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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
November 21, 2017**

Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Jessie Lassiter, Vice-Mayor; Mary Jane Clarke, A. Daniel Carter, James S. Artz, Bud Dulaney, 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

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Mary Jo Fields and Sandra Harrington, Virginia Municipal League; David Holtzman, The Central Virginian

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

Mayor Nuckols stated that there was need to go into closed session this evening, and added an item to be discussed under new business (No. 3: Police Department – Additional Funding).

Council member Carter made the motion to approve the agenda. Council member Artz seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: Artz, for; Clarke, for; Lassiter, for; Carter, for; Dulaney, abstain.

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2 **PRESENTATION**

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4 **VML – Mary Jo Fields**

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6 Ms. Fields, stood before Council and spoke about the upcoming 2018
7 VML Legislative Program; the 2018 Finance Forum; and explained
8 more in depth how VML educates localities and assists them in
9 interacting with legislature.

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11 **OLD BUSINESS**

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13 **1) Discussion/Action: Comp Plan Planning Session**

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15 After a brief discussion, Council chose to hold a joint public hearing
16 with the Planning Commission at the December 19, 2017 meeting.

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18 **NEW BUSINESS**

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20 **1) Discussion/Action: Louisa County Parks and Rec Parade**
21 **Permit**

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23 Council member Clarke made the motion to approve the Louisa
24 County Parks and Red Parade Permit. Council member Lassiter
25 seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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27 **2) Discussion/Action: CD Maturity**

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29 Mr. Filer reported that two CDs (\$140,418.55; \$253,240.63) are
30 coming due at Essex Bank and stated that he is requesting to move
31 \$100,000 to LGIP and allow the money to be more easily accessible
32 as we get further involved in the sidewalk projects in the coming
33 months. He recommended reinvesting \$293,659 with Essex Bank at
34 a rate of 1.54% APY.

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36 Council member Clarke made the motion to approve Mr. Filer's
37 recommendation. Council member seconded the motion. The vote

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2 went as follows: Clarke, for; Lassiter, for; Carter, abstain; Dulaney,
3 for; Artz, for.
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5 **3) Discussion/Action: Police Dept. – Additional Funding**
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7 Chief Roberts explained that the Police Department is in need of
8 additional funding to cover the costs of employee
9 screening/background checks and protective vests. Chief Roberts
10 reported that the Police Committee met and discussed the matter and
11 is requesting Council's support of \$11,000 to meet the costs of the
12 vests (\$5000) and screening/background checks (\$6,000).
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14 Council member Dulaney made the motion to approve the
15 supplemental funding, adding that if the costs come in below
16 \$11,000, the remaining funds are to be returned to Council. Council
17 member Carter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0
18 in favor.
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20 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
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22 Police Department:
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24 *(Please refer to the Police Department report.)*
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26 Chief Roberts reviewed the Police Department's report and fielded
27 questions from Council.
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29 Council member Artz suggested that the Chief present Lieutenant
30 Shiflett, who was recently hired as Chief of Police in Amherst County,
31 VA, with a certificate/resolution of service to the Town of Louisa.
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33 Police Committee:
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35 No report.
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37 Water & Sewer Department:
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39 *(Please refer to the Water & Sewer Department report.)*

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2 Mr. Humphrey highlighted areas of interest from his report and
3 thanked members of Council who participated in the recent lead and
4 copper testing.

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6 Litter Committee:

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8 No report.

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10 Streets & Sidewalks

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12 No report.

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18 **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

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20 Counsel

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22 No report.

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28 Treasurer

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32 Manager

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34 Mr. Filer had nothing to add.

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36 **CLOSED SESSION**

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38 Council Member Lassiter made the motion to convene in closed
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2 session to discuss the following: as permitted by Virginia Code § 2.2-
3 3711(A)(3), for the discussion of the disposition of real property
4 whereas the discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect
5 our bargaining position. Council member Clarke seconded the
6 motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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8 Council went into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

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10 **REGULAR SESSION**

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12 Council Member Artz made the motion to go back in to Open
13 Session. Council Member Dulaney seconded the motion. The vote
14 went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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16 Council returned to regular session at 7:27 p.m.

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18 **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

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20 *Council member Artz made the motion certifying that, in the closed*
21 *session just concluded, nothing was discussed except the matter or*
22 *matters (1) specifically identified in the motion to convene in closed*
23 *session and (2) lawfully permitted to be discussed under the*
24 *provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information act cited in that*
25 *motion. Council member Dulaney seconded the motion. The vote*
26 *went as follows: Carter, for; Clarke, for; Artz, for; Lassiter, for;*
27 *Dulaney, for (5-0 in favor).*

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29 **ACTION:**

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31 There was no action taken following closed session.

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33 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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37 **ADJOURNMENT**

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At 7:29 p.m., Council Member Lassiter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council member Carter seconded the motion.

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Clerk