

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR R. KEITH MOTLEY PRESIDING.

The following were present for the meeting:

R. Keith Motley, Mayor	Bill Gillespie, Interim Town Manager	Michael G. Turner, Attorney
Chief Hewitt, GPD	Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer	Lou Harris, RGG
Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Gayle Deel, RGG	

Council Members present:

Riverra Jackson	James Gilbert	Dianné Jennings	Deborah Moran
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Council Members Absent:

Mike Bond	Mike Burnette
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Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

1. Prayer.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Deborah Moran to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting November 10, 2025.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$33,442.80.
5. **Council Agenda**

Police Report – Keith Motley stated that Chief Hewitt was here to give the monthly police report. Chief Hewitt gave the report, and stated that everything was good.

Saponi Garden remodel proposal from RGG – Keith Motley informed Council that Lou Harris and Gayle Deel would like to address Council concerning a proposal to remodel the Saponi Garden area. Lou Harris passed out to Council a proposed sketch of the plans but needs the Towns permission for the remodel. Mrs. Harris stated that RGG would pay the entire project costs of \$15,170.89. But would like for the Town to mow and maintain the grassy area in the garden. After some discussion, Council agreed to the remodel plans for the Saponi Garden area.

A motion was made by Riverra Jackson seconded by Deborah Moran to approve the remodel of the Saponi Garden area by RGG at the amount of \$15,170.89 to be paid by RGG.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Love Sign update – Council asked Lou Harris and Gayle Deel about the Love Sign. Mrs. Harris stated that the sign is in town, but RGG is waiting to hear back from Ben Meeks about using the old rescue squad building to store the sign so it can be painted.

Elba Park update – Bill Gillespie asked the Parks & Rec Committee if there were any other updates on the plans. Riverra Jackson stated that there are no additional updates on plan #3. Mr. Gillespie stated that he would get it turned in to Hurt & Profitt so they can start working on the Master Plan.

6. Unfinished Business

Decoration/leaves – Keith Motley mentioned that he has gotten with Jesse about the Christmas decorations, leaves, etc. Mr. Motley stated that the Maintenance mowed the fence area at the solar garden.

Burn ban in town limits – Riverra Jackson asked if there is a permanent burn ban in town limits. Chief Hewitt stated yes. It was stated that the Town offers leaf pick-up and you cannot burn within so many feet of another structure.

7. New Business

Former Jack's Quick Snack building – Riverra Jackson reminded Council that something needs to be done with the former Jack's building. Michael Turner stated that he has been in contact with that family about the building and they are planning to address it but are still dealing with legal issues from the fire.

Fowler property – Keith Motley informed Council that the Fowler property is being dwelt with and will probably be sold by spring of next year.

**7:16 PM
Closed Session**

A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by James Gilbert to go into closed session pursuant to **Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A, Subsection 3** dealing with the discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. **Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A, Subsection 8** dealing with consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Roll Call Vote:

Riverra Jackson – yes	James Gilbert – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**8:00PM
Meeting Reconvened**

A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Deborah Moran to end closed session. Under **Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712 D** a roll call vote was taken, certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Town Council. Any member of the Town Council who believes that there was a departure from the requirements shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his/her judgment, has taken place.

Roll Call Vote:

Riverra Jackson – yes	James Gilbert – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Amthor project – A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Riverra Jackson to move forward with the Amthor project using funds from the solar garden/industrial park.

Roll Call Vote:

Riverra Jackson – yes	James Gilbert – no
Dianne Jennings – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was 3 – yes, 1 - no

Adjournment – A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Dianne Jennings to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

R. Keith Motley, Mayor

Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer