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**Town of Louisa  
Monthly Meeting  
June 21, 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; 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; Bud Dulaney, town resident at 135 West Street; Patty Madison, Louisa County Circuit Court; James (Jim) Artz, town resident and Council-elect at 109 Club Road; Jessica (Jessie) Lassiter, town resident and Council-elect at 201 Patrick Henry Drive

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

Mayor Nuckols called the Louisa Town Council meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Bud Dulaney, town resident and citizen appointed member of the Town of Louisa Police Committee, first thanked Mr. Gehle and Mr. Kersey for their service on Town Council, and then stood and spoke to Council expressing his concerns with an auxiliary police program proposal that would be presented later in the meeting by the Chief of Police.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Filer made note of a couple of items that were included in the supplemental packet.

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

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5 **OATH OF OFFICE**

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7 **Swearing in of newly elected Council members**

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9 Patty Madison, of the Louisa County Circuit Court Clerk's office, had  
10 Jessica (Jessie) Lassiter, James (Jim) Artz, and A. Daniel (Danny)  
11 Carter stand and be sworn in for office commencing July 1, 2016.

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13 **OLD BUSINESS**

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15 **1) Discussion/Action: Adopt the FY 2016-2017 Fee Schedule**

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17 Council member Clarke made the motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017  
18 Fee Schedule Resolution. Council member Gehle seconded the  
19 motion. The vote went as follows: Wade, for; Gehle, for; Carter, for;  
20 Kersey, against; Clarke, for (4-1 in favor).

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22 **2) Discussion/Action: FY 2016-2017 Budget Resolution**

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24 Council member Clarke made the motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017  
25 Budget and Fund Appropriation Resolution. Council member Carter  
26 seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Gehle, for; Kersey,  
27 against; Wade, for; Clarke, for; Carter, for (4-1 in favor).

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29 **NEW BUSINESS**

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31 **1) Discussion/Action: Resolutions of Appreciation for Council**  
32 **members Matthew L. Kersey and Warren D. Gehle**

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34 Mr. Filer read each resolution aloud, and members of Council took a  
35 moment to thank both gentlemen for their service to the town.

1 Council member Wade then made the motion to adopt the resolutions.  
2 Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as  
3 follows: Clarke, for; Gehle, abstain; Carter, for; Wade, for; Kersey,  
4 abstain.

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6 **2) Discussion/Action: Auxiliary Police Program**

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8 Chief Roberts spoke briefly about the program wherein Council had  
9 several questions. It was recommend that this item be tabled to be  
10 discussed in depth with the Police Committee and be brought back for  
11 consideration at next Council meeting.

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13 **3) Discussion/Action: Cemetery Rules**

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15 Mr. Filer referred to the Clerk for input before explaining that our office  
16 has received a number of calls from individuals wanting to know how  
17 many cremations the town would allow in a single space in Hillcrest  
18 Cemetery. Mr. Filer reported that after discussing the matter with Mrs.  
19 Ellis, historically, only two cremation burials were allowed in one space  
20 unless otherwise approved by the Town Manager, and noted that he  
21 was unable to find any rule/code on the matter. Mr. Filer stated that he  
22 would recommend only two cremation burials per space, however, he  
23 did not feel comfortable in making such a decision on his own and  
24 would prefer that Council give him direction.

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26 Mr. Filer also reported that the Clerk received a request from the Louisa  
27 County Sheriff's Office seeking approval to bury 12 pauper cremains  
28 in one space owned by the County of Louisa in Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr.  
29 Filer asked for guidance from Council and Mr. Gore on this matter. A  
30 lengthy discussion was had between Council and staff wherein Mr.  
31 Gore stated he would research the matter further resulting in the  
32 following motion:

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34 Council member Carter made a motion granting the burial of the 12  
35 pauper cremations in one space provided that Mr. Gore finds that it is  
36 allowable by state code/ordinances. Council member Wade seconded  
37 the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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39 **4) Discussion/Action: Louisa Vol. Fire Dept. Parade Permit**

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2 Council member Wade made the motion to approve the parade permit.  
3 Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as  
4 follows: 5-0 in favor.

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6 **5) Discussion/Action: Committee Appointments**

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8 Mayor Nuckols apologized that he did not have the list ready for  
9 distribution that evening, and stated that he would send them out the  
10 next day (June 22).

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12 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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14 **Police Department:**

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16 (Please refer to the Police Department report.)

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18 Chief Roberts reviewed the Police Department's report, notified  
19 Council of upcoming events, and fielded questions from Council.

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21 **Police Committee:**

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23 No report.

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25 **Water & Sewer Department:**

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

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

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31 A lengthy discussion was held between Council and staff following Mr.  
32 Humphrey's report regarding the single bid received for the combined  
33 Storage Tank Improvements Project and the Louisa Town Park Well  
34 Project. The bid received; the engineer's estimated project

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38 cost; the necessity of the projects; and state requirements were items  
39 discussed in detail.

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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:

- Mid-July, a portion of the metal fencing in front of the Circuit Court will be replaced and the sidewalk will be closed at that time.
- A new Verizon store will be opening in Triangle Plaza in the next two weeks.

- 1           • On Thursday, June 23, 2016, Mr. Filer will be testifying in front of
- 2           Congress on behalf of the Town of Louisa in regards to the well
- 3           project.
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- 5           • Updike will be delivering trash cans soon and have been easy to
- 6           work with as we make the transition.
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- 8           • First Baptist Church's sign was damaged during snow removal and
- 9           has been replaced.
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- 11          • The trash truck was involved in an accident on Main St. recently.
- 12          There was minimal damage.
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- 14          • A handful of commercial trash customers have severely delinquent
- 15          accounts and will be receiving a letter informing them that they need
- 16          to bring their bill current or we will discontinue their service.
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18          Mr. Filer then referred to the musical/entertainment permit application  
19          in the supplemental packet submitted by Temple of Deliverance for a  
20          tent revival with music and speakers.

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22          Council member Carter made the motion to approve the permit.  
23          Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as  
24          follows: 5-0 in favor.

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26          **COMMUNICATIONS**

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28          Council member Carter took a moment to personally thank Mr. Kersey  
29          and Mr. Gehle for their dedication and service stating it was a pleasure  
30          working with them.

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32          **ADJOURNMENT**

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34          At 8:18 p.m., Council Member Carter made the motion to adjourn the  
35          meeting. Council member Wade seconded the motion.

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