

1 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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7 **PRESENTATION**

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9 **Louisa Forward Foundation – EV Charging Stations**

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11 Tracy Clark, Casey Hollins, and Bo Bundrick gave an update on the
12 Charge Up Louisa Partnership Project that Rappahannock Electric
13 Cooperative began with the Louisa County Chamber of Commerce,
14 the Louisa Forward Foundation, and the Town of Louisa to establish
15 the Charge Up Louisa Initiative to install and connect electric vehicle
16 charging stations. Ms. Hollins provided a project summary for
17 Council, and informed them that they are currently working on a lease
18 agreement in order to move forward with breaking ground and getting
19 the charging stations installed. Mr. Bundrick added to the
20 conversation the opportunities the project will give to those in the
21 community, including students and adults, that are looking to enter
22 into the field.

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24 Council members Lassiter and Harte had questions for Ms. Hollins in
25 regards to the locations of the charging stations at each site. Ms.
26 Hollins and Ms. Clark were able to address those questions by
27 referring them to photos on the project summary that shows where
28 they will be installed, and explained that stations installed at the
29 police department would not interfere with existing handicap parking
30 in that lot.

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32 Council member Harte brought up concerns with the accessibility to
33 outdoor outlets on town property wherein people would be able to
34 randomly charge their vehicles. Ms. Hollins and Ms. Clark responded
35 that Mrs. Harte’s concerns would need to be discussed with Council
36 as that is outside of their involvement with the town, however, they
37 explained that charging from a building would not be optimal and/or
38 safe for the structure and the vehicle, and that the installation of the

1 charging stations at that location would not only be beneficial, but
2 also preventative.

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4 Ms. Clark also gave a quick update on the progress the Louisa
5 Forward Foundation has made in recent weeks with the Explore Main
6 Street Revitalization Initiative. Ms. Clark reported: the foundation
7 received two grants (from DHCD & BAMA Works); they have hired a
8 consultant from Main Street America; they have promotional
9 materials ready to go out; and they are looking for help from the town
10 in getting as many citizens and business owners possible to complete
11 an anonymous survey that will provide vital information in regards to
12 the needs of the community.

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14 **OLD BUSINESS**

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16 None.

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18 **NEW BUSINESS**

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20 **1) Discussion/Action: Town Council Committee Appointments**

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22 Mayor Nuckols stated the committee appointments were included in
23 the packet.

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25 **2) Discussion/Action: 2023 Budget Planning Work Sessions**

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27 Mrs. Nelson and the Finance Committee reported that they would like
28 to continue to approach the new budget season as they did last year,
29 wherein the committee and staff held preliminary meetings to discuss
30 the bulk of the budget, then brought their discussions and
31 suggestions to Council as a whole for fine tuning. Without the need
32 for a vote, Council collectively agreed to the committee's suggestion,
33 and Mrs. Nelson stated that she would get with committee members
34 about a setting up the first work session.

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36 Council member Rigsby asked all members to please send all
37 requests, concerns, and suggestions in to the committee/staff so that
38 they can be collected and addressed at the work session.
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1 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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3 There were no committee reports.

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5 **STAFF REPORTS**

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7 **Police:**

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9 Chief Buckley introduced Mark Mathews to Council as the
10 department's newest member. Chief Buckley briefly spoke of Mark's
11 career experience and stated how much of an asset he will be to the
12 town and informed Council that his first day on the job will be
13 Wednesday, January 18th. Mayor Nuckols then swore in Mr.
14 Mathews.

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16 Chief Buckley took a moment to recognize Officer Matt Fallon and
17 present him with the Distinguished Service Award for his exemplary
18 performance and commitment to the department, residents, and
19 business owners of the town. Chief Buckley read aloud the
20 honorable memo that was sent to Officer Fallon which outlined his
21 accomplishments and congratulated him on a job well done.

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23 Officer Fallon took a moment to say that it's very gratifying to work in
24 such a supportive community, and that he draws motivation to do his
25 best from the town citizens.

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27 Chief Buckley then made mention of the following: the yearly 2022
28 numbers on the monthly report; the department's radar/LiDAR
29 certifications; and the Sergeant's position interviews are scheduled
30 for Thursday, January 19th.

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32 Council member Harte questioned if the Chief had any numbers on
33 Fentanyl use in the town/county. Chief Buckley responded that the
34 town department does not have numbers on overdoses in relation to
35 fentanyl use because not all departments, such as the Fire
36 Department and the Louisa County Sheriff's Department, have the
37 program/tech to track it such uses/overdoses. Chief Buckley went on
38 to say that the number of overdose incidents that the town has
39 responded to has dropped considerably since he first started with the

1 town. The Chief stated that he does not attribute the decline solely to
2 their efforts. He reported that the Blue Ridge Health District started
3 mobile units wherein they make stops in several places throughout
4 the area where they distribute narcan and train individuals on how to
5 administer it if an occasion should arise.

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7 **Project Manager:**

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9 No report.

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11 **Legal Counsel:**

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13 No report.

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15 **Clerk/Treasurer:**

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19 **Manager:**

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21 Mrs. Nelson reported:

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- 23 • She has advertised for the Chief's position – no applications have
24 been received as of yet.
 - 25 • We have not yet received any SUP applications for the Games of
26 Skill locations in town, however, if we do, we will proceed with the
27 joint public hearing next month.
 - 28 • John Grubbs, with the County of Louisa's Community
29 Development Department, has requested a letter of authority from
30 Council and a list of dilapidated/abandoned structures that we
31 wish to have him inspect in order for the town and county to
32 proceed with building code enforcement. Mrs. Nelson explained
33 that the town and county have received complaints about a few
34 homes in town that need addressing. Mrs. Nelson asked if the
35 Council had any information or concerns that they would like to
36 add, to please review the list and get in touch with her so that they
37 can be addressed.
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1 Council member Harte stated concerns with homes that have
2 issues, but the owners are not able to fix them due to not having
3 funds to make the necessary repairs, and questioned how we are
4 able to enforce code in such situations. Mrs. Nelson and Mayor
5 Nuckols stated that town, county, and state code provide the
6 information needed to address those issues. Mrs. Nelson
7 requested that Mrs. Harte provide her with any information she had
8 on the property in question so that she could look into the matter
9 further.

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11 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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13 None.

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15 **ADJOURNMENT**

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17 Council member Lassiter made the motion to adjourn the meeting at
18 6:47 p.m. Council member Rigsby seconded the motion.

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