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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
February 21, 2017**

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Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Andrew G. Wade, Vice-Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke; A. Daniel Carter; James S. Artz; Jessica Lassiter Council Members; Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel; 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; Chris Peterson, Secretary for the Louisa County Historical Society; Michael Winget-Hernandez, Louisa Arts Center Board Member

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

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Mayor Nuckols called the Louisa Town Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nuckols requested adding item no. 3 – Oakland Cemetery, to New Business for discussion.

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

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2 **PRESENTATIONS**

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4 **Louisa Arts Center**

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6 Mr. Michael Winget-Hernandez, Louisa Arts Center Board Member,
7 provided a video presentation for Council. Following the
8 presentation, Mr. Winget-Hernandez spoke briefly to Council about
9 the progress of the Arts Center and where they stood financially,
10 concluding with the request of Council's continued support.

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12 **Louisa Historical Society**

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14 Mr. Chris Peterson, Secretary of the Louisa County Historical Society,
15 spoke stating that the Historical Society had recently purchased the
16 old Trevilians School House and have plans to have the building
17 relocated here on the Town Hall campus. Mr. Peterson went further
18 to explain how they plan to use the building to provide educational
19 opportunities for the community. Mr. Peterson stated that they would
20 continue to update Council on their progress and future plans.

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22 **OLD BUSINESS**

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24 **1) Discussion/Action: EDA Board Appointment**

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26 Mayor Nuckols struck this item from the agenda stating that he had
27 nothing new to add at this time.

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29 **NEW BUSINESS**

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31 **1) Discussion/Action: Obsolete Equipment**

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33 Mr. Filer quickly ran through the list of obsolete equipment and
34 requested authorization to declare the items obsolete and sell them
35 on GovDeals.com.

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37 Council member Clarke made the motion to declare the equipment
38 obsolete and to give the Town Manager authorization to put the items
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2 on GovDeals.com to be sold. Council member Artz seconded the
3 motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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5 **2) Discussion/Action: Equipment Purchase**
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7 Mr. Filer spoke of the need for an additional tractor. Mr. Filer
8 provided details in his memo to Council on the make and model of
9 the tractor and also where the funding would come from to make the
10 purchase.

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12 Council member Carter made the motion to approve the purchase of
13 a new tractor as requested and detailed in the memo from the Town
14 Manager. Council member Artz seconded the motion. The vote went
15 as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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17 **3) Discussion/Action: Oakland Cemetery Marker**
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19 Mayor Nuckols stated that he had been contacted by Jerry Harlow,
20 President of the Trevilians Battlefield Association Foundation,
21 regarding the installation of a memorial marker requested by the
22 Coleman family of Chester, SC in honor of his ancestor who fought
23 and died in the Civil War in our area whose body was never returned
24 to his family for burial. Mr. Harlow stated the Coleman family has
25 visited our County and felt this was the proper place to memorialize
26 his family member. Mr. Harlow added that the stone and all costs
27 associated would be covered by the U.S. Veteran's Administration
28 and they only needed the Louisa Town Council's authorization for the
29 installation of the stone in Oakland cemetery in the Confederate
30 Section. Mayor Nuckols stated the stone would be in line with those
31 already installed in that section.

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33 Council member Artz made the motion to authorize the installation of
34 the stone in Oakland Cemetery to memorialize the family member of
35 the Coleman family. Council member Carter seconded the motion.
36 The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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38 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

Chief Roberts quickly reviewed the Police Department's report and fielded questions from Council before providing a lengthy power point presentation on items that have been donated to/acquired by the Louisa Police Department, and the cost savings involved, over the past couple of years. Council then commented on his effort and cost savings to the town.

Police Committee:

No report.

Water & Sewer Department:

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

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

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

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No report.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

Manager

Mr. Filer made mention of the following:

- A Historical Society flyer was included in the packet featuring an antiques specialist that will be visiting soon.
- There will be no rate increases for water/sewer this year from the Louisa County Water Authority.
- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be holding a hearing soon regarding the expansion of Dominion Virginia Power.
- VDOT will be patching and paving near the BP gas station in town in the next couple of days.
- There will be a meeting with the Heath Department tomorrow (2/22) and the Mayor and Town Counsel will also be attending.
- The new/used Public Works truck purchased from the County of Henrico will be picked up on Friday and the tractor that was authorized this evening can be picked up on Thursday.
- There have been a number of computer issues lately, however calls have been made to have them resolved as soon as possible.
- Upgrades to the senior league ball field were made recently for the upcoming season.
- There is a contract pending on the house across the street at 210 Fredericksburg Avenue.
- A water/sewer service map was included in the packet for Council to review and discuss at a later meeting.
- The Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year dinner will be held on March 23, 2017.

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- Council member Wade questioned if the town would be able to help out with cutting grass at the Little League baseball field - both inside and outside of the fence - to which Mr. Filer stated that the town would be able to help.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 p.m., Council Member Artz made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk