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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
March 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: Regina Cooke, Louisa County Chamber of Commerce

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

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Filer made a request to have Jeff Gore, Town Attorney, make an announcement prior to discussing the business listed on the agenda.

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

Mr. Gore then stated that he had spoken with Robert Payne, of the Virginia Department of Health, in regards to the town's consent order. Mr. Gore reported that the conversation, in summary, is good news for the town as it appears that, contingent upon written word from the

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2 attorney for the Virginia Department of Health and Region 3 EPA, the
3 consent order would be amended to allow the town to proceed with
4 their current plan of action/proposal.
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6 **PRESENTATIONS**

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8 **Louisa County Chamber of Commerce – Outdoor Event**

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10 Regina Cooke, Executive Director of the Louisa County Chamber of
11 Commerce, stood and spoke with Council about the permits they
12 submitted for the Downtown Celebration that the Chamber would like
13 to host on June 10, 2017 in the Town of Louisa. Mrs. Cooke spoke
14 specifically about: the type of venue it would be; staging locations;
15 carriage rides; and public safety.
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17 Immediately following Mrs. Cooke’s presentation, Council took the
18 following action:
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20 Council member Wade made the motion to approve the outdoor
21 event. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went
22 as follows: 5-0 in favor.
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24 **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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28 Mayor Nuckols stated that he had spoken with Mr. Brian Gilbreth
29 about serving on the EDA and that Mr. Gilbreth had expressed
30 interest in the position, but he had not committed to serving. Mayor
31 Nuckols suggested appointing Mr. Gilbreth to the EDA in advance of
32 getting a commitment from him, and he would reach out to him
33 following the meeting.
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35 Council member Wade made the motion to appoint Mr. Gilbreth to the
36 EDA. Council member Artz seconded the motion. The vote went as
37 follows: 5-0 for.
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NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion/Action: Budget Planning and Preliminary Information

After some discussion, Council decided on the following days to meet to hold budget work sessions:

- Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm

2) Discussion/Action: Chamber of Commerce Outdoor Event Permit

This item was discussed and voted on following the Chamber of Commerce’s presentation at the beginning of the 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.

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.

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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:

- Cell phone policy reminders were recently given to town employees.
- Employee evaluations will be conducted over the next couple of weeks for Council's review.
- Safety training is needed for the Public Works Department and will be done through the VML/VACo.

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- A lengthy discussion was held regarding spraying weed control chemicals around headstones at Hillcrest Cemetery to reduce the amount of weed eating. Comments and concerns were voiced before the Town Manager was given authorization to proceed with spraying a couple of times to see if it was advantageous for staff and if we would receive complaints from citizens.
 - Town departments have been working well together.
 - The front doors to the Arts Center need to be replaced and research into finding the appropriate doors (ADA compliant) are underway.
 - A discussion was held to determine if Council would like to declare the older white truck that Mr. Jones used to drive as obsolete equipment and put it up for sale. Mr. Filer reported that it needs some work. After a lengthy conversation, it was decided that the truck would be repaired (if desired) and kept for an alternate use.

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COMMUNICATIONS

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None.

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ADJOURNMENT

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At 6:54 p.m., Council Member Artz made the motion to continue the meeting to Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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