

Town of Louisa
Town Council Monthly Meeting
October 21, 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
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 6:01 PM and led the Invocation as well as the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Tom Everett, 111 Club Road, stood and addressed Council, stating he is in opposition of the nearby duplex construction.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

Amendments:

- "Sale of Cemetery Lots" added to "Consent Agenda"
- "Manager's Report" added to "Staff Reports"
- October 4, 2025, minutes removed from Consent Agenda to be voted on separately.

Motion to approve consent agenda as amended.

1 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Purcell.

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

4 Motion for approval of October 4, 2025, minutes as written.

6 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Rigsby.

7 Voting For: Harte, Henry, Rigsby

8 Voting Absentia: Crawford, Purcell

10 **PRESENTATION:**

11 **Recognition of Carter Cooke**

13 The Mayor presented Mr. Carter Cooke with a Proclamation and plaque for his 39 years of
14 service to the Town of Louisa.

16 Vice-Mayor Harte added that she appreciates everything Mr. Cooke has done for the Town.

18 **OLD BUSINESS:**

19 **Discussion of Vision Statements**

21 The Town Manager presented the Vision Statements that were created during the retreat.

23 The council and the Town Manager discussed the need to add language regarding
24 agricultural ways of life.

26 The Town Manager will make edits, and Council will review this matter during the November
27 Meeting.

30 **Discussion and Action for Posting Videos on New Website**

32 Council discussed whether to use YouTube or other video hosting platforms, as well as the
33 amount of storage the Town may need for its videos. Several technical questions arose, so
34 Council requested that a representative from the website team attend a future meeting to
35 provide clarification. In addition, Council considered launching the website now to avoid
36 further delays.

38 Motion to go live with the .gov website.

40 Motion made by Harte, Seconded by Henry.

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

Voting Against: Rigsby.

Discussion of .Gov Emails

At this time, the Town will continue using its .org domain and email addresses, as staff are new and currently managing a heavy workload. Council may revisit this item at a future date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Zoning Administrator

Adoption of resolution appointing Stuart Turille as the Zoning Administrator for the Town of Louisa.

Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Purcell.

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

Discussion of the Charter

Vice-Mayor Harte presented the revisions made to the Charter. The amendments remove obsolete provisions, reflect current practices, clarify administrative and governance provisions, and ensure consistency with the Code of Virginia.

Council will hold a public hearing next month on the amendments made to the Charter.

Discussion and Action: Amendment of Town Manager Contract

The Town Manager presented a request to extend the housing mileage range in his contract. While he expressed a desire to reside within the Town, current housing market conditions have made that difficult. He is requesting that the contract be amended to allow a residence within 30 miles of the Town.

Motion made by Henry, Seconded by Harte.

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

Discussion and Action: First Quarter FY25-26 Adopted Budget Adjustments

No action was taken at this time as per the recommendations of the Finance Committee at their last meeting.

Discussion and Action: Parade Permit Application

The Chief of Police presented the parade permit for review. Council discussed concerns related to train traffic and runner safety, as well as potential alternative routes and parking options.

Motion to approve the race, pending confirmation of route and parking determinations.

Motion made by Rigsby, Seconded by Purcell.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

Legal Matters Committee

Committee presented Charter to Council.

Trash, Recycling & Litter Committee

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met to review the budget implications of purchasing software and banners for the downtown area. The committee also discussed scheduling a budget workshop for the beginning of next year.

Cemeteries Committee

The Cemeteries Committee discussed the cemetery prices and if the website has been updated to reflect that.

The Committee is working towards getting a historic designation for Oakland Cemetery but needs proof of ownership.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

The Streets and Sidewalks Committee met to discuss the downtown banners and the town clock. The committee is awaiting a response from VDOT concerning the potential location of the clock.

Council discussed the various projects under this committee and how each was assigned, including; the town clock and lights for the street signs.

Water & Sewer Committee

Nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS:

Police:

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

In addition to his written report, the Chief discussed the department's Halloween outreach efforts.

Public Works:

Anthony Larry, Director of Public Works, submitted his monthly report for Council's review.

Counsel:

Counsel had nothing to report.

Treasurer:

Treasurer had nothing to report.

Clerk:

Stephanie Dorman, Clerk, provided the Clerk report.

In addition to her written report, she advised that the Deputy Clerk position has been filled.

Town Manager:

Stuart Turille, Town Manager, read his submitted report.

Council and the Town Manager discussed the use of the previous Town Manager as a consultant.

CLOSED SESSION:

Town Council did not convene in closed session.

Comments by Members of Town Council

Vice Mayor Harte would like to schedule a workshop meeting to address the Town's pending projects.

Council member Purcell added that he spoke with the Town Manager about the budget line items for those repairs.

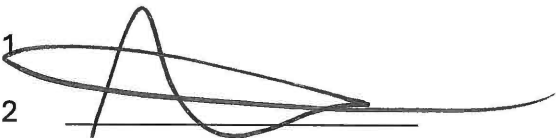
ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

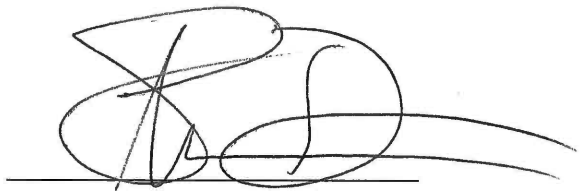
Motion made by Purcell, Seconded by Henry.

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

Council adjourned at 9:05 PM.



Mayor



Clerk