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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
March 17, 2015**

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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, Project Manager; Ronnie Roberts, Chief of Police

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Also Attending: Jason Murphy, The Central Virginian; Michael Bollinger, Director of The Louisa Arts Center; Stephanie Koren, Board Member of the Louisa Arts Center; Christine Corrieri, Director of the Louisa Arts Center Youth Theatre Company

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Absent: None.

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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 7:03 p.m.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Christine Corrieri, Director of the Louisa Arts Center Youth Theatre Company, took a moment to address Council and thank them for their support of the Louisa Arts Center over the past few years and requested that the town consider continuing to support them in the future. Several youth actors and their families also attended the meeting and each of them stood before Council thanking them for their support and asked that they continue to support their programs.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nuckols requested that Handicap Parking be added to the agenda under New Business as item no. 8.

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

PRESENTATION

Louisa Arts Center: Mr. Bollinger and Mr. Hoh

Mr. Michael Bollinger, Executive Artistic Director for the Louisa Arts Center, stood and spoke at length in reference to the Arts Center. Mr. Bollinger gave a power point presentation wherein he spoke of the Center’s success over the recent years. Mr. Bollinger spoke of the importance of a public/private relationship, and requested that the Louisa Town Council continue to their support of the Louisa Arts Center for years to come. A brief discussion/question and answer period followed between Mr. Bollinger and Council.

Mayor Nuckols then asked Stephanie Koren, Board Member for the Louisa Arts Center, to speak about community a collaboration between the town, the Arts Center, and the Historical Society. Mrs. Koren gave a lengthy presentation explaining how such a collaboration would be beneficial for both the town and county, but explained that this concept is still in the research phase, and that no funding is needed to discuss the idea, and that all decision making would be made jointly. Mrs. Koren stated that she would like to present the idea to the Cooke Foundation pending Council’s approval.

Following a brief question and answer period, Council took the following action:

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Council member Carter made the motion to approve presenting the collaborative concept to the Cooke Foundation. Council member Wade seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion/Action: Proposal Treasurer Training

Council member Wade made the motion to approve the Treasurer Training Proposal. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

2) Discussion/Action: Adverse Weather Policy Proposal

Council member Clarke made the motion to approve the Adverse Weather Policy Proposal. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

3) Discussion/Action: Bereavement Policy Proposal

Council member Carter made the motion to approve the Bereavement Policy Proposal. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

4) Discussion/Action: Report on Hillcrest Cemetery CDs

Mr. Filer reported that the two CD's in the Hillcrest Fund at Essex Bank were up for reinvestment on February 18, 2015. Mr. Filer stated that one of the CDs, with an original principal amount of \$103,833, was rolled over with a 1% APR for 18 months. The second CD was cashed in and deposited to the General Fund to be used for the Columbarium Contract Deposit.

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5) Discussion/Action: Schedule Budget Sessions

After a brief discussion, Council set the following dates for budget work sessions:

Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

6) Discussion/Action: Town Manager Discretionary Authority Bill Approval

Council member Wade made the motion to approve the Town Manager’s Discretionary Authority Bill Approval. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

7) Discussion/Action: LCWA Board Position Recommendation

Mayor Nuckols reported that the LCWA approved Mr. Filer’s position on the board.

8) Discussion/Action: Handicap Parking

Mayor Nuckols addressed an issue that was brought to his attention regarding the lack of handicap parking on Main Street in the downtown area.

Mr. Gore stated that he was able to quickly look at the matter, and that the town has the authority under state law to adopt an ordinance to provide for and enforce handicap/disabled parking, but did not find any state legal requirements, unless specifically speaking of access to town facilities. Mr. Gore stated that the roadway belongs to the State of Virginia, not the town, and suggested that VDOT may be able to give more guidance. Mr. Gore added that he would continue researching the matter.

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Council requested that staff research the matter and report back at the next Council meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

Chief Roberts 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.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

No report.

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Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

No report.

Manager

Mr. Filer also reported:

- The Sheriff's Dept. is considering a poker run in August 2015 and are hoping to hang a banner across Main Street in the downtown area.
- The contract for the Police Department's generator has been completed and will hopefully be installed next month.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., Council Member Gehle made the motion to continue the meeting to March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council member Carter seconded the motion.

Mayor

Clerk

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