

Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
July 15, 2025

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

Also in Attendance: Stephanie Dorman, Clerk;
Twiglenda Harris, Deputy Clerk;
Anthony Larry, Public Works Director
Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police.

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

Acting- Mayor Harte called the Louisa Town Council Meeting to
order at 6:04 PM. She provided the invocation and led the pledge of
allegiance.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Dana Racette, town resident at 213 Cutler Avenue, stood and
addressed the Council regarding the quality of the water. She would
like people to be contacted on updates from the town, including
hydrant flushing. She asked Council who is responsible for paying for
the extra residential flushing that happens when the town is flushing
hydrants. During her conclusion, she asked for statistics regarding
the town Facebook and website views, as well as what the Town is
doing to provide more information.

Acting- Mayor Harte responded that the town is looking at new
services with better communication systems.

1 Bethany Racette, town resident at 213 Cutler Avenue, stood and
2 addressed the Council and detailed the water issues she has
3 encountered since the age of eight. She urged the Council to work
4 against the data center.

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6 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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8 Acting- Mayor Harte asked to add "Committee Amendment" to New
9 Business and move "Interim Mayor Candidates" to closed session.

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11 Motion to adopt the amended consent agenda.

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

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16 **NEW BUSINESS:**

17 **1. Appointment of Town Treasurer and Town Clerk.**

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19 The Town Manager introduced the new Town Treasurer,
20 Franchesca Mall-Padilla, and new Town Clerk, Stephanie Dorman.

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22 Motion to appoint Franchesca Mall-Padilla as Town Treasurer.

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

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27 Motion to appoint Stephanie Dorman as Town Clerk.

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

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32 **2. Discussion of a Technology Overlay District.**

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34 Acting- Mayor Harte presented for discussion the topic of a
35 Technology Overlay District and the potential impacts it could have
36 on the Town.
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1 The potential overlay would be in the industrial airport.

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3 Council member Henry agrees with the positioning of the overlay
4 and that taxes from a tech company could be a significant source
5 of revenue.

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7 Council member Rigsby is open to receiving additional research
8 and discussing the future possibilities, adding that the town needs
9 to be cognizant of the existing infrastructure. She suggested a
10 sub-committee be formed to see if this is feasible.

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12 Council member Crawford spoke about a business from his
13 hometown and urged the Council to be cautious, citing the existing
14 infrastructure.

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16 Council member Purcell shares the same viewpoint as Council
17 member Rigsby and the potential impact on the water system and
18 public utilities.

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20 Council member Henry wants to make sure it is written in a
21 manner that protects the town and is of value.

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23 Acting- Mayor Harte established a sub-committee to conduct
24 research and limitations of a Technology Overlay District. This
25 sub-committee will be under the Legal Committee and should
26 include the Planning Commission.

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28 **3. Discussion on lighting options for the Town's entry signs.**

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30 Council member Henry has been working with Virginia Power for
31 lighting options for the Town's entry signs. He received a quote of
32 \$1,800 per sign. This quote includes the poles, digging, and
33 receptacles.

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35 Council member Purcell would like a diagram.

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37 Council member Rigsby had questions about the poles and the
38 right of way. Public Works Director, Anthony Larry, advised the
39 poles would not obstruct the sign and the poles would be in its

1 right-of-way. Council member Rigsby would like it to be aesthetic.

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3 This item has been tabled until the August meeting.

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5 **4. Citizen Committee Appointments**

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7 Eddie Virts was appointed to the Streets and Sidewalks
8 Committee.

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10 Scott Jordan was appointed to the Finance Committee.

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12 **5. Review and Discussion of Interim Mayor Candidates**

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14 Council convened in closed session pursuant to §2.2-3711 (A)(1)
15 for the discussion of candidates for appointment as interim mayor,
16 and §2.2-3711(A)(7) and (A)(8) for advice from the town attorney
17 regarding the process for such appointment and for discussion of
18 pending litigation.

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20 Motion made by Crawford, Seconded by Rigsby.
21 Voting For: Rigsby, Crawford, Henry.
22 Voting Absentia: Purcell

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24 Council went into Closed Session at 6:42 PM.

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

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

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32 Council was back in session at 7:27 PM.

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34 Motion to appoint Matthew Kersey as the interim Town Mayor.

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36 Motion made by Henry, Seconded by Crawford.

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38 Acting- Mayor Harte advised on the election in November and the

Council decision is not a candidate endorsement.

Council member Rigsby thanked the candidates for applying.

Voting For: Rigsby, Crawford, Henry.

Voting Absentia: Purcell

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legal:

The Committee is working on the Code and Charter revisions. A copy of the draft Charter has been submitted to the attorney for review.

Personnel:

The second ad for Town Manager has ran and there are several applicants.

The Council discussed the scoring system for applicants and possibly making amendments to the process, however, Council did not make any changes at this time.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

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

National Night Out is on August 5th from 5-8pm, rain or shine.

There is an application for a demonstration on July 18th from 6-8pm. There will be roughly 150 participants. The Town has asked the County for additional support.

Bud Delaney started today as a part-time administrative assistant.

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2 **Public Works:**

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4 Anthony Larry, Public Works Director, provided the Public Works
5 Report.

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7 Public Works continues to provide routine maintenance, highlighting a
8 key issue is the pump system.

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10 Staff will be participating in confined space training with the County
11 and the Water Authority.

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13 AED's are being shipped.

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15 **Counsel:**

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17 Counsel is in receipt of the Charter and will have it to the Council by
18 the next meeting.

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20 **Manager:**

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22 Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager, provided the Town Manager
23 report.

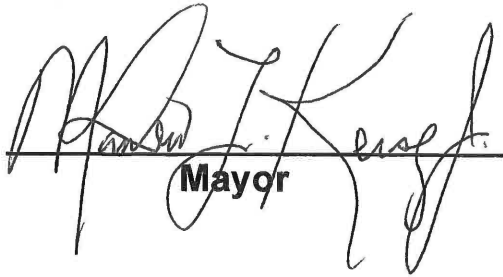
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25 The Town Manager advised on the new additions to staff as well as
26 training challenges with current software. Staff will be attending
27 upcoming trainings for the software. He also provided a status update
28 on the Town Manager ad.

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30 **ADJOURNMENT**

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

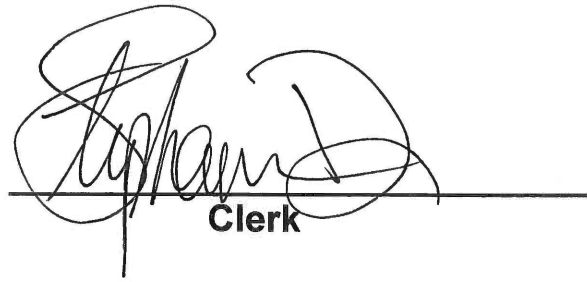
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35 Council adjourned at 7:57 PM.

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Mayor



Handwritten signature of the Clerk, appearing to read "Stephen D.". The signature is written in cursive and is positioned above a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Clerk" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

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