**Town of Louisa**

**Monthly Meeting**

**December 15, 2015**

**Present:** R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Matthew L. Kersey, Vice-Mayor; A. Daniel Carter, Andrew G. Wade Council Members; Tom Filer, Town Manager; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk; Elizabeth T. Nelson, Treasurer; M. Brad Humphrey, Public Works Director; Ronnie Roberts, Chief of Police

**Absent:** Warren D. Gehle, Council member

**Also in Attendance:** Mr. & Mrs. Richard Arnold, town residents, 134 Jefferson Hwy

***All copies including: reports, handouts, and documents***

***can be found following the minutes.***

Mayor Nuckols called the Louisa Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Richard Arnold, town resident, stood and spoke of two water issues he and his wife had experienced recently. Mr. Arnold requested that Council consider reviewing their policy regarding water leaks and abatements.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Filer noted that there were a few items to be added to the agenda: (Old Business) Acceptance of Grant; Update EDA Appointments; Presentation by LAC (to follow the Consent Agenda).

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

**PRESENTATION**

Mr. Hoh, of the Louisa Arts Center, presented Council with two checks (loan balance & rent), spoke of their recent endeavors, and thanked them for their support.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion/Action: Acceptance of Sewer Grants**

Mr. Filer provided some background information, and stated that the grant was applied for by the previous Town Manager. Mr. Filer also referred to Mr. Humphrey who provided more information on the matter which involves inflow and infiltration problems the town has been experiencing for years. Mr. Humphrey explained that the grant funding would cover a camera study on rain water runoff wherein the town could gain insight on how to remedy the problem.

After a short discussion, the following action took place:

Council member Wade made the motion to accept the sewer grant as presented. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

1. **Discussion/Action: Update EDA Appointments**

Mr. Filer reported that Mr. Dulaney and Mr. Carter’s terms on the EDA expire on the 31st of this month. He added that both gentlemen have stated that they are willing to serve again.

Council member Wade made the motion to reappoint Mr. Dulaney and Mr. Carter to the EDA. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Wade, for; Carter, abstain; Kersey, for; Clarke, for.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion/Action: 2016 Holiday Schedule**

Council member Clarke made the motion to adopt the 2016 Holiday Schedule. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

1. **Discussion/Action: Certificate of Deposit Renewal**

Council member Clarke made the motion to approve the reinvestment of the CD that will mature on January 1, 2016. Council member Wade seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Carter, abstain; Kersey, for; Clarke, for; Wade, for.

1. **Discussion/Action: VDOT Speed Limit Study Resolution**

Council member Clarke made the motion to adopt the VDOT Speed Limit Study Resolution. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

1. **Discussion: Proposed Fire Dept. Hydrant Program**

Mayor Nuckols and Mr. Filer reported back from their meeting with the Fire Chief about the program.

A lengthy conversation was then held between Council and staff regarding the Fire Hydrant Inspection Program.

Following their discussion, Council took the following action:

Council member Clarke made the motion to move forward with the Fire Hydrant Inspection Program. Council member Wade 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 Roberts reviewed the Police Department’s report and fielded questions from Council.

Police Committee:

No report.

Water & Sewer Department:

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

Mr. Humphrey and read aloud from his report, highlighting areas of interest.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

Manager

Mr. Filer made mention of the following:

* The meter lid at Mr. Arnold’s home will be replaced.
* The email transition has taken place in the office. Council members may be assigned a town address if desired.
* Website design is underway and feedback/suggestions are welcome.
* The check for $25,000 from the LAC will be put in the Rainy Day Fund to replace funds recently used for the Police Dept.
* Gravel was put down on Leigh St. due to ponding.
* A stop bar will be installed behind the Courthouse to assist with traffic.
* A snow blower, salt, etc. has been purchased in anticipation of winter weather.
* The ongoing CSX parking lot lease was recently reviewed.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 p.m., Council Member Clarke made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Carter seconded the motion.

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Mayor Clerk