

**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
January 19, 2010**

Present: James S. Artz, Mayor; Vice-Mayor Mary Jane Clarke; A. Daniel Carter, Matthew L. Kersey; H. I. Dulaney, Warren D. Gehle, 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: Officer Mark McGehee, Town of Louisa Police Department; Mr. Garland Nuckols, 110 Patrick Henry Drive; Mrs. Ginna Cullen, LDDC Board member; Mrs. Pam Stone, President of the LDDC; Mr. Wade Hill, Virginia Cross Connection Control Association; Mr. J. R. Stallings, county resident.

Absent: None.

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

Mayor Artz called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Council member Kersey gave the invocation.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Ginna Cullen stood and addressed Council requesting that they take into consideration the future use of the warehouse as a possible space for classrooms, studios, etc. as the Arts Center expands.

Mrs. Pam Stone also took a moment to address Council to reiterate Mrs. Cullen's request.

Mr. J. R. Stallings stood before Council and expressed his concerns regarding the meals tax (requesting that it be decreased) and the Town of Louisa Police Department.

Mr. Garland Nuckols then addressed Council stating that, over the past few months, he has seen a marked improvement in regards to the Louisa Police Department. Mr. Nuckols stated that he felt the officers have been doing a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

1) Reinvestment of Matured Certificates of Deposit

Mr. Marks reported that he and the Town Treasurer reinvested a CD with Bank of Louisa at 1.9% as authorized by Council.

2) Acceptance of VDOT Tea 21 Grant

Mr. Marks stated that it would be appropriate at this time for Council to accept the \$265,500 from VDOT which will be used towards down town improvements such as: parking, curb and gutter, and sidewalks.

Council member Carter made the motion to accept the \$265,500 grant from VDOT. Council member Dulaney seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Presentation – Mr. Wade Hill, Backflow Prevention Ordinance

Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Hill requested Council and those in attendance to accompany them to the lobby for a demonstration. Following the demo, Mr. Hill passed out packets of information that he covered while explaining backflow prevention and cross connection control.

2) Approval to submit Grant Application – VA Commission for the Arts

Council member Kersey made the motion to submit the grant application for the VA Commission for the Arts. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

3) Approval to submit Grant Application – USDA RD

Mr. Marks reported that an idea came about to construct a pavilion for a farmer's market on the Town Hall grounds. Mr. Marks added that Rural Development will pay for the pavilion if it is constructed for the use of the Farmer's Market. Mr. Marks also stated that this would allow for more traffic and tourism for the Town Hall and the museum.

Council member Kersey made the motion to submit the grant application. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

4) Town Council Planning Retreat Report

Mr. Marks stated that he did not have the time to put together a packet from the retreat and asked that the matter be tabled until next month.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

Chief Batten added that he had received positive comments back about the color of the new police cars.

Chief Batten also announced that Officer Mark McGehee was awarded the "Officer of the Year" award by the Louisa County Crime Solvers.

Water & Sewer Department:

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

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks:

No report.

Cemetery:

Mr. Marks reported that he has spoken with Columbarium Planners Inc. several times over the past few weeks to find out if they are able to move forward with a concept plan that was designed last month. Mr. Marks stated that Columbarium Planners seem to think the plan will work, and with construction prices being what they are at the present time, the project should come in at or under budget.

Personnel Committee:

No report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

Manager

Mr. Marks reported the following:

- The WWTP expansion construction begins on 2/1/10.
- Mr. Donnie Seay will be the Town Inspector at the WWTP.
- A part-time employee will be coming over to the Town Hall building to assist with the necessary duties in approximately one month.
- Mr. Marks stated that he would like to declare the Town of Louisa Police Department's 2003 Crown Victoria and Impala excess property, and asked for authorization to sell them.

Council member Clarke made the motion to declare the 2003 Crown Victoria and Impala excess property authorizing the Town Manager to sell them. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Carter made the motion to go into Closed Session to discuss 2 Personnel Matters under section 2.2-3711 A1. Council Member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Council went into closed session at 8:02 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Council Member Carter 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 9:12 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kersey made the motion to adjourn the January 19, 2010 Louisa Town Council meeting at 9:14 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.