

**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
January 15, 2008**

Present: James S. Artz, Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke, Vice-Mayor; A. Daniel Carter, Warren D. Gehle, Matthew L. Kersey, Council Members; 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: Pat Wilson, The Central Virginian

Absent: Pamela H. Stone, Council Member; Ronald M. Maupin, Attorney

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

Mayor Artz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Kersey gave the invocation.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4 -0 in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

Planned Unit Development

The Louisa Town Council will consider public comments on a proposed change to chapter 165 of the Louisa Town Code to allow Planned Unit Development districts (PUD) within the town limits. The PUD is intended to provide for variety and flexibility in design necessary to implement the varied goals of the town as set forth in the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Marks briefly stated that the Planning Commission had worked on the proposed change for several months before presenting it to Council. Mr. Marks added that Mr. Maupin has had the opportunity to review the proposal and has approved the change according to the state code.

Mayor Artz opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. asking if there was anyone in attendance that would like to speak for or against the proposed change. Hearing no response, Mayor Artz closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Adult Business as Special Use

The Louisa Town Council will consider public comments on a proposed change to Chapter 165 of the Louisa Town Code which will allow Adult Businesses as a Special Use in the General Commercial District. Several definitions and specific site development standards are included with the proposed change to the ordinance.

Mr. Marks again stated that the Planning Commission had worked on the proposed change for several months before presenting it to Council. Mr. Marks noted that this proposal had also been reviewed and approved by Mr. Maupin.

Mayor Artz then opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. asking if there was anyone present that would like to speak for or against the

proposed change. Hearing no response, Mayor Artz closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Action Item: PUD

Council member Clarke moved to adopt the proposed change to Chapter 165 of the Louisa Town Code to allow Planned Unit Development districts within the town limits as recommended by the Planning Commission. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

B. Action Item: Adult Business as a Special Use

Council member Kersey moved to adopt the proposed change to Chapter 165 of the Louisa Town Code which will allow Adult Businesses as a Special Use in the General Commercial District as recommended by the Planning Commission. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointments to Boards and Committees

Council member Kersey made a motion recommending the reappointment of Mr. Jeff Garnett to the Industrial Development Authority as well as the appointment of Mr. Allen Watson to the IDA. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

Chief Batten reported to Council that he had completed and submitted an Officer of the Year nomination form to the Louisa County Crime Solvers nominating Officer Patrick Kinlaw of the Louisa Police Department as Officer of the Year. Chief Batten then stated that he was pleased to inform Council that Patrick was presented with the Officer of the Year award by the Louisa County Crime Solvers this morning.

Mr. Marks informed Council that three candidates had been interviewed for the position of a 6th Police Officer with the Louisa Police Department. Mr. Marks requested Council's authorization to negotiate with the top candidate in hopes to hire before the February 19, 2008 meeting.

Council member Kersey made a motion authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate and offer the job to the top candidate. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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.

Mr. Humphrey reported that the town had been awarded a \$25,000 Planning Grant from the Virginia Department of Health to perform a study to analyze the distribution system to find out what is contributing to the elevated HAA5 levels. Mr. Humphrey requested Council's authorization to accept the grant and move forward with the research.

Council member Carter made a motion to authorize Mr. Humphrey to accept the grant and move forward with the research. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

Mr. Humphrey then requested Council's authorization to be named contracting officer for the RFP for engineering services for Phase II of the VDOT T-21 project and for the RFP that will be required for the planning grant.

Council member Kersey made a motion giving Mr. Humphrey the authorization to assume the roll of contracting officer for Phase II of the VDOT T-21 project as well as the recently awarded Planning Grant as recommended by Mr. Marks. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

Mrs. Pinter reported that the town has two CD's that will come due on January 17th, 2008 with Virginia Community Bank. Mrs. Pinter stated that she and Mr. Marks made calls to find out what the rates were at

the other local banks and found that it was in the town's best interest to leave the CD's at VCB and just roll them.

Manager

Mr. Marks reported that the Planning Commission completed an annual report and plan to continue doing so in the future.

Mr. Marks stated that VML & VACo will be co-sponsoring Legislative Day in Richmond on February 7, 2008.

Mr. Marks also informed Council that the County of Louisa will be holding public information sessions regarding the Regional Long Range Water Plan on January 29th and 30th at the Betty J. Queen Center in the airpark.

Mr. Marks then suggested that Council schedule their annual retreat. Mr. Marks suggested that the retreat be informal and include the department heads so that each person could speak to Council personally about their needs and concerns. Mr. Marks stated that he felt we could facilitate the retreat ourselves here at the town office.

Council and the department heads in attendance agreed to hold the retreat on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Kersey moved to adjourn the January 15, 2008 meeting at 7:45 p.m. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

Mayor

Clerk