

**Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
June 24, 2025**

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

Absent: Craig Buckley, Interim Town Manager.

Also in Attendance: Twiglenda Harris, Deputy Clerk; Anthony
Larry, Public Works Superintendent; 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 6:00 PM. She provided the invocation and led the
pledge of
allegiance.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

**1) A public hearing to receive public comments on the
proposed FY26 Budget, Fees, and Rates.**

Acting- Mayor Harte opened the public hearing. Ms.
Patricia Thompson, a resident of the Town of Louisa, asked if
the Council would consider freezing the budget until all the
Town vacancies are filled, to provide a realistic budget.

Acting Mayor Harte stated there was already a prior public
meeting discussion on the budget. With no one else present to
provide comments, Acting-Mayor Harte closed the public hearing
at 6:04 PM.

1 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

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11 **Cutler Avenue /Pinehurst Drive sewer line improvements**

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13 Council member Henry stated his concerns with the sewer line
14 issues, that has been an ongoing issue for two years. He
15 believes there are roots and breaks in the lines causing backup
16 and odor issues in the Town. He went on to say he believes this
17 issue should be fixed immediately. Public works Superintendent
18 Larry stated the lines were checked by CHA and there were no
19 findings of a break in the lines. The odor is coming from the fault
20 line, and it will cost around \$200,000.00 dollars to get it fixed.
21 Larry also stated there are multiple lines in different areas that
22 will also need to be added to this ongoing project. Council
23 member Purcell reported they are working on getting further
24 testing and providing long-term solutions to cover all the Towns
25 sewer line and connection issues. Council member Purcell stated
26 the council should let CHA finish their studies and make a
27 comprehensive plan to fix everything at one time, this will take
28 some time but will be better long-term. He stated the issue will
29 continue to be monitored and updated.
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31 **Water and Zoning Rates Increase**

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33 Legal Council Gore recommended the Council make a motion
34 to adopt an ordinance to enact the increase of zoning and
35 permits fees.
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37 Council member Crawford made the motion to adopt the
38 ordinance of the zoning and permit fee increase. Council
39 member Rigsby seconded the motion. The vote went as

1 follows: 4-0 in favor.

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3 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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5 **1) Discussion/Action: Approval of FY26 Budget and**
6 **Resolution**

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8 Council member Henry commended Council members Purcell
9 and Rigsby, along with the Interim Manager Craig Buckley, on a
10 job well done on the new 2025 budget proposal. He then asked
11 which funding accounts do all the Town's interests go in, as it
12 does not appear to be on the budget. Council member Rigsby
13 stated the funds are being allocated through ARPA. She stated
14 the interest is just like a savings account for ARPA funding. She
15 went on to say the interest is there but is not shown on the 2025
16 budget proposal.

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18 Council member Henry stated the Town's operating bank
19 accounts do not reflect the new 2025 budget and should not be
20 approved.

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22 Council member Purcell made the motion to approve the new
23 Budget 2025 and Resolution motion as presented. Council
24 member Rigsby seconded the motion. The vote went as
25 follows: 3 in favor, 1 against. The Budget for 2025 was
26 approved.

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28 **2) Discussion/Action: Installation of a "Town Clock" on**
29 **Main Street**

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31 Council member Henry stated a Town clock was donated to be
32 placed near the Courthouse in Town. He stated the Town would
33 be responsible for installation fees. Council member Purcell
34 stated before installation, the Council needs to ensure the clock
35 is on Town property. Council member Rigsby suggested a
36 complete proposal plan and stated while it is a great idea we
37 need to be aware of cost and location before approval.

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39 No action was taken.

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2 **3) Review/Action: Festival Permit for the Louisa Arts Center**

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4 Council member Purcell made the motion to approve the Permit
5 for the Arts Center Festival. Council member Crawford
6 seconded the motion. The vote went as follows: 4-0 in favor.

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8 **4) Review/Action: Special Event Permit for a truck show**

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10 Council member Rigsby was concerned about public parking;
11 the application does not include a public parking site plan. The
12 Council asked the Chief of Police if he would ask the applicants
13 to re-submit their application with an adequate plan for public
14 parking before approval.

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16 Council member Rigsby made the motion to approve the special
17 event based on an adequate public parking site plan. Council
18 member Purcell seconded the motion. The vote went as follows:
19 4-0 in favor.

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22 **5) Discussion/Action: Approval of a Cooperative**
23 **Agreement Resolution with Louisa County**

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25 Acting Mayor Harte stated that the Town of Louisa made an
26 agreement with the County of Louisa that the Community
27 Development Department and the Finance Department would
28 both be available to assist the Town in training new staff.

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30 Legal Council Gore stated this agreement is not legally
31 enforceable, it is only a resolution. He stated the Town will need
32 to get this agreement approved by the County of Louisa Board.

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34 Council member Henry made the motion to incorporate an
35 agreement resolution with the approval from the County of
36 Louisa. Council member Crawford seconded the motion. The
37 vote went as follows: 4-0.

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39 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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2 • **Personnel Committee**

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4 Acting-Mayor Harte stated there will be a personnel committee
5 meeting scheduled once the Town Manager finishes interviews
6 and a candidate is selected. The Mayor position was posted as
7 well.

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9 • **Finance Committee**

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11 The Finance Committee did not meet; however, they approved
12 the new budget.

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14 • **Legal Committee**

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16 The legal committee will meet on July 9th.

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18 **Report from Staff:**

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20 • **Police Chief-** Chief Nachtman stated that Axon Car
21 camaras will be implemented in 60 days. The Juneteenth
22 parade was canceled due to inclement weather. He stated
23 he anticipates more public protests in the future, so far all
24 have been peaceful.
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26 • **Public Works Superintendent-** Superintendent Larry
27 stated they are continuing to monitor sewer line issues.
28 He stated his department is currently working on
29 maintaining the Town by painting, cleaning and upkeep of
30 Main Street beautification.
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32 • **Legal Counsel-**None Report.
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35 • **Town Manager-**None to Report.

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37 **CLOSED SESSION:**

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39 Council did not adjourn into Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Council member Crawford made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Council member Henry seconded the motion.

Mayor

Clerk