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**Town of Louisa  
Monthly Meeting  
February 18, 2014**

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**Present:** James S. Artz, Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke, Vice-Mayor; Matthew L. Kersey, Warren D. Gehle, R. Garland Nuckols, A. Daniel Carter, Council Members; Brendan Hefty, Legal Counsel; Brian W. Marks, Town Manager; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk; M. Brad Humphrey, Project Manager

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**Also Attending:** Terri Detrick; town resident, 124 Woodger Circle; Carol Brown, candidate for Treasurer's position

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**Absent:** Jessie Shupe, Chief of Police

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

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

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Council Member Kersey gave the invocation.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1) Discussion/Action: DMV Grant Application**

Mr. Marks reported that staff would like to apply for the grant in hopes to obtain funding for new cameras in the police patrol cars.

Council member Carter made the motion to approve the submittal of the DMV Grant Application. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

**2) Discussion/Action: Resolution Honoring Mrs. Donna Pinter**

Council member Nuckols made the motion to approve the resolution honoring Mrs. Pinter. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

**3) Discussion/Action: Budget Work Session Schedule**

Council collectively decided to continue the meeting until Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for the first budget work session.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Police Department:**

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

In Chief Shupe’s absence, Mr. Marks stood and quickly reviewed the Police Department’s report and fielded questions from Council.

**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.

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Council member Nuckols questioned if there was any update from the Water Authority in regards as to what they have been doing to remedy the disinfection byproducts. Mr. Marks responded that there is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening where they will be discussing that matter.

Treasurer Search Committee:

Mr. Marks reported that the committee met last week and are requesting to go into closed session this evening to discuss the matter further.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Counsel

Mr. Hefty reported that SB10 passed the Senate and is now in front of the House for consideration on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.

Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

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Mr. Marks reported:

- A letter from the County of Louisa regarding compensating town liaisons was included in the packet.
- A tree trimming proposal was included in the packet: a lengthy discussion was held over whether we should contract with Dave Stone of the Forestry Dept. or put the job out for bid, as requested by Council member Nuckols. Council member Clarke made a motion to enter contract with Dave Stone. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Clarke, for; Gehle, for; Carter, for; Nuckols, against; Kersey, for (4-1 in favor).
- Mr. Marks reported that 2 CDs were due to mature on February 18, 2014 and Council needed to take action on reinvestment.

Council member Carter made the motion to reinvest the CDs with Essex Bank. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

- Mr. Marks stated that, at Mr. Gore's recommendation, Council needed to renew the engagement letter with Davenport & Company.

Council member Kersey made the motion to renew the engagement letter with Davenport & Company. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Council Member Nuckols made the motion to convene in closed session to discuss the following: as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-

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2 3711(A)(1), for a personnel matter involving the consideration or  
3 interviews of candidates for employment or appointment. Council  
4 member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0  
5 in favor.

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7 Council went into closed session at 7:32 p.m.

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9 **REGULAR SESSION**

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11 Council Member Kersey made the motion to go back in to Open  
12 Session. Council Member Nuckols seconded the motion. The vote  
13 went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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15 Council returned to regular session at 7:52 p.m.

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17 **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

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19 *Council member Nuckols made the motion certifying that, in the*  
20 *closed session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the*  
21 *matter or matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in*  
22 *closed session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the*  
23 *provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that*  
24 *motion. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went*  
25 *as follows: Carter, for; Kersey, for; Clarke, for; Gehle, for; Nuckols, for*  
26 *(5-0 in favor).*

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28 **ACTION:**

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30 The following action took place after closed session:

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32 Council member Carter made a motion to allow the Town Manager to  
33 negotiate with Carol Brown for the Position of Treasurer at \$48,500  
34 with benefits. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The  
35 vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m., Council Member Clarke made the motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 6:00 for a budget work session meeting.

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Clerk