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**Town of Louisa
Monthly Meeting
October 18, 2022**

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Present: R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Jessi Lassiter, Vice-Mayor; Danny Carter, Bud Dulaney, John J. Purcell IV, Sylvia Rigsby, Council members; Elizabeth T. Nelson, Town Manager; Craig Buckley, Chief of Police; John Robins, Project Manager; Kellye Throckmorton; Administrative Assistant

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Absent: Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel; Jessica M. Ellis, Clerk/Treasurer

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Also in Attendance: Vicky Harte, town resident at 311 Club Road; Sarah Marshall and Christy Taylor, Dominion Energy

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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 6:00 p.m.

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BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Vicky Harte, town resident at 311 Club Road, stood before Council and thanked Mrs. Nelson for updating her on the recycling program and stated that she relayed that information to others in her neighborhood who reported back to her that they would like to see an expansion of the service in terms of what is currently collected. Mrs. Harte then spoke of a recent meeting of the flood committee wherein it was disclosed that the data used during their discussions was data collected by FEMA in 2013 and that FEMA does not have any intention of updating the information/maps as they do not update info for communities that do not participate. Mrs. Harte then stated that citizens have expressed concerns with teens hanging out in public

1 spaces, such as parking lots, and had suggested the town and county
2 look into a means of public transportation to shuttle them to the teen
3 center at the Betty Queen Building for activities. Lastly, Mrs. Harte
4 updated Council on the reasoning for consulting a legal firm – which
5 was in regards to an incident that happened in the county, not the
6 town, wherein two minor children were stranded during a flooding
7 event.

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9 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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11 Mayor Nuckols asked if there was any changes to the agenda.

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13 Mrs. Nelson reported the need to add the discussion/approval of a
14 Christmas Parade Permit Application submitted by Louisa County
15 Parks, Recreation, and Tourism as item no. 3 under New Business.

16 Mrs. Nelson informed Council that a GL 150 report and sale of
17 cemetery lot(s) were in the supplemental packet for their
18 consideration of the consent agenda.

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20 Council member Dulaney made the motion to approve the amended
21 consent agenda with the following changes: Mr. Carter’s name be
22 added to the first page under “Present”; and change the use of the
23 word “do” to “due” on page 3 line 28. Council member Carter
24 seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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26 **NEW BUSINESS**

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28 **1) Discussion/Action: Louisa Chamber of Commerce 95th
29 Anniversary Proclamation**

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31 Mrs. Nelson read the proclamation aloud before Council member
32 Carter made the motion to adopt the proclamation. Council member
33 Lassiter seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 5-0 in favor.

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35 **2) Discussion/Action: Memorandum of Understanding -
36 Dominion Energy’s Rural Broadband Program**

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1 Mrs. Nelson briefly explained that the purpose of the MOU is to
2 facilitate the use of the existing power infrastructure located in the
3 town to enhance Dominion Energy's Rural Broadband Program.
4 Sarah Marshall, with Dominion Energy, elaborated that Dominion is
5 seeking to expand their infrastructure by installing fiber to service
6 rural areas who are underserved or have no broadband service at all.
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8 Mrs. Nelson reported that Mr. Gore has reviewed the MOU and
9 believes it is adequate to cover the project, but will need to be added
10 to the franchise agreement at its renewal date in 2025 as the scope
11 of the work was not covered in the original agreement in 1989.
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13 Council member Dulaney made the motion to approve the MOU.
14 Council member Lassiter seconded the motion. The vote went as
15 follows: 5-0 in favor.
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17 **3) Discussion/Action: Louisa County Parks, Recreation and**
18 **Tourism – Christmas Parade Permit Application**
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20 Mrs. Nelson reported that Jonathan Frith, with Louisa County Parks,
21 Recreation and Tourism had submitted a permit application for their
22 annual Christmas parade which is planned to take place on Saturday,
23 December 3, 2022. Mrs. Nelson stated that Mr. Frith has been
24 working closely with Chief Buckley on the plans and the parade route
25 as they are interested in changing the set up and direction this year
26 due to complaints they received from previous years.
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28 Chief Buckley spoke more specifically about vehicular congestion and
29 on-street parking that had a negative impact on businesses and
30 residential areas in the past. He also spoke to the lack of parade
31 assistance in the past, from both the county and a police perspective,
32 and how they have planned accordingly this year. Chief Buckley
33 also noted that they would not be using Courthouse Square this
34 year, and the parade would end at the Fireman's Fairgrounds.
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36 Council member Rigsby made the motion to approve the Christmas
37 Parade Application. Council member Carter seconded the motion.
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1 The vote went as follows: Purcell, for; Rigsby, for; Lassiter, for;
2 Dulaney, abstain; Carter, for (in favor).

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4 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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6 **Water & Sewer Committee:**

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8 Mrs. Nelson reported that the Water and Sewer committee has not
9 met recently, however, she noted that they were invited to attend the
10 second County/Town work group meeting on September 2, 2022
11 where they continued to discuss possible options and look
12 further into the FEMA program.

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14 **Personnel Committee:**

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16 The meeting that was scheduled for the 11th had to be canceled, but
17 the committee will be meeting on the 20th now instead.

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19 **STAFF REPORTS**

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21 **Police:**

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23 Chief Buckley made mention of the following during his report:

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- 26 • In 2023, Governor Youngkin's five step initiative Operation Bold
27 Blue Line takes effect. This effort focuses on increasing police
28 recruitment, training, retaining, prosecuting, and supporting
29 victims a witnesses of violent crimes.
 - 30 • Traffic enforcement has been down due to the staff shortage.
 - 31 • October is Pedestrian Safety Month. The department will be
32 putting some info out on social media on that matter, and will be
33 conducting targeted enforcement over the next few weeks.
 - 34 • A series of trainings, classes, and academy qualifications will
35 be taking place over the next several weeks. Chief Buckley
36 and Officer Nachtman just recently completed Handle with Care
37 training via DCJS.
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- 1 • Chief Buckley was invited to speak at the NAACP meeting on
2 Thursday, October 20th wherein he will be talking about the
3 department's Lights On program.
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5 Council member Dulaney questioned where the department is in
6 regards to accreditation. Chief Buckley reported that they've
7 completed a couple more standards since the last meeting, and
8 stated that Tom and Breanna have conducted an internal mock
9 interview/assessment of their own.
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11 **Project Manager:**
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13 Mr. Robins highlighted key items from his report noting that he
14 attended a VDOT training earlier in the month on local projects. He
15 also stated that the new VDOT representative/project manager for
16 our area is planning and on site visit the last week of October. Mr.
17 Robins also had a meeting with the Office of Drinking Water in
18 regards to the water lead service line inventory that will be made
19 public next year.
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21 **Legal Counsel:**
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23 No report.
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25 **Clerk/Treasurer:**
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27 No report.
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29 **Manager:**
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31 Mrs. Nelson reported the following:
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- 33 • RFC will be at the meeting in November to present the audit.
34 • Two future SUP's have been submitted and will go before the
35 Planning Commission on Monday, the 31st. They will come
36 before Council in November.
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COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Rigsby made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Council member Purcell seconded the motion.

Mayor

Clerk