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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
August 19, 2014**

Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke, Vice-Mayor; Matthew L. Kersey, Warren D. Gehle, A. Daniel Carter, Andrew G. Wade, Council Members; Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel; Brian W. Marks, Town Manager; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk; Carol A. Brown, Treasurer; M. Brad Humphrey, Project Manager

Also Attending: Paula Hawthorne, The Central Virginian; Elizabeth Thomas, 111 Apple Orchard Road; James Stockton, 217 Club Road; James Artz, 109 Club Road; Eric Purcell, 619 Bibb Store Road; Tom Bourn, 115 Ellisville Drive; Tyrone Hilton, Pastor of Union Baptist Church; Kecie Jones Harris, Clerk for Union Baptist Church

Absent: None.

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

Mayor Nuckols called the Louisa Town Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, town resident and business (day care) owner, stood and addressed Council explaining that she was recently informed by Social Services that she is not considered a day care center because the number of children she cares for exceeds the limit permitted to operate from her home. Mrs. Thomas further explained that Social Services gave her a 10 day time line to move or close her business. Mrs. Thomas stated that given the limited amount of time to react, she cannot possibly complete the necessary paperwork and

1 licensing to set up elsewhere, and added that it leaves parents
2 insufficient time to find day care for their children. Mrs. Thomas
3 requested Council to lend their support in convincing Social Services
4 to grant her a more reasonable time frame in which to complete the
5 necessary paperwork; and to find a short term facility to house the
6 children and staff until she can find a long term solution. Mrs.
7 Thomas thanked Council for their time and consideration.
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10 Mr. Jim Artz, town resident, stood and expressed his concerns
11 regarding the need for additional sidewalks in town.

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13 Mr. Jim Stockton, town resident, stood and spoke to a problematic
14 ditch near Cammack St. and Meadow Ave.

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16 Mr. Eric Purcell, county resident and client of Mrs. Thomas, stood and
17 spoke in support of Mrs. Thomas and her business and requested
18 that Council show their support in the form of a letter requesting
19 injunctive relief for 90 days. Mr. Purcell asked that the letter be
20 forwarded on to: the Louisa County Board of Supervisors; Delegate
21 Peter Ferrell; and the Dept. of Social Services locally and at the state
22 level.

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24 Mr. Tom Bourn, town resident, stood and spoke in support of Mrs.
25 Thomas and the positive effect she and her business has on the
26 community.

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28 Council member Wade then spoke personally and requested that
29 Council show their support as requested.

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31 Council member Wade followed his request by making a motion to
32 draft a letter of support requesting injunctive relief for 90 days to: the
33 Louisa County Board of Supervisors; Delegate Peter Ferrell; and the
34 Dept. of Social Services locally and at the state level. Council
35 member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0
36 in favor.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

1) Action/Discussion: Police Chief Search Committee Assignment

Mayor Nuckols stated that he has assigned the following people to the Police Chief Search Committee: Council member Wade; Mr. Bud Dulaney; and Council member Gehle.

2) Action/Discussion: Acceptance of VML Safety Grant

Mr. Marks reported that the town's application for the VML Safety Grant was approved and requested permission to move forward with the purchase of the playground mulch.

Council member Clarke made the motion to accept the VML Safety Grant and give Mr. Marks permission to proceed with the purchase of playground mulch. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion/Action: Entertainment Permit Application – Union Baptist Church

Mr. Marks reported that there was one change to the application which is a request to move the event date from Saturday, October 25th to Saturday, October 18, 2014.

Pastor Hilton, of Union Baptist Church, took a moment to speak of the event and how it will benefit the community.

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Council member Wade made the motion to approve the Entertainment Permit Application. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

2) Discussion/Action: Compensated Absence Accrual

A lengthy discussion was held between Council, legal counsel, and the Town Manager regarding compensated absence accrual wherein many ideas were discussed.

Council collectively requested Mr. Marks to draft several options and bring them back to the next meeting for review and approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

In the absence of a Chief of Police, Mr. Marks quickly updated the Police Department's report and fielded questions from Council.

Mr. Marks made note of a thank you letter from St. James Episcopal Church regarding traffic control.

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.

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Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

Mr. Gore reported that he made contact with Government Affairs at CSX and stated that they have expressed the desire to work with the town. Mr. Gore stated that he will report back with more information soon.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

Manager

Mr. Marks reported:

- The Thomas Jefferson Planning District letter of Summer Activities was included for review.
- A letter from a concerned citizen was included in the packet.
- A letter from the Central Virginia Assembly of God was included in the packet for approval at a later meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Gehle made the motion to convene in closed session to discuss the following: as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(3) to discuss the acquisition of real property; and as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-3711(A)(1) to discuss a personnel matters involving a specific employee. Council member Wade seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Council went into closed session at 7:53 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

Council member Carter made the motion to go back in to open session. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Council returned to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Council member Kersey made the motion certifying that, in the closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that motion. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Clarke, for; Kersey, for; Carter, for; Wade, for; Gehle, for (5-0 in favor).

ACTION

No action was taken following closed session.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m., Council Member Kersey made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-1 in favor (Wade against).

Mayor

Clerk