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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
August 16, 2022**

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Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Jessi Lassiter, Vice-Mayor; Bud Dulaney, John J. Purcell IV, Sylvia Rigsby, Council members; Elizabeth T. Nelson, Town Manager; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk/Treasurer; Craig Buckley, Chief of Police; John Robins, Project Manager

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Absent: A. Daniel Carter, Council member; Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel

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Also in Attendance: Ronald Bullock, town resident; Tracy Clark, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce; John Hewa, President and CEO of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative; Casey Hollins, Secretary for the Chamber of Commerce and Managing Director of Communications and Public Relations for Rappahannock Electric Cooperative; Lindsey Watson, Director of Government Affairs for Rappahannock Electric Cooperative; Mark Wood, REC Board Member

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Mayor Nuckols called the Louisa Town Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Nuckols requested to have the agenda amended asking to

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2 have the Chamber of Commerce’s presentation moved up as item no.
3 1 under Presentations, and asked that the REC resolution be moved
4 down to be included with the other resolutions under New Business.

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6 Mrs. Nelson then remarked that the following were included in the
7 supplemental packet: an updated bill list; the sale of a cemetery
8 space; Chamber of Commerce presentation info.; the Project
9 Manager’s monthly report; and the resolution for the National Night
10 Out participants.

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12 Council member Rigsby made the motion to approve the amended
13 agenda. Council member Purcell seconded the motion. The vote
14 went as follows: 3-0 in favor.

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16 *(Council member Lassiter arrived following the motion to approve the*
17 *consent agenda.)*

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19 **PRESENTATION**

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21 **Louisa County Chamber of Commerce / Louisa Forward**
22 **Foundation – Main Street Initiative Grant Opportunities**

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24 Ms. Clark, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and the
25 Louisa Forward Foundation, began her presentation by informing
26 Council of an opportunity to install EV charging stations in town – on
27 town property via Dominion Energy and Rappahannock Electric. Ms.
28 Clark spoke of the need for the stations in our area (there currently
29 aren’t any) and also to some of the benefits of Dominion’s Smart
30 Charging Infrastructure Pilot Program to both the town and
31 community, such as: an influx in tourism; a greater support of local
32 businesses and restaurants; and to serve as a future workforce
33 enhancement for those in our area. Ms. Clark stated that two of the
34 main requirements of the program is that the charging stations have
35 to be installed on property serviced by Dominion, and also be locally
36 owned, therefore, the town campus and the town police department
37 grounds are two prospective locations for such installations. Ms.
38 Clark reported that Rappahannock’s role in the process would be that
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2 of support during the application process and to also serve as a
3 preferred contractor for the installation of the chargers – and Ms.
4 Clark noted that Rappahannock, themselves, have already been
5 through the process to utilize this program with Dominion. Ms. Clark
6 stated that the program is fast paced and their objective this evening
7 is to bring the town onboard with the Louisa Forward Foundation in
8 their efforts as the goal would be to have the charging stations ready
9 for use by the end of this year. Ms. Clark also spoke to how the
10 charging stations would be funded and maintained. Ms. Clark stated
11 that unfortunately she could not provide a cost this evening - that a
12 cost would be unknown until interest could be obtained by the town –
13 then referenced several funding sources such as: a rebate
14 opportunity via Dominion; a grant opportunity through BAMA Works;
15 local EDA/IDA funding; funds via the Virginia Department of
16 Environmental Equality; as well as federal funds from the Department
17 of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, and the Department
18 of Energy. In regards to maintenance, Ms. Clark referred to Mr. Bo
19 Bundrick, Director of CTE Programs through Louisa County Public
20 Schools for more information.

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22 Mr. Bundrick reported that the high school – pending funding, is
23 working on a pilot program for students wherein they would be trained
24 in the area of EV and EVSE maintenance to take with them into the
25 workforce. Mr. Bundrick stated that the program would not only train
26 students, but also serve as an apprenticeship in conjunction with
27 other agencies throughout the community.

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29 Casey Hollins, Secretary for the Chamber of Commerce and
30 Managing Director of Communications and Public Relations for
31 Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, echoed Ms. Clark and Mr.
32 Bundrick and added that REC is ready to help the eager community.

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34 John Hewa, President and CEO of Rappahannock Electric
35 Cooperative, spoke of recent analysis and the need for EV support
36 as well as REC's intentions to serve and install for customers in the
37 coming months and years. Mr. Hewa stated that they are happy to
38 work with Dominion and help in any way possible with this endeavor.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation – Rappahannock Electric Cooperative

Mrs. Nelson reported that the resolution was approved by Council in January, and that Mr. John Hewa (President and CEO of Rappahannock Electric), Casey Hollins (Managing Director of Communications and Public Relations), Lindsey Watson (Director of Government Affairs), and Mark Wood (REC Board Member) were in attendance to receive the resolution of appreciation.

Vice-Mayor Lassiter read the resolution aloud, and Mayor Nuckols asked the REC members in attendance to join him as he presented the resolution to Mr. Hewa.

2) Resolution in Recognition of Service – Ronald Bullock

Council member Purcell made the motion to approve the resolution of service. Council member Lassiter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

Vice-Mayor Lassiter read the resolution aloud, and Mayor Nuckols asked Mr. Bullock to join him as he presented the resolution.

3) Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation – National Night Out Participants

Chief Buckley spoke briefly of the event that took place on August 2nd and of all the participants who were there in support that evening. He then read the resolution aloud for Council’s consideration.

Council member Rigsby made the motion to approve the resolution of service and appreciation. Council member Lassiter seconded the

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2 motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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4 **4) Louisa Chamber of Commerce / Louisa Forward Foundation -**
5 **Main Street Initiative Grant Consideration**

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7 Mayor Nuckols brought the matter back to Council for discussion.

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9 Council, town staff, members of the Louisa Forward Foundation, and
10 members of REC collectively held a lengthy discussion on the matter.

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12 At the conclusion of their discussion, Council took the following
13 action:

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15 Council member Purcell made the motion to express interest in
16 exploring the Louisa Forward Foundation's proposal. Council
17 member Lassiter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0
18 in favor.

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20 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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22 Mrs. Nelson stated that there were no reports from committees as
23 there have been no recent meetings, however, there is a need for the
24 Water & Sewer Committee and the Streets & Sidewalks Committee to
25 schedule meetings in the near future.

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27 **STAFF REPORTS**

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29 **Police:**

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31 Chief Buckley highlighted key items from his report:

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33 • Craig made mention of the future implementation of a new
34 property check program.
35 • There are approximately 16 standards remaining in their goal of
36 accreditation – they are working scheduling a mock assessment
37 and have a tentative completion date of March 2023.
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Project Manager:

Mr. Robins briefly reviewed his report noting the following:

- John echoed Mrs. Nelson in stating the need for a Streets & Sidewalks meeting soon.
- John reported that we now have a new contact with VDOT in regards to the sidewalk project.
- Thrasher continues to work on a contract and design work in regards to the Water Main Replacements Projects.
- Town Construction: there is interest in a few small projects; and two larger projects such as Epworth III and Waverly Place Phase II – more information will be provided when received.

Legal Counsel:

No report.

Clerk/Treasurer:

No report.

Manager:

Mrs. Nelson reported:

- The Beaver Creek work group had their first initial meeting to get everyone on the same page – a second meeting is yet to be scheduled.
- Loans (for our building/art center) that were deferred at the beginning of the pandemic have been reamortized and payments will resume in September.
- There are several small construction projects going on throughout town. Town staff also has projects in the works and will need assistance from contractors to get them completed.

- 1 • Parking issues in Countryside have been revisited by: town staff;
2 town police; and VDOT as complaints have been received by
3 many – including residents, emergency personnel, Louisa County
4 Public Schools, and the U.S. Postal Service. Staff is looking into
5 what is needed for traffic and parking enforcement.
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7 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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9 Council member Dulaney stated that he would like to see the town
10 work with residents and agencies via town committees to help resolve
11 issues.
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13 Mayor Nuckols stated that he will be attending an upcoming meeting
14 hosted by Sherry Palmer, head of the Countryside Subdivision HOA
15 to discuss recent issues.
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17 **ADJOURNMENT**

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19 Council member Dulaney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at
20 7:19 p.m. Council member Lassiter seconded the motion.
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