

**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
April 21, 2009**

Present: James S. Artz, Mayor; Vice-Mayor Mary Jane Clarke; Matthew L. Kersey; A. Daniel Carter; Warren D. Gehle; H. I. Dulaney, Council Members; Ronald M. Maupin, Attorney; Brian W. Marks, Town Manager; Donna L. Pinter, Treasurer; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk; M. Brad Humphrey, Project Manager; Stan Batten, Chief of Police

Also Attending: Greg Dorazio, the Central Virginian

Absent: None.

All copies including: reports, handouts, and documents can be found following the minutes.

Mayor Artz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Council member Kersey gave the invocation.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Gehle made a motion to approve the consent agenda as corrected. Council member Dulaney seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: Approval of VDOT Project Agreement Amendment No. 2, TEA 21 Funds

Mr. Marks stated that he needed Council's approval to accept the \$100,000 in grant funding.

Council member Carter made the motion giving the Town Manager authorization to sign the agreement accepting the \$100,000 in grant funding. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Discussion: Budget 2009-2010 Updates and adjustments

Mr. Marks stated that last month he mentioned that Council would probably have to advertise for a tax increase because Council is planning to maintain the 16.6% per \$100 Real Estate tax rate. However, after receiving information from the Assessor's Office about assessments, we will not be advertising a tax rate increase.

Acceptance of Law Enforcement Grant

Mr. Marks reported that the Louisa Police Department received \$1,805 in grant funding from the Byrne Law Enforcement Grant. Mr. Marks stated that he recommended that Council accept the law grant.

Council member Dulaney made the motion to accept the Byrne Law Enforcement Grant. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion/Action: Appointment to the Town of Louisa Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Marks stated that three town residents were contacted and asked if they would be willing to serve on the IDA. Mr. Marks informed

Council that all three individuals stated that they would be willing to serve if chosen by Council. Mr. Marks reported that the three individuals that were approached regarding the position are: Dale Hopkins, Frank Drumheller, and Randy Tingler.

Council member Kersey made the recommendation to appoint Mr. Tingler to the IDA. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Discussion/Action: Council Member Appointment to the Louisa Downtown Development Corporation

Mr. Marks reported that Mr. Dulaney has volunteered to serve on the LDDC.

Council member Kersey made the motion to appoint Council member Dulaney to the LDDC. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Dulaney, abstain; Kersey, for; Clarke, for; Gehle, for; Carter, for.

Discussion/Action: Parade Permit Request; Louisa Volunteer Fire Department

Council member Kersey made the motion to approve the parade permit. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Discussion: Town Hall Space Utilization Plan

The discussion of the Town Hall space utilization plan has been tabled and will be discussed at the next Town Council meeting.

Discussion/Action: Authorization letter for SunTrust Bank CD Investments

Council member Dulaney made the motion authorizing the Town Manager to execute the letter of authorization from Suntrust Bank.

Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Discussion/Action: Lodging Tax Implementation

Mr. Marks stated that the lodging tax implementation of 1% has been considered in the budget. Mr. Marks stated that Mr. Maupin has drafted an ordinance for Council to review.

Council member Carter made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to advertise the Lodging Tax Implementation. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Discussion/Action: Vehicle Tax Suspension

Council member Kersey made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to advertise the Vehicle Tax and Decal Suspension. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

Chief Batten stated he had nothing further to add to his report.

Water & Sewer Department:

(Please refer to the Water & Sewer Department report.)

Mr. Humphrey stood before Council and read aloud from his report, highlighting areas of interest.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks:

No report.

Cemetery:

Mr. Marks stated that the Cemetery Committee had received the first draft for the proposed Columbarium design.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No Report.

Manager

Mr. Marks reported the following:

- Mr. Marks stated that VML will be hosting their 2009 Section Meetings beginning April 30, 2009 through May 22, 2009.
- Mr. Marks stated that he included a copy of the "Red Flag Requirements" policy in the packet for Council to review. Mr. Marks stated that he recommends Council adopt the policy.

Council member Dulaney made the motion to adopt the policy as recommended by the Town Manager. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

- Mr. Marks stated that Louisa County Heritage Day Festival will be held on May 9, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the courthouse square.
- Dairy Day will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the Louisa County Farm Bureau Office on Main Street.
- "Louisa Inside Out" will be held at the Louisa County High School on May 23, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Mr. Marks informed Council that VML insurance would be holding their annual meeting for 2009 on May 15, 2009, and he plans to attend.
- Mr. Marks informed Council of a budget survey that he included in the packet for their review.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Kersey made the motion to go into Closed Session to discuss one Personnel Matter under section 2.2-3711 A. Council Member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Council went into closed session at 8:05 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Kersey made the motion to go back in to Regular Session. Council Member Dulaney seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Council returned to regular session at 8:07 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Clarke made the motion to certify the closed session. Council Member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Clarke made the motion to adjourn the April 21, 2009 Louisa Town Council meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, The Louisa Town Council has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2 – 3712 (D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Town Council and such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion covering the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Town Council.

VOTE

AYES: Gehle, Carter, Clarke, Dulaney, Kersey

NAYES: None.

ABSENT DURING VOTE: None.

ABSENT DURING MEETING: None.