

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR R. KEITH MOTLEY PRESIDING.

The following were present for meeting:

R. Keith Motley, Mayor	Bill Gillespie, Interim Town Manager	Michael G. Turner, Town Attorney
John Hewitt, Chief, GPD	Sgt. Tompkins, GPD	Cpl. Dalton, GPD
Wyatt Dalton	Mary-Kathryn Dalton	Karen Fraser
Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer	Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	

Council Present:

Riverra Jackson	Mike Bond	
Dianne Jennings	Mike Burnette	Deborah Moran

Council Absent:

James Gilbert

Meeting called to order 6:35 PM

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

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Deborah Morah to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 10, 2026.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval.
Invoices paid \$42,787.60

Uni-First Contract- Crystal Grubbs informed Council that she met with the Uni-First representative. Uni-First cut the Towns billing to about half, the prices will be locked for 3 years. However, we have to sign a five-year contract, but we can make a one (1) time change after three years. After some discussion, Council agreed to allow Crystal to sign the five-year contract with Uni-First.

A motion was made by Riverra Jackson seconded by Dianne Jennings to allow the Clerk/Treasurer, Crystal Grubbs, the authority, to sign a five-year contract with Uni-First with the discussed terms.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

5. Council Agenda

Police Report – Keith Motley stated that Chief Hewitt is here to give the monthly report. Chief Hewitt informed Council that Officer Dalton has been promoted to Corporal and we need to swear him in as a Corporal. After swearing in, Chief gave the report. There was discussion of golf carts, side by side and minibikes on the roads. Chief stated that the golf carts, side by sides and minibikes are legal as long as there is a slow-moving sign on them and the operator is licensed and they have their license on them while driving said vehicle. Chief made some recommendations for ordinances for consideration concerning these types of vehicles.

Gretna Village Apartments – Bill Gillespie mentioned that Gretna Village Apartments is changing ownership. The new owners are looking to do some renovations of the buildings. They will work on one building at a time, and at the same time, working on doing background checks on all tenants.

Water Plant update – Bill Gillespie stated that the USDA is inquiring about why the Town has not used the funds that were given to Town on the newly proposed water plant. I explained to them that we are currently still waiting to hear from the Virginia Health Department to see what, if any, the Town will receive. We should know something from VDH in June or July. While we are waiting, I am working on other funding resources.

6. Unfinished Business

Cemetery RFP – Mike Bond asked about the RFP for the cleanup of the proposed cemetery property. Bill Gillespie stated that he will get that out next week. With the water line leak, it fell to the side.

Audit update – Mike Bond asked about the audit. Crystal Grubbs stated that she received a draft letter that I need to sign and send back. Once I've signed the letter and returned it, I will enter the journal entries that they send so I can close out the fiscal year 24-25. There was discussion of when the next audit would be. Mr. Bond requested a sheet showing where we stand with funds. Mrs. Grubbs stated that once she can close FY 24-25 and enter the numbers for FY 25-26, I will get you that information. Council Members expressed, that they were not satisfied with how the audit was conducted. Council is considering writing a letter expressing their displeasure.

Proposed Elba Park upgrade plan – Mike Bond asked where the town was with the Elba Park upgrade. Bill Gillespie stated that he's waiting for the master plan and an estimate; should receive that by next month's meeting.

Poky's Lot – Keith Motley informed Council that you have a proposal in front of you that was done several years ago on a proposed park in the old Poky's Lot area. Mr. Motley stated that he wasn't sure of the time this was done. Stacy Hedrick stated that the drawing is dated for 2019. Mr. Motley mentioned that he received some more information from Gayle Deel about what Trenda Levitt had found in her files.

Potholes in cemetery – Mike Burnette mentioned that the roads in the cemeteries need to be repaired. There was discussion about paving the roads in the future. Dianne Jennings mentioned a section in the cemetery where it looks like caskets are coming up to the top of the ground. Mike Bond stated that it's more likely that the vaults are showing. Keith Motley stated that he would look at it.

7. New Business

Accident – Keith Motley informed Council that incident that occur a couple of days ago, occurred just outside of Town limits. The driver of the vehicle had a medical emergency while operating the vehicle.

Brush/mowing – Keith Motley mentioned that the Maintenance Department are getting up brush and getting ready for the mowing season.

Street sweeping/cleaning – Keith Motley mentioned that he would like to find someone to do some street sweeping and cleaning. Mike Burnette asked about the Town purchasing a small street sweeper. Bill Gillespie stated that the Town can't afford to purchase one because they are so expensive. It was suggested using the sewer jet to wash the roads off or get the fire department to help.

Proposed Cigarette Tax – Deborah Moran asked about the proposed cigarette tax information. Michael Turner stated that he has the information but would like to discuss it in closed session.

Cleanup day – Keith Motley stated that RGG would like to have a spring clean-up day if the Town will provide the trash bags.

**7:40 PM
Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Dianne Jennings 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	Mike Bond – yes	
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**8:20PM
Meeting Reconvened**

A motion was made by Mike Burnette seconded by Riverra Jackson 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	Mike Bond – yes	
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Upcoming election – Keith Motley reminded those Council Members that are up for re-election: Mike Bond, Deborah Moran and Mike Burnette that the deadline to file is June 17th.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mike Burnette seconded by Dianne Jennings to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM

R. Keith Motley, Mayor

Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer