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**Town of Louisa  
Monthly Meeting  
June 20, 2017**

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**Present:** R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Andrew G. Wade, Vice-Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke, A. Daniel Carter, Jessica Lassiter, Council members; Roger Wiley, 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:** James S. Artz, Council member

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**Also in Attendance:** Deana Meredith, The Central Virginian; LaVahn Hoh, Louisa Arts Center President; George Goodwin,

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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 6:03 p.m.

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**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

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Mr. LaVahn Hoh, LAC President, stood before Council to update them on upcoming minimal changes in the theater. One such notable change is that the stage floor will be painted black as most stages appear across the country.

Mr. George Goodwin, Legislative Advisor for Senator Mark Peek, distributed his card while informing Council that they could reach out to him for advocacy and help in Richmond whenever needed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Filer stated that the following needed to be added to the agenda for consideration: 1) July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade & Fireworks Permit; 2) July 15<sup>th</sup>

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2 event at the Fireman's fairgrounds; 3) Resolution honoring Dicky  
3 Purcell.

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5 Council member Clarke made the motion to approve the amended  
6 consent agenda. Council member Lassiter seconded the motion. The  
7 vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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9 **OLD BUSINESS**

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11 **1) Discussion/Action: Budget Adoption – Resolution**

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13 Mr. Filer stated that the budget was advertised properly, and a public  
14 hearing was held last month as required. Mr. Filer added that there  
15 were no changes in regards to fees and taxes this year.

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17 Council member Carter made the motion to adopt the resolution.  
18 Council member Lassiter seconded the motion. The vote went as  
19 follows: 4-0 in favor.

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21 **2) Discussion/Action: Noise Ordinance**

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23 Mr. Filer reported that, as a result of several recent complaints,  
24 research was conducted by staff and a noise ordinance was drafted  
25 by legal counsel. Chief Roberts added that the ordinance will satisfy  
26 court requirements and allow officers to enforce the law.

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28 Council member Clarke made the motion to adopt the noise  
29 ordinance. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote  
30 went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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32 **NEW BUSINESS**

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34 **1) Discussion/Action: Resolution Recognizing Dickie Purcell for**  
35 **50 years of Little League**

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37 Mayor Nuckols reported that he is still fine tuning the resolution as he  
38 awaits accurate dates before presenting it to Mr. Purcell. Mayor  
39 Nuckols requested Council's pre-approval of the resolution so that

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2 once complete, it can be presented to Mr. Purcell at the next Council  
3 meeting or possibly at an All-Stars game. Mayor Nuckols stated that  
4 he would send a copy to all of Council after it is completed for their  
5 review.

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7 Council member Wade made the motion to adopt the resolution  
8 recognizing Dickie Purcell. Council member Lassiter seconded the  
9 motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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11 **2) Discussion/Action: Collection Firm - Resolution**

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13 Mr. Filer reported that Jeffrey Scharf Taxing Authority Consulting  
14 Services, P.C. is who the County of Louisa works with to aid them in  
15 collecting delinquent taxes. Mr. Filer stated that the agency does not  
16 typically work with such small localities, however, they are willing to  
17 work with us as we have the ability to “piggy back” off the county’s  
18 contract with them.

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20 Council member Carter made the motion to adopt the collection firm  
21 resolution. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote  
22 went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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24 **3) Discussion/Action: Planning Commission Member Position**

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26 Mr. Filer stated that Mr. Gavin’s and Mrs. Butcher’s terms on the  
27 Planning Commission will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Filer reported that  
28 Mrs. Butcher is willing to serve another term, however, Mr. Gavin  
29 stated that he will not be serving again.

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31 Mayor Nuckols stated that if there is anyone interested to please ask  
32 them to contact the town office.

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34 Council member Carter made the motion to reappoint Maxine Butcher  
35 to the Planning Commission. Council member Wade seconded the  
36 motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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38 **4) Discussion/Action: July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Fireworks Permit &**  
39 **July 15<sup>th</sup> Event at Fairgrounds**

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Chief Roberts reported on the event being proposed for July 15<sup>th</sup> at the fireman’s fairgrounds. Chief Roberts handed out a flyer that is circulating about the event and stated that he had met with the organizers of the event and all is in order. Chief Roberts gave his recommendation of approval.

Council member Clarke made the motion to approve the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Fireworks Permit as well as the July 15<sup>th</sup> event at the Fireman’s Fairgrounds. Council member Lassiter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

**5) Discussion/Action: Certificate of Deposit Maturity**

Council member Wade made the motion to approve reinvesting the CD with Essex Bank for 14 months at 1.1%. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Lassiter, for; Wade, for; Clarke, for; Carter, abstain.

**6) Discussion/Action: LGIP Sewer Fund Deposit and Account Opening**

Mr. Filer stated that the money (\$402,500) that would go into this newly created sewer fund is from the second sale of water and sewer connection fees in Countryside Subdivision. Mr. Filer reported that the first payment of pre-sold connection fees was put into the water fund and used for various water projects during the year. Mr. Filer added that the money would be available to the town whenever needed should a project or emergency arise.

Council member Carter made the motion to approve creating a new fund with LGIP that is dedicated to Sewer and transfer \$402,500 from the General DDA to the newly created fund within LGIP. Council member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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*(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 spoke briefly highlighting areas of interest from his report.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Counsel

No report.

Clerk

No report.

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Treasurer

No report.

Manager

Mr. Filer made mention of the following:

- The Nano filtration system is in line to start processing water on Tuesday, June 27, 2017.
- The EDA will meet in July to complete the conduit loan.
- Cleaning bids for the town office are still being received and reviewed.
- Complaints have been received about trees blocking vehicular view and the lack of turning lane stripes at the Rt. 208 entrance of Sheetz. Mr. Filer has spoken with them about the issues and they will be in touch when the work will be done.
- Cutler Ave. has a repaired railroad crossing.
- Louisa will be hosting several All-Star games in the coming weeks.
- Mr. Filer recommended a couple of committee meetings to discuss the possibility of refinancing the town's debt.
- The Chamber of Commerce picnic will be held at Christopher Run Campground on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Council member Artz is recovering well from his knee replacement surgery.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Chief took a moment to brief Council on a sexual assault that occurred recently in the town on Meadow Avenue.

Council member Wade made a motion to close the Town Office on Monday, July 3, 2017. Mr. Wade stated that he felt that the town staff deserved the additional day off due to their hard work and dedication. Mr. Wade added the State of Virginia and the County of Louisa would

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be also be closed. Council member Lassiter seconded the motion.  
The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:48 p.m., Council Member Wade made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

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Clerk