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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
February 16, 2016**

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Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Matthew L. Kersey, Vice-Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke; Warren D. Gehle, 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

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Absent: None

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Also in Attendance: Deana Meredith, The Central Virginian

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

Mayor Nuckols called the Louisa Town Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Veronica Bullock, town resident at 309 Cardinal Road, stood and addressed Council stating that she had recently been approached with a concern from area youth regarding a safe place for them to congregate in town to socialize without repercussion from business owners or law enforcement. Mrs. Bullock informed Council that a youth forum will be held on April 30, 2016 to address this, and several other, issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Filer requested that the swearing in of two new police officers be added to the agenda under Old Business.

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

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6 **OLD BUSINESS**

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8 **1) Swearing in Ceremony**

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10 Mayor Nuckols conducted the swearing in ceremony of Officer Terry
11 Tussing, and Officer Mark Gillispie, and welcomed them to the Town
12 of Louisa.

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14 **2) Discussion/Action: Sign Ordinance**

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16 Mr. Filer referred to the packet of information (within the Council
17 packet) that Council requested at last month's meeting regarding all
18 documentation and correspondence on the sign ordinance. Mr. Filer
19 then very quickly went over the packet to get everyone on the same
20 page.

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22 At the conclusion of Mr. Filer's review, Mayor Nuckols called for
23 discussion/comments on the matter. Council member Gehle spoke
24 stating the need for a level playing field, and that the way to achieve a
25 level playing field is to enforce the ordinance we have in place.

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27 After hearing no further comments, Council member Wade made a
28 motion to hold a public hearing to consider amending the current sign
29 ordinance specifically to address town code section 134-6A and the
30 term "fluttering". Council member Carter seconded the motion.
31 Further discussion was held for clarification of events and to
32 determine whether a public hearing was necessary. The vote went
33 as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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35 At this time, Council member Wade excused himself from the
36 meeting.

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2 **NEW BUSINESS**

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4 **1) Discussion/Action: SNAP Donation**

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6 Council member Clarke made the motion to accept the funding from
7 DMV and donate it to SNAP as we have done in the past. Council
8 member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0
9 in favor.

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11 **2) Discussion/Action: Utility Bill Review Program & Contract**

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13 After a brief explanation of the program, Council member Clarke
14 made the motion to approve the Utility Bill Program & Contract.
15 Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as
16 follows: 4-0 in favor.

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18 **3) Discussion/Action: Hillcrest Certificate of Deposit**
19 **Reinvestment**

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21 Council member Clarke made the motion to accept the
22 recommendation of the Town Manager to cash and add the balance
23 of the two CDs to the existing Essex Bank Flex CD with an APR of
24 1.00%. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went
25 as follows: Carter, abstain; Kersey, for; Clarke, for; Gehle, for.

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27 **4) Discussion: Scheduling of Budget work session for FY 2016-**
28 **2017**

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30 After some discussion, Council decided to continue this evening's
31 meeting to Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to hold the first budget work
32 session at 6:00 p.m.

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34 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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36 Police Department:

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38 (Please refer to the Police Department report.)
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2 Chief Roberts reviewed the Police Department's report and fielded
3 questions from Council.

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5 Police Committee:

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7 No report.

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9 Water & Sewer Department:

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

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13 Mr. Humphrey and read aloud from his report, highlighting areas of
14 interest and noted that his report had a different format this month
15 than usual.

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17 Litter Committee:

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19 No report.

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21 Streets & Sidewalks

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23 No report.

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25 Cemetery

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29 **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

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31 Counsel

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33 No report.

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35 Clerk

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8 Mr. Filer made mention of the following:

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- 10 • A presentation of the new website will take place at the next Town
 - 11 Council meeting.
 - 12 • A brief report on snow removal in town was given citing positive
 - 13 results/feedback.
 - 14 • More emphasis was put on Mr. Humphrey's monthly report as he
 - 15 presented a lengthier and more detailed report than usual (as
 - 16 directed).
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18 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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20 Council member Clarke began a discussion involving Congressman
21 Dave Brat's assistance with our ongoing water issues. After a brief
22 discussion, Council member Clarke made a motion to move forward
23 more aggressively with Congressman Brat's help. Council member
24 Carter seconded the motion. During the comment period following
25 the motion, a more in depth discussion took place wherein
26 clarifications were made and the ramifications of Mr. Brat's
27 assistance were made known. Mayor Nuckols then called for the
28 vote: Gehle, against; Kersey, against; Clarke, against; Carter, for (3-
29 1: motion failed).

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31 **ADJOURNMENT**

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33 At 7:53 p.m., Council Member Carter made the motion to continue the
34 meeting for a budget work session on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at
35 6:00 p.m. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote
36 went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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Mayor

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