

**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
March 17, 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; 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: Skip Notte, Dewberry; Jeremy Camp, Louisa County Director of Community Development; Greg Dorazio, the Central Virginian

Absent: Ron Maupin, Attorney.

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

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Regional Water Supply Plan progress and update. Mr. Jeremy Camp, Louisa County Director of Community Development and Mr. Skip Notte, Dewberry

Mr. Camp and Mr. Notte gave a lengthy and detailed presentation on the progress of the plan and the upcoming public meetings in which citizens will be able to participate during a question and answer period at the Betty J. Queen Intergenerational Building on March 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and Jouett Elementary School on March 31, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

(The presentation can be heard in it's entirety on tape by request.)

NEW BUSINESS

Action/Discussion: Resolution(s) to support the application for VDH Waterworks construction grants

Mr. Brad Humphrey stood and reported to Council that O'Brien and Gere recently completed the Water Works Improvements Disinfection Byproducts report. Mr. Humphrey informed Council that the town will be submitting applications to the Virginia Department of Health for Water Supply Assistant Grant Funding and also the stimulus money that will be distributed through a revolving fund program. Mr. Humphrey stated that he has three resolutions that need to be adopted by Council.

Mr. Humphrey reported that O'Brien and Gere recommends that the Town reactivate the old town spring and two old wells in the town due to the fact that they are ground water sources and are low in volatile organic compounds and produce less disinfection byproducts. Mr. Humphrey requested that the word "grant" be struck from the last sentence of the first resolution.

The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Endorse the Application for a
Virginia Department of Health Grant to fund the
Reactivation of the Town of Louisa Well House Water Supply System**

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisa is applying for funding for various drinking water projects in the Town;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water has funded a Planning Grant to investigate cost effective solutions to mitigate disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the Town's consultant, O'Brien & Gere developed the "Town of Louisa Waterworks Improvements/Disinfection Byproducts Study" that prioritized cost effective solutions for mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisa wishes to implement the prioritized cost effective solutions for mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system specified O'Brien & Gere's "Town of Louisa Waterworks Improvements/Disinfection Byproducts Study".

WHEREAS, the Town's consultant, O'Brien & Gere recommended that the Town reactivate it's old spring to provide drinking water with lower concentrations of disinfection byproducts.

WHEREAS, in Design Notes submitted to the Louisa County Water Authority May 12, 2005, Dewberry recommended the rehabilitation and reconnection of two old Town wells and the old spring to provide drinking water with lower concentrations of disinfection byproducts and augment the local water supply.

WHEREAS, the Louisa Town Council has reviewed project planning material and found that the pre-requirements have been met for submitting a funding application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisa Town Council hereby votes to seek additional funding from the Virginia Department of Health for the Reactivation of the Town of Louisa Well House Water Supply System in the amount of \$900,000

Adopted by the Louisa Town Council on March 17, 2009, by unanimous vote.

Town of Louisa

By: _____
James S. Artz, Mayor

Mr. Humphrey stated that the second resolution, based on a recommendation from O'Brien and Gere, is to install float level indicators in the two water tanks which would allow the plant operators to better gauge how much water is in the tanks. Mr. Humphrey stated that it would help reduce the problem of having full tanks with unused water stagnating and generating disinfection byproducts. Mr. Humphrey also stated that installing flushing hydrants at five points of the water system would help to flush dead ends of the water lines.

The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Endorse the Application for a
Virginia Department of Health Grant to fund the
Louisa Disinfection Byproducts Mitigation Project**

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisa is applying for funding for various drinking water projects in the Town;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water has funded a Planning Grant to investigate cost effective solutions in mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the Town's consultant, O'Brien & Gere developed the "Town of Louisa Waterworks Improvements/Disinfection Byproducts Study" that prioritized cost effective solutions for mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisa wishes to implement the prioritized cost effective solutions for mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system specified O'Brien & Gere's "Town of Louisa Waterworks Improvements/Disinfection Byproducts Study".

WHEREAS, the Louisa Town Council has reviewed project planning material and found that the pre-requirements have been met for submitting a funding application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisa Town Council hereby votes to seek additional grant funding from the Virginia Department of Health Office for the Louisa Disinfection Byproducts Mitigation Project in the amount of \$40,000 consisting of the installation of automatic flushing devices and water tank level indicators.

Adopted by the Louisa Town Council on March 17, 2009, by unanimous vote.

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James S. Artz, Mayor

Mr. Humphrey reported that the third resolution was also a recommendation made by O'Brien and Gere. Mr. Humphrey stated that it entails the construction of a southern loop on the water system that would interconnect the dead end at Fairway Drive, Loch Lane, and Lyde Avenue with the large 12 inch line that runs down the 208 connector which would also interconnect with Countryside subdivision. This loop would allow for fresher water with less disinfection byproducts to flow to the western portion of the town. Mr. Humphrey asked that the word "grant" be struck from the last sentence of the resolution.

The resolution is as follows:

**Resolution to Endorse the Application for a
Virginia Department of Health Grant to fund the
Town of Louisa Southern Water Loop**

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisa is applying for funding for various drinking water projects in the Town;

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Drinking Water has funded a Planning Grant to investigate cost effective solutions in mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system.

WHEREAS, O'Brien & Gere's "Town of Louisa Waterworks Improvements/Disinfection Byproducts Study" prioritized cost effective solutions for mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the Town of Louisa wishes to implement the prioritized cost effective solutions for mitigating disinfection byproducts in the Town's domestic drinking water distribution system specified O'Brien & Gere's "Town of Louisa Waterworks Improvements/Disinfection Byproducts Study".

WHEREAS, the Town's consultant, O'Brien & Gere recommended that the Town construct piping improvements that would eliminate dead ends in the water distribution system by creating a southern loop in the water distribution system.

WHEREAS, the Louisa Town Council has reviewed project planning material and found that the pre-requirements have been met for submitting a funding application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisa Town Council hereby votes to seek additional funding from the Virginia Department of Health Office for the Town of Louisa Southern Loop in the amount of \$220,000

Adopted by the Louisa Town Council on March 17, 2009, by unanimous vote.

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By: _____
James S. Artz, Mayor

Council member Kersey made the motion to adopt the resolutions presented by Mr. Humphrey. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Action/Discussion: A resolution opposing the removal of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Louisa Residency

Mr. Marks stated that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2009, in Culpeper, regarding the closure of the Louisa residency. Mr. Marks stated that he felt it was appropriate to send a resolution of support stating our opposition to the closing of the office.

Council member Clarke made the motion to adopt the resolution presented by Mr. Marks. Council member Dulaney 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 Committee:

No report.

Cemetery Committee:

Mr. Marks reported that the Cemetery Committee had their first design meeting regarding the columbarium. The first draft of the design is expected on April 8, 2009.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No Report.

Manager

Mr. Marks reported the following:

- Mr. Marks received a letter from the Cooke Foundation stating that the application for grant funds regarding the mural project was not approved.
- Mr. Allison Perkins passed away and flowers were sent from the Town and IDA.
- A letter was sent out from the County of Louisa to all Countryside subdivision home owners informing them of a wiring code problem and offering them a free inspection.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Council went into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

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

Council returned to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kersey made the motion to continue the March 17, 2009 Louisa Town Council meeting to Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 5:00 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.