

Town of Lovettsville

Minutes of Town Council Public Hearing, June 2, 2009

The Lovettsville Town Council Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Elaine Walker at 8:02 PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Lovettsville Town Hall.

Welcomes and Introductions

Mayor Walker welcomed the citizens attending the meeting.

The Mayor introduced Vice Mayor Robert Zoldos II, and Council Members Charlotte Coleman, Scott Dockum, DiJon Jones, Michael Senate, and Shaun Staley. The Mayor also introduced the Town Staff, Town Manager Keith Markel and Town Clerk Judy Kromholz. .

Absent

None

Explanation of Procedures and Opening of the Hearing

Mayor Walker led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the public notice of this Hearing as it appeared in Leesburg Today (Attachment I)

Presentation

Manager Markel presented the proposed 2010 Budget, the proposed Capital Improvement Plan for 2010-2014, and the proposed rate and fee changes for 2010.

Public Speakers

Mayor Walker introduced each speaker in the order in which they had signed up to speak.

- 1 Christopher Zeigler
26 Tritapoe Place
 - a) Read a prepared statement speaking against the new meals and cigarette taxes, He stated that citizens of Loudoun County had voted against these taxes resoundingly.
 - b) Stated that he personally avoids eating in Leesburg and Purcellville because of their meals tax.
 - c) He wants the Town to remain business and consumer friendly.
- 2 Bonnie Hawken
Bonnie's Country
Kitchen
 - a) Noted that Loudoun County citizens had overwhelmingly voted down a meals tax.
 - b) Noted that there was no meals tax in Brunswick which has more restaurants.
 - c) Believes customers will be deterred by the higher tax.
 - d) Stated that her business is lucky to have held on up to this point in time,
 - e) Felt that the bookkeeping involved would be a nightmare
 - f) Noted that about 45% of her customers come from Brunswick
 - g) Stated that the meals tax would penalize one type of business in Town.
 - h) Noted that the Town will not get the projected revenue if the businesses involved failed.
- 3 Howard Williamson
Talk of the Town
Restaurant
 - a) Noted that County residents have rejected the meals tax in the past.
 - b) Stated that this is a regressive tax.
 - c) Stated that the meals tax will increase the restaurant's costs in terms of accounting and processing and will cause a decline in revenues at the same time.
 - d) Stated that there is nothing in this budget that helps small businesses, but does increase taxes on small businesses.
 - e) Stated that the budget spends money only in the new part of Town, nothing is budgeted for the historic part of Town.
 - f) Asked why businesses are being asked to carry the burden of all the budget shortfalls.

- g) Noted that the Germanna Drive repairs fall to the taxpayers because the Town did not force the developer to pay for it when it should have.
- h) Stated that he is asking the Council to seriously reconsider the business taxes.
- i) Stated that if this is passed people will buy their cigarettes outside of Town resulting on no net benefit to the Town.

Mayor Walker stated for the record that the only citizens in the audience are those who spoke and therefore, there was no need to ask for further speakers. She asked if any communications had been submitted to Town Hall for presentation at the Hearing and Clerk Kromholz stated there were none as of close of business today.

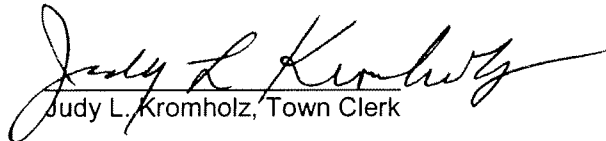
Closing Comments

Mayor Walker again asked if there were any more speakers and there were none.

Declaration to close the Public Hearing

Mayor Walker stated that the Town would accept written comments on this issue for an additional ten days and declared this Public Hearing closed at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy L. Kromholz, Town Clerk

Dates Approved: August 27, 2009

Attachment I: Leesburg Today Public Notice

**TOWN OF LOVETTSVILLE PROPOSED
RATE AND FEE CHANGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

A Public Hearing on the proposed rates and fees for Fiscal Year 2010 will be held at the Town Hall, 6 East Pennsylvania Avenue, on June 2, 2009 at 8:00p.m. at which time all interested persons will be heard. A full version of the rate and fee schedule along with the proposed changes below are available for review on the Town's website at www.lovettsvilleva.gov or at the Town Hall between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 3:00p.m., Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

PROPOSED NEW/ADJUSTED RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE

General Fund:

- Meals Tax: 3.0% of gross receipts
- Cigarette Tax: \$0.40 per pack
- Business License: \$0.17/\$100 gross receipts, minimum fee: \$34.00
- Out-of-town contractors: \$20.00 minimum for work valued under \$25,000.00

Application Fees:

<i>Type:</i>	<i>Fee:</i>	<i>Type:</i>	<i>Fee:</i>
Rezoning/Zoning Map Amend.	\$500* for first acre + \$250 for each additional acre	Conditional Use Permit	\$350*
Sign Permit – Permanent	\$75* (up to three signs)	Variation	\$100* per section varied
Sign Permit – Temporary	\$25* (per sign)	Revisions to any app.	\$50 + staff review time
Preliminary Plat	\$300* + \$15 per lot	Inspections	\$75* per visit
Final Plat	\$500* + \$25 per lot	Bond Reduction	\$100 per reduction
Boundary Line Adjustment	\$150*	Bond Release	\$150
Minor Subdivision	\$300* + \$15 per lot	Street Acceptance	\$150
Preliminary Site Plan	\$1,000* + \$50 per acre	BZA Variance/Appeal	\$100*
Phasing Plan	\$300*		

*: Includes the first two hours of Zoning Administrator/Planner review time. If additional review time is needed, the time is billed at the current reimbursable rate. All civic, charitable, and religious organizations having non-profit status are exempt from the first \$100 of review fees for each fiscal year. All other rates and fees not listed above remain unchanged from FY 2009. These rates and fees are authorized by Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2286.

Utility Fund:

Reconnection Fee: \$30.00. All other utility rates and fees remain unchanged from FY 2009

These actions are authorized by the Code of Virginia Section 15.2-2111, 15.2-2143 (Water) and Sections 15.2-2111, 15.2-2119 (Sewer)

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