

Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
September 16, 2025

Present:

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

Also in Attendance:

Stephanie Dorman, Clerk;
Franchesca Mall- Padilla, Treasurer
Anthony Larry, Public Works Director
Martin Nachtman, Chief of Police.

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

Mayor Kersey called the Louisa Town Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the
Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Nobody from the public signed up to speak.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

- Move "New Business" to the first topic.
- Add "Little League Contract" and "Town Clock Presentation" to New Business

Motion to approve consent agenda as amended.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Purcell.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Tracey Hale Clark, Louisa Chamber of Commerce, provided Council with a summation of the presentation documents she provided Council. She highlighted key aspects of the project, including: building density, strategic planning, leveraging existing events, and branding. She noted that the Chamber did not receive a grant which has presented challenges. She hopes to continue building momentum by awareness and consistent messaging.

Council thanked her for presenting.

Patricia Thompson, Economic Development, provided beautification examples, such as: lights in the trees, new banners, and planters.

2. Town Clock Presentation

Harold Purcell would like to gift the Town a clock in recognition of John S. Purcell and Garland Nuckols. Mr. Purcell and Council discussed several obstacles, including; electric usage, aesthetics, and the installation time frame. This matter was ultimately referred to the Streets & Sidewalks committee for review.

3. Little League Contract

Vice Mayor Harte asked who is supposed to be paying the electric bill because the Town currently does.

Mayor Kersey will meet with the Little League to discuss this.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Action on SUP 2025-01

The applicant approved the terms listed in the resolution attached to the agenda package. Council in the applicant addressed several concerns, including; building timeline, storm water drainage, private roads, and the commercial aspect.

Motion to approve SUP 2025-01.

Motioned by Rigsby, Seconded by Harte.

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

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2. Discussion on lighting options for the Town’s entry signs

Council discussed the lumens and tint of the lights, as well as the quotes for both solar and electric options.

Council continued discussing the light on Route 33 and the potential moving of that sign.

This item was ultimately sent to the Streets & Sidewalks Committee for review.

3. Equipment Surplus

Council reviewed the inventory list and added Kioti KL121 to the list.

Motion to declare inventory list as surplus, including the tractor, and proceed with auction.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel:

The Committee discussed applicants for the Town Manager position.

Legal Matters:

Town Counsel has returned the Charter to the committee. Several items were removed from the Charter as it is already state law.

Trash, Recycling & Litter:

Nothing to report.

Finance:

Nothing to report.

Cemeteries:

Nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

1 The Chief added that he has received 10 applications for his posted positions. There will
2 also be a vacant part time administration position as Mr. Dulaney is leaving. Mr. Dulaney
3 has agreed to help with the transition for three months.

4 An arrest was made on the strong-arm incident.

5 The Police Department is investigating multiple auto break-ins that have occurred in
6 Country Side.

7 There will be a rally on Saturday in the courthouse area.

8 Vice Mayor Harte asked follow up questions regarding the break ins, a Facebook post on
9 the departments Facebook post, and a traffic incident that happened at last year's rally.

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

11 **Public Works:**

12 Anthony Larry, Public Works Director, provided the Public Works Report.

13 **Counsel:**

14 Continues to focus on Charter and Code update. He provided the legal committee with a
15 draft of the Charter for review.

16 **Treasurer:**

17 Franchesca Mall-Padilla, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer report.

18 She reported that she is still trying to piece together information.

19 **Clerk:**

20 Stephanie Dorman, Clerk, provided the Clerk report.

21 In addition to the attached report, there was one additional FOIA request that was
22 ultimately withdrawn.

23 Clerk will research the May minutes.

24 The website will likely take two months before completion.

25 Council asked for the Clerk to research how to post our videos on the current website.

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27 **CLOSED SESSION:**

In accordance with Virginia Code §2.2-3711(A)(1) of the Code of Virginia, Town Council convene in closed session to discuss personnel matters regarding consideration or interviews of candidates for employment and job assignments of specific employees and pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-2711(A)(7) for discussion with legal counsel regarding pending litigation in the matter of RTW Construction v. Town of Louisa.

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

Certification:

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

Voting to certify closed session: Crawford, Harte, Henry, Purcell, Rigsby.

Motion to appoint Stuart Turille as the Town Manager for the Town of Louisa.

Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.

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

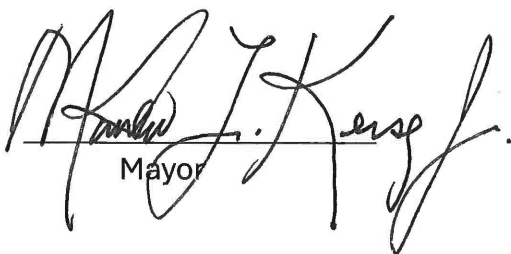
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

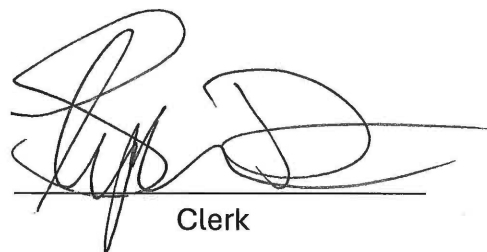
Motion made by Pucell, Seconded by Henry.

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

Council adjourned at 8:29 PM.



Mayor



Clerk