in front of the BB&T Bank at 7 PM and is open to the public. Mr. Ed Spannaus will be giving a historical lecture along the tour. Mayor Walker added that the LBA will be providing refreshments at the Town Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Town Square.

Comments from the Public

Mayor Walker called for comments from the public.

Joseph O'Malley of 42 Tritapoe Place stated that he has two primary concerns regarding the Focus Area Conceptual Plan. One is the intersection close to the Town Center and another in Land Bay B that will intersect walking paths that children currently use. He stated that the proximity of this intersection to the Town Square will increase traffic and that there are alternatives that would not go so close to the town center.

His second concern is that the document says that future buildings will house multiple businesses which implies a strip mall to him. Deliveries and trash pickups to those types of business will be outside business hours and will create noise during the hours New Town Meadows residents are sleeping. He is requesting that trash and delivery services to these buildings be limited to daytime hours.

Valerie Buchanan of 40 Tritapoe Place expressed concern that the proposed road will cross a popular bike and walking path. She stated that the suggested roads will not benefit the residents of New Town Meadows and will not ease congestion in the traffic circle. She stated that between 4:30 AM and 5:00 AM every Wednesday and sometimes on Saturday the residents hear them loading and unloading the recycling containers behind Bonnie's Restaurant. She stated that no one in New Town Meadows wants the road where it is being proposed and that children going to the 7-Eleven from New Town Meadows would have to cross the proposed road. She suggested that the road be placed further north, away from the town center.

Alfred Horton of 32 Tritapoe Place, President of the New Town Meadows Home Owners Association, stated that the HOA is receiving a great deal of feedback from the residents concerning this proposed road. Currently, residents can walk to downtown without crossing a major two lane road. The new proposed road running up the Engle property would divide the property inappropriately and would instigate inappropriate single use development. He also suggested that the road go up to Quarter Branch Road and move traffic onto Route 287 at that location.

Council member Zoldos responded and explained that the road network would be designed to support how the land will eventually be developed and reminded those present that the Plan is only an example of what might happen.

Mayor Walker explained that the Council will be establishing a public hearing date at this meeting and hoped that those present will come back on that date.

Additions/Deletions/Modifications to the Agenda

Mayor Walker added Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance amendments as presented in item LVZA 2008-0001 and LVSA 2008-0001 Underground Utilities to the Action Items Agenda. She noted that the Planning Commission had made their recommendation on this matter earlier tonight.

Approval of Town Council Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Report from the Treasurer

No Treasurer's report was presented.

Staff Reports

A. Report from the Zoning Administrator

Manager Markel referred the Council to the October 2008 Zoning Administrator's report and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

B. Report from the Town Manager

Manager Markel reported that the Town was approved for another wellhead protection grant of over \$64,000. This grant will be used for planning high level protection for our wellheads. Lovettsville is the smallest town in the Commonwealth that is being funded by this grant.

The Tree Lighting ceremony in the Town Square will be on December 5th

Manager Markel reported that the Town has received ten proposals in response to the Sidewalk RFP. Project Manager Fellers will be sifting through them and Council is invited to attend the interviews. Council member Dockum noted that the grant funds for this project must be expended by July 1st, 2009. Staff expects to be ready to bring a proposal to Council at the Council meeting on December 18th, but will not be ready for the work session on December 11th. Council agreed to this schedule, noting that the topic can be postponed if more discussion is necessary.

Manager Markel reported that all of the Planning Commissioners will be attending their certification class this weekend.

Action Items

A. Consent Agenda

All items on the Consent Agenda were discussed at the Council work session on November 13th, 2008.

1. Town Center Focus Area – Establish January 8th, 2009 as the date for the Public Hearing
2. Streetscape Master Plan – Direct Staff to forward the Streetscape Master Plan for East Broad Way and South Loudoun Street to the Planning Commission for Public Hearing and recommendation.
3. Bonding and Streetscape Engineering Selection - That Town Council award the Streets and Bonding RFP work to PHRA and direct staff to send a Notice of Award and request for development of a task order for the support to improve Germanna Drive to VDOT standards and complete the street acceptance process.

Motion: To accept Consent Agenda Items 1 through 3.
By: Council Member Senate
Second: Council Member Coleman
Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Zoldos
Nay: Council Member Staley
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B. Creation of Events Committee

Manager Markel explained that the proposed structure had been modified since the work session to reflect four seasonal committees and an advisory committee. No procedures have been established to select officers or appoint members. Mayor Walker explained that traditionally the Town has only funded the Oktoberfest Committee.

Council member Dockum asked if any thought had been given as to how to market this to potential members of the committees, asked how information will be disseminated in the community in order to recruit members and if the budget impact has been explored. Council member Zoldos noted that there are many groups in Town working on different events, but there is no coordination among events. He also expressed concern about the process of identifying and appointing members. He noted that this Committee could have a positive impact on economic development in the Town.

The Council agreed to table this item until their December work session.

C. Sign for Christkindlmarkt

Motion: I move that the Lovettsville German Heritage Society be authorized to install a temporary sign at the site of the Town Welcome Sign at the intersection of S. Berlin Pike and South Loudoun Street and two additional temporary signs in the Town Square to advertise for the Christkindlmarkt. The signs may be located at these sites until the day after the event on December 6, 2008.
By: Council Member Zoldos
Second: Council Member Senate
Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

D: Resolution in Support of Loudoun County Comprehensive Plan (Hospital Location)

Mayor Walker explained that this resolution does not support either hospital corporation, instead it supports placing the new hospital on the Route 50 corridor.

Motion: Be it resolved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Lovettsville, that we ask for your decision to be favorable for the location of a hospital to be built on the Route 50 corridor. Your pronouncement would confirm the designation of medical facilities that were identified in the adoption of the Loudoun County Comprehensive Plan, and more specifically the section of the Plan that was related to Countywide Healthcare Facilities.
We believe that implementation of the policies articulated in your Plan would support our colleagues in the Town of Middleburg who favor the hospital location on Route 50.
By: Council Member Senate
Second: Council Member Coleman

Mayor Walker called for discussion. Council member Staley stated that this resolution does not rule out another hospital somewhere else in the County and does not favor either applicant. There being no further discussion, Mayor Walker called the vote.

Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mayor Walker stated that she will deliver this Resolution to the County tomorrow.

E. LVZA 2008-0001 and LVSA 2008-0001 Underground Utilities

Manager Markel stated that staff had no further information on this item and noted that no one had spoken against the motion at the Public Hearing.

Motion: I move that the Town Council approve the proposed Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance amendments as presented in the staff report for LVZA 2008-0001 and LVSA 2008-0001 Underground Utilities.
By: Council Member Zoldos
Second: Council Member Staley
Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Information Items

No information items were presented.

Comments from the Mayor and Town Council

Council member Dockum stated that he strongly supports Zoning Administrator McGregor in his efforts to enforce zoning ordinances.

Council member Coleman reported that the Veterans Day program went well and should be an annual event.

Council member Senate reminded those present that the Lovettsville Business Association will be sponsoring a walking tour of local businesses in December. He stated that it builds unity in the Town when people who live here shop here. He reported that the Lantern Workshop at the Community Center will be from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM and that the Lantern Parade will begin at 7:30 PM.

Mayor Walker asked Manager Markel to speak with Loudoun County about the schedule for servicing the recycling center on Berlin Pike. She reported that the first Movie in the Park, on October 24th was fantastic and she thanked Council member Zoldos for organizing it and thanked Manager Markel and Elizabeth Bracey of the Lovettsville Community Center for all their hard work on the event. The Mayor also reported that the Archeology Dig in the Community Park was very well attended by more than 100 people. She reported that the Lovettsville Elementary School will be holding a bingo fund raiser on December 7th. Among other events she has attended this month were:

- the Veteran's Day flagpole ceremony honored veteran's of all wars, but was not very well attended this year. She thanked Manager Markel and Council member Coleman for attending along with Sarah Stillman and the children from the elementary school.
- The ceremony honoring Lt. Luther Slater of the Loudoun Rangers held at Lovettsville Union Cemetery on November 15th and sponsored by the DC Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS).
- On November 17th, a community meeting about Lovettsville Park with Council member Zoldos and Manager Markel.
- She attended a band concert in Purcellville and would like to see similar events in Lovettsville.
- She attended the Excellence in Education banquet.
- She attended the dedication of a new pediatric unit at Inova Loudoun Hospital
- She attended a Loudoun County Economic Development Commission meeting at which they painted a very discouraging picture of the coming economic state.

The Tree Lighting ceremony will be on December 5th, which is also the day Town real estate taxes are due.

The Town office will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Friday after Thanksgiving.

There will be a Thanksgiving service on the Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving at the Lovettsville Game Club which is sponsored by all of the local churches.

The Mayor concluded by wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public at this time.

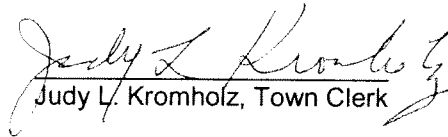
Adjournment

There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Walker asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: To adjourn the November 20, 2008 monthly meeting of the Lovettsville Town Council
By: Council Member Dockum
Second: Council Member Coleman
Aye: Council Members Coleman, Dockum, Senate, Staley, Zoldos
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy L. Kromholz, Town Clerk

Date Approved: May 28, 2009
No Attachments