

**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
October 21, 2008**

Present: James S. Artz, Mayor; 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: Ashley Morici, staff for 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 7:00 p.m.

Council member Carter gave the invocation.

Mayor Artz noted that Vice-Mayor Clarke and Council member Kersey were not in attendance as they were in Norfolk at the VML conference.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council member Gehle made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council member Dulaney seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 3-0 in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Louisa anticipates submitting a grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for funding a Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA 21) project to improve Pedestrian Safety .

Mr. Marks informed Council that this application is a continuance of the applications that have been done over the past five years.

Mayor Artz opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Artz asked if there was anyone present that would like to speak for or against the application. Hearing no response, Mayor Artz closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Resolution to Endorse TEA Project for the Town of Louisa Louisa Town Council Meeting Date: October 21, 2008

Whereas in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from local government or a state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation fund a Transportation Enhancement project in the Town of Louisa,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Louisa requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to fund a fourth phase of the Louisa Downtown Master Plan to be initiated and completed in conjunction with Phase II and III. This phase of the Master Plan will tie the Elm Street Professional Corridor to the Main Street and Courthouse Square with pedestrian and bicycle friendly routes.

Be it further resolved that the town of Louisa hereby agrees to contribute twenty percent of the project cost in cash and in kind services. If the Town of Louisa subsequently elects to cancel the project, the Town hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia department Transportation for all costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation.

Adopted by the Louisa Town Council on October 21, 2008 by unanimous vote.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Marks updated Council informing them that he had contacted VDOT, as instructed, to get their input on the sidewalk request, and to find out what their rules and regulations are regarding the use of the sidewalk. Mr. Marks noted that a letter from Jamie Glass, of VDOT, had been included in the packet. Mr. Marks stated that he forwarded the letter to Mr. Maupin for his review, and that Mr. Maupin had replied suggesting that the Streets and Sidewalk Committee review and discuss the matter and report back to Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization of Traditional Halloween Hours

Mr. Marks reported that Halloween hours are usually 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children twelve years of age and younger.

Council member Carter made the motion to set Halloween trick-or-treating hours from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2008 for children twelve years of age or younger. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 3-0 in favor.

Resolution Supporting an Application to VDOT for a TEA 21 Grant

Mr. Marks noted that the copy of the resolution that appears before them is a corrected copy of the document, and that Mr. Gehle had pointed out a couple of typographical errors in the first copy of the resolution.

Council member Dulaney made the motion to adopt the resolution as presented by Mr. Marks. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went was follows: 3-0 in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

Officer Kinlaw stood in for Chief Batten and stated that he had nothing further to add to the Police Department report, but would be happy to answer any questions.

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 also reported that the sidewalk project is moving right along and that the bids for the project were opened today. Mr. Humphrey noted that the apparent low bidder came in just over \$270,000 which is under the engineer's estimates.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

Mr. Marks reported that he included memos and minutes from meetings with the Cemetery Committee in the packet to keep Council abreast of what is happening with the Columbarium project. He reported that the next Cemetery Committee meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2008.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

Mrs. Pinter reported that the 2008 RE & PP bills have been generated and sent to the printer. They should be completed and mailed out in the next two weeks.

Manager

Mr. Marks noted a memo that he included in the packets regarding the state budget cuts.

Mr. Marks informed Council that he will be attending the Water and Sewer Rate Committee meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008.

Mr. Marks reported that we are still waiting for the DEQ/EPA study results regarding the WWTP. Mr. Marks reported that we have been pre-approved for a 2.75% loan for our \$3.5 million dollar part of the project through Rural Development. Mr. Marks also noted that the County of Louisa will be partnering with the town by going through Rural Development. Mr. Marks stated that there is a possibility that the county may get the same loan terms.

Mr. Marks informed Council that there was a Strategic Plan update at each Council member's seat for their review.

Finally, Mr. Marks noted that the IDA loan looks to close this year.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Carter moved to adjourn the October 21, 2008 meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk