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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
March 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; Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel; Brian W. Marks, Town Manager; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk; M. Brad Humphrey, Project Manager; Jessie Shupe, Chief of Police

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Also Attending: Carolyn Perry, Bond Counsel with Botkin Rose; Kyle Laux, Davenport & Company; Donna L. Pinter, county resident and previous Town Treasurer; Paula Hawthorne, The Central Virginian; Melissa Pelloni, Preschool Director with New Life Community Church

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

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Council Member Kersey gave the invocation.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

PRESENTATION

Resolution Honoring Mrs. Donna Pinter

Mayor Artz stood and read aloud the resolution honoring Mrs. Donna Pinter for her service to the Town of Louisa as Treasurer. Mayor Artz then presented the resolution to Mrs. Pinter, and thanked her for her 12 years of service.

PUBLIC HEARING

SUP 2013-001 New Life Community Church

Mr. Marks reported that the public hearing was advertised in the newspaper for two consecutive weeks as required, and that the adjoining property owners were notified via certified mail. Mr. Marks stated that he had not received any comments from the public on the SUP.

Mayor Artz opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. asking if there was anyone present that would like to speak for or against SUP 2013-001.

Melissa Pelloni, who serves as one of the directors for the preschool at New Life Community Church, stood and spoke before Council expressing the church's desire to expand.

Hearing no other response, Mayor Artz closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

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OLD BUSINESS

1) Action/Discussion: VRA Spring Pool, Mr. Kyle Laux

Mr. Marks reported that, as instructed by Council, he has been working on the Spring Bond Pool application with Mr. Kyle Laux, of Davenport & Company, and Mrs. Carolyn Perry, Bond Counsel with Botkin Rose. Mr. Marks stated that Mr. Laux was in attendance to speak more about the Spring Bond Pool and what Council should expect from the bond issuance, and that Mrs. Carolyn Perry, who serves as the town's bond counsel, was also in attendance to speak to the matter.

Mr. Laux provided Council with a written presentation on the Water & Sewer Utility Fund and General Fund Refinancing/Restructuring (which can be found in the packet following the minutes). Mr. Laux stood and reviewed the presentation at length.

Following Mr. Laux's presentation, Mr. Marks explained that when the town received its due diligence call with VRA in regards to refinancing, Mrs. Perry noticed that there was a lien on the building and VRA most likely would not approve the credit application because they would not give the town a loan on a building in such a situation where it could be repossessed/foreclosed on. Mr. Marks stated that this matter/realization came up very quickly, therefore he, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Gore, and Mr. Laux immediately began discussing what could be done and how the town could move forward.

Mrs. Perry, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Gore all spoke to the matter and provided some history as to why the town is in this particular situation and what choices the town has at this time. Following their explanation and lengthy discussion, Council acted as such:

Council member Kersey made the motion to move forward and continue with the advertising for a public hearing with the condition that the LDDC buys down their debt. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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2) Action/Discussion: DMV Grant Application

Mr. Marks reported that he submitted the DMV Grant Application as directed at last month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion/Action: SUP 2013-001

After a brief discussion, Council member Carter made the motion to approve SUP 2013-001. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

2) Discussion/Action: Reinvestment of Maturing CD's

Council member Kersey made the motion authorizing the Town Manager to reinvest the CD's in the best interest of the town and report back at the next meeting. Council member Clarke seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

3) Discussion/Action: Budget Work Session Schedule #2

Council collectively decided to hold the next budget work session meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department:

(Please refer to the Police Department report.)

In Chief Shupe stood and quickly updated the Police Department's report and fielded questions from Council.

Water & Sewer Department:

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

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Mr. Humphrey stood before Council and read aloud from his report, highlighting areas of interest.

Mr. Humphrey stated that there were two resolutions for funding applications for the Town Park Well Development Project and a secondary test well in the packet for Council to review and consider this evening. He stated that the applications have an April 1st deadline.

Council member Carter made the motion to adopt the resolution for the funding application for the Town Park Well Development Project. Council member Kersey seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Council member Kersey made the motion to adopt the resolution for the funding application for the secondary test well. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

Litter Committee:

No report.

Streets & Sidewalks

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Counsel

Mr. Gore reported that bill *SB 10 Water and Sewer System; discounted fees and charges for low-income and disabled customers*, is headed to the Governor's desk and would take effect July 1, 2014.

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Clerk

No report.

Treasurer

Mr. Marks reported that notices for delinquent taxes have been sent out, and certified letters will go out next month informing delinquent tax payers that their names will be published if the tax has not been paid.

Manager

Mr. Marks reported:

- WWTP completion bids have been received, and Fielder's Choice was the lowest bidder. The WQIF grant will pay for a portion of the town and county's cost. The total split is 50/50 between the town and county. Mr. Marks requested Council's authorization to enter into a contract with Fielder's Choice to complete the WWTP project upon review by legal counsel and Rural Development.

Council member Clarke made the motion to allow the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Fielder's Choice to complete the WWTP project upon review by legal counsel and Rural Development. Council member Gehle seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

- A letter from the Town Manager in Mineral was received thanking Mr. John Jones and the Public Works Department for assisting them with a water line on Kennon Road.
- Mr. Marks reported that Eric Martin, of the Public Works Department, has submitted his letter of resignation. His last day will be March 28, 2014.

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- Sheetz will be holding an informal open meeting here at the town hall building on Thursday, March 20, 2014 to inform the public of who they are and what they would like to do here in the Town of Louisa. Mr. Marks reported that the Town of Louisa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Sheets Project on March 31, 2014.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 p.m., Council Member Carter made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk