

Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2025

Present:

Danny Carter, Interim Mayor; Danny Crawford, Vicky Harte, Roger Henry, Sylvia Rigsby, John J. Purcell IV Council members; Jeff Gore, Legal Counsel. Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager.

Also in Attendance:

Kellye Throckmorton, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer;
Anthony Larry, Public Works Director
Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police.

**All copies, including reports, handouts, and documents
can be found following the minutes.**

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tammy Purcell, 3288 Waldrop Church Road, stood and addressed the Council asking for video recordings to be posted online and acknowledges that steps are being taken by the Town.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Interim Town Manager, Craig Buckley, asked that “Discussion of video recording,” be added to new business.

Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Purcell.
Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.

NEW BUSINESS:

1 **1. Community Presentations**

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3 The Town of Louisa Police Department has been awarded with the
4 National Night Out national award. The award was presented to
5 Sargeant Fallon as he spearheaded the event.

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7 Sargeant Fallon was also awarded the "Officer of the Year Award"
8 in recognition of his dedication, professionalism, and compassion
9 to citizens.

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11 The Council congratulated Sargeant Fallon.

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13 **2. Updates to Standing Committees.**

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15 Council discussed the consolidation of committees and if the
16 consolidation is in line with the current Code. Ultimately, Council
17 decided to keep the committees separate but continue to have
18 joint meetings until the Charter and Code are updated.

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20 **3. Closed Session**

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22 Council convened in Closed Session to receive consultation from
23 the town attorneys on a matter related depending litigation or such
24 consultation or briefing and open meeting would adversely affect
25 the negotiating or litigating posture of the town, and permitted
26 under §2.2-3711(A)(7).

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28 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.
29 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.

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31 Council went into Closed Session at 6:20 PM.

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33 Motion to certify closed session and to come back into session.

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35 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.
36 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.
37 Council came back into session at 7:26 PM.

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2 **4. Discussion of Video Recordings**

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4 Council member Henry received an email from Tammy Purcell
5 regarding the video recordings of meetings. He supports video
6 recordings as it will bring transparency and is an informational tool.

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8 Council discussed the cost, where to post the video recordings, as
9 well as which meetings would be recorded.

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11 Motion to table this item until the next meeting.

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13 Motion made by Crawford, Seconded by Purcell.
14 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.

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18 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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20 **Police Matters:**

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22 The committee reported the police department would like in-car
23 cameras. This information was forwarded to the Finance Committee
24 for the upcoming budget season.

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26 In order for the police department to have continuous coverage, they
27 would need nine officers. One challenge is the salary discrepancy
28 compared to the county. This has been forwarded to the Personnel
29 Committee.

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31 **Personnel:**

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33 The committee reported there are 12 applicants for the Town
34 Manager position. They are working on the timeline for interviews.

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36 **Legal:**

1 The committee reported they are actively working on the Charter and
2 Code.

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4 **Finance:**

5 The committee reported they are discussing Capital Improvement
6 needs, including: streets and sidewalks equipment, building
7 maintenance, fleet needs for public works.

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9 At the next meeting, they will start working those into the budget
10 based on priority.

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12 **STAFF REPORTS:**

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14 **Police:**

15 Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police, provided the Police Report.

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17 The department is working on security upgrades around the building
18 and are on track with those goals.

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20 Efforts to prevent speeding on Main Street have increased. Several
21 summons have been issued. Citizens have noticed the efforts and

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23 **Public Works:**

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25 Anthony Larry, Public Works Director, provided the Public Works
26 Report.

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28 The department was able to use new equipment during the inclement
29 weather. They were also able to fix the flooding issue at the police
30 department.

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32 There is currently not a repair date for Cutler Ave.

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34 **Counsel:**

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36 Counsel reported that there are not any prepaid penalties on the

