

**Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2025**

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Kellye Throckmorton, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer;
Anthony Larry, Public Works Director
Matthew Fallon, Sargeant

Absent:

Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager
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 6:00 p.m. He provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Representative Chris Snyder and Senator Bryce Reeves delivered a resolution and plaque to Garland Nuckles for his years of service.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dana Racette, town resident at 213 Cutler Avenue, stood and addressed the Council regarding communication from the Town during the water main break. She also voiced concerns about the water tower being empty.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Removed minutes from the agenda as they were not prepared.

1 Addition of "Application for Historical Society Heritage Day" to New
2 Business.

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4 Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Purcell.
5 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.
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7 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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9 **1. Appropriation of Funds for Water System**

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11 Water and Sewer Committee are asking for additional funds for the
12 manhole project for a complete system mapping.
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14 Motion to proceed with appropriating the additional \$12,600.00 to
15 CHA original scope of work include the additional approximately
16 40 manholes that were not included.
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18 Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Harte.
19 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.
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22 **2. Application for Historical Society Event.**

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24 The Historical Society submitted an event application for Heritage
25 Day on April 26, 2025, from 10am-4pm.
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27 Motion to approve the Historical Society's annual Heritage Day
28 special event application.
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30 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Purcell.
31 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.
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33 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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35 **Personnel:**

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37 The committee reported they are working on a scoring sheet for

1 applicants and need to schedule interviews for the Town Manager
2 position. The interim Town Manager will continue on a monthly basis.
3 They are hoping to interview six candidates in May.
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5 **Legal:**

6 The committee provided Council with a copy of the preliminary draft
7 of the Charter.
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9 Changes of note include the Mayor regaining the right to vote, the
10 Town Manager will have authority over staff, and a storm water
11 management fee.
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13 The Town's contract with LCWA is being reviewed for potential
14 updates. During conversations about the contract, matters such as
15 alternative water sources, response time, and representation on the
16 LCWA board were also discussed.
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18 **Litter:**

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20 The committee presented the idea of charging for more citizens who
21 have more than one trash can and a limit on brush.
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23 The committee will schedule a day for Clean-Up Louisa.
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25 A business on Main Street does not have a can and is dumping their
26 trash in the trash cans on the sidewalks, causing overflow. The
27 committee will attempt to have a conversation with the business
28 owner.
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30 **Finance:**

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32 The committee reported they are finalizing Capital Improvement
33 needs and will be scheduling a budget work session.
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35 **Cemetery:**
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1 The committee provided an operational cost overview, which they are
2 reviewing, and the need to up the fees at Hillcrest.

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4 There was discussion regarding the ownership of Oakland Cemetery
5 because the committee was asked about the ability to fly the
6 confederate flag, the committee will be researching this topic.

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8 The committee presented the idea of potentially designated scattering
9 grounds.

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11 The committee is debating whether the lower portion of the cemetery
12 is a wetland or not and the potential of only allowing flat stones in that
13 area.

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16 **STAFF REPORTS:**

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18 **Police:**

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20 Sgt. Matthew Fallon provided the Police Report.

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22 The department is starting to prepare for National Night Out.

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24 Four officers worked the "Hands Off" protest. There were no incidents
25 and the organizers cleaned up afterwards.

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27 The department is increasing foot patrol on Main Street.

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29 **Public Works:**

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31 Anthony Larry, Public Works Director, provided the Public Works
32 Report.

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34 The department has started clearing easements, railway
35 maintenance, and painting fire hydrants. In the upcoming months,
36 they will be painting and working on aesthetics.

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2 He is looking into training for his staff and how to put that into his
3 budget.

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5 Lastly, he discussed water and sewer applications and creating
6 uniformity in that area.

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8 **Counsel:**

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10 Counsel was not present to provide a report.

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12 **Manager:**

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14 The Interim Town Manager was not present to provide a report.

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16 **Closed Session**

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18 Council convened in Closed Session to discuss the resignation of a
19 town employee as permitted under §2.2-3711(A)(1).

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21 Motion made by Crawford, Seconded by Henry.

22 Voting For: Purcell, Crawford, Harte.

23 Voting Against: Purcell, Rigsby

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25 Council went into Closed Session at 7:26 PM.

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

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29 Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Rigsby.

30 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.

31 Council came back in session at 8:07 PM.

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33 **Comments from Council:**

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35 Council member Harte would like a forensic audit to be completed

1 in conjunction with the regular audit.

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3 Motion for forensic audit.

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5 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Crawford.

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7 Council member Purcell would like to wait until the Town Manager
8 returns.

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10 Council member Rigsby would like to table until next month.

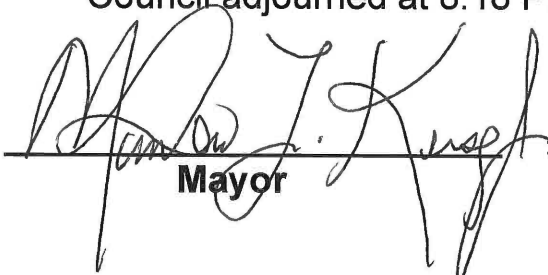
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12 Council member Harte will rescind the motion if the forensic audit
13 is added to the agenda for May.

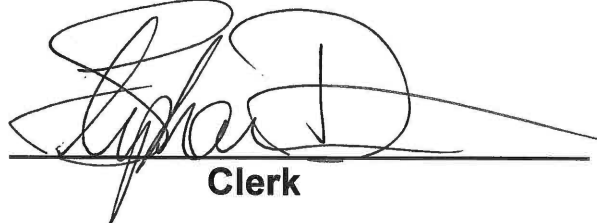
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15 **ADJOURNMENT**

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17 Motion made by Crawford, Seconded by Purcell.

18 Voting For: Rigsby, Purcell, Crawford, Henry, Harte.

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20 Council adjourned at 8:18 PM.

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Mayor


Clerk