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**Town of Louisa  
Monthly Meeting  
February 15, 2022**

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**Present:** R. Garland Nuckols, Mayor; Jessi Lassiter, Vice-Mayor; A. Daniel Carter, 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:** Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel

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**Also in Attendance:** Tracy Clark, Executive Director of the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce; Bo Bundrick, Chairman of the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce

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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.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**PRESENTATION**

**Louisa County Chamber of Commerce**

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2 Tracy Clark, Executive Director and Bo Bundrick, Chairman of the  
3 Chamber of Commerce, stood before Council and updated them on  
4 recent events and what the Chamber has planned for 2022. Ms.  
5 Clark and Mr. Bundrick made mention of the following: membership  
6 numbers are up; the monthly breakfast meetings have been  
7 reduced to quarterly meetings due to low attendance from short  
8 staffing issues; they had very successful events last year – even  
9 with the effects of the virus; they continue to work on their tourism  
10 campaign and are looking into new ideas to bring people into town  
11 to dine and into local businesses; they continue to look for, and are  
12 applying for, grant funding; and the Louisa Forward Foundation is  
13 coming together nicely. Ms. Clark stated that, going forward, the  
14 Chamber intends to provide Council with updates on a quarterly  
15 basis.

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17 Chief Buckley offered the assistance of the police department with  
18 events if needed. Ms. Clark and Mr. Bundrick thanked the Chief for  
19 his willingness to help out, and thanked him and the department for  
20 all their help during the big snow storm in January.

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22 **OLD BUSINESS**

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26 **NEW BUSINESS**

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30 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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32 **Streets & Sidewalks Committee**

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34 Mr. Robins reported that the sidewalk project is moving along very  
35 slowly. Current communications with VDOT have been centered  
36 around the environmental aspects of the sidewalk project,  
37 specifically meeting water runoff/nutrient requirements that will cost  
38 the town approximately \$15,000 in unbudgeted funds.  
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2 Mr. Robins stated that the project is currently about 30% over budget  
3 due the cost of materials, labor, and contractor availability.  
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5 Council member Purcell reported that the committee met with  
6 Thrasher and discussed signage.  
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## 8 **Police Matters Committee**

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10 Council member Dulaney reported that the committee met earlier in  
11 the day and highlighted the following items of discussion: the  
12 committee is very pleased with Chief Buckley – is doing a very good  
13 job; the committee will reduce monthly meetings to quarterly  
14 meetings as monthly meetings deemed not necessary at this time;  
15 the department is moving along with attaining accreditation – it may  
16 take a little longer than expected as things pop up along the way, but  
17 they are showing great progress and are thankful for guidance from  
18 Tom Leary and Chief Buckley.  
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20 Chief Buckley echoed Council member Dulaney's comments on  
21 attaining accreditation and the department's progress; and made note  
22 of the lower number of traffic/enforcement stops stating that the  
23 winter months tend to show a decline this time of year because there  
24 are less cars on the road (due to the cold/bad weather) which  
25 typically results in less crime as well. Chief Buckley also made  
26 mention of his intent to make plans for National Night Out later this  
27 year; and noted that he's been watching for new legislation that  
28 would affect the department and their budget.  
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## 30 **STAFF REPORTS**

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34 *Gave his report during the committee report.*  
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### 36 **Project Manager:**

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38 *Gave his report during the committee report*  
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**Clerk/Treasurer:**

No report.

**Manager:**

Mrs. Nelson reported:

- John McGuire is moving forward with the EDA bill regarding changing the required number of members from 7 to 5. His office recently spoke with Mrs. Nelson and Council member Dulaney for their assistance in providing them with necessary information to keep the matter moving.
- David Rose, of Davenport Co., recently met with Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Ellis (per the request of Daniel Lauro, with Botkin Rose, the town’s Bond Counsel) to discuss the possibility of assisting the town with potential debt savings and investment opportunities. Mr. Rose collected information to aid him in making any recommendations and will report back in a few weeks.
- A request was made by the Arts Center to cut a section in the fence that separates the fairgrounds and the town’s gravel parking lot (across from town hall) and install a gate and a gravel path. The gate and path would allow easier access for events, performers, and fair personnel to access the stage area. Mrs. Nelson stated that she has received similar requests in the past from the County Ag Fair Committee. She reported that she recently spoke with the fire department and received their permission (as the fairgrounds property owners) to allow access. Mrs. Nelson stated that the Arts Center will cover the cost of the materials and installation.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Council member Dulaney made a suggestion to update the town’s code as it relates to term commencement and committee

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appointments as a result of the recent election changes. Mr. Dulaney stated he would speak with Mr. Gore for a legal recommendation and report back.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council member Dulaney made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. Council member Carter seconded the motion.

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