

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 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, Town Attorney
Barbara Hubbard, Merch. Assoc.	John Hewitt, Chief, GPD	Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer
Brandon Grubbs, WTP, OIC	Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	

Council Members' Present:

James Gilbert	Mike Bond	
Dianne Jennings	Mike Burnette	Deborah Moran

Council Members Absent:

Riverra Jackson

Meeting called to order 6:32 PM

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

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Deborah Moran to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting January 13, 2026.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$34,083.60.
5. **Council Agenda**

Police Report – Keith Motley informed Council that Chief Hewitt is here to give the monthly report. Chief Hewitt gave the report. Chief mentioned that he and Sgt. Tompkins were taking a leadership class through the National Command and Staff College in association with West Point Military Academy; it's 12 weeks online, with 1 week in class at the academy in Martinsville. There was discussion concerning the laptops, the winter storm and the vehicles.

Merchants Association partnering with the Town – Keith Motley stated that Barbara Hubbard from the Merchants Association would address Council. Barbara Hubbard stated that the Merchants Association would like to partner with the Town on the former Poky's Lot to fix it up as community spot. There was also discussion of the love sign. Mr. Motley stated that the Town has an old plan that the Town was thinking about doing prior to the Town purchasing the lot. The office staff will look for these plans and present them at the March meeting.

WTP Withdrawal Permit – Bill Gillespie informed Council that the Towns water plant withdrawal permit for Georges Creek Reservoir and White Thorn Creek has expired. Mr. Gillespie passed out a proposal from Hurt & Proffitt to draft a renewal permit. The cost of Hurt & Proffitt doing this project is \$37,000. Mr. Gillespie stated that he needs approval from Council to sign the permit renewal on behalf of the Town. When the invoice comes in, we can appropriate the funds at that time.

A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Dianne Jennings to authorize Bill Gillespie to sign the contract with Hurt & Proffitt for the permit renewal.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Waterline break – Bill Gillespie informed Council about the waterline break that started around last Saturday. The tanks dropped and the water plant is running 24/7 to keep up. With all the snow and ice, it's been hard to detect the leak. Mr. Gillespie stated that it may come to the town rationing water if the leak isn't found and fixed very soon. Keith Motley stated that everyone has been out looking for the leak. Mr. Gillespie stated that something has to happen, whether we send out rationing notices or what. The water is going out faster than the water plant can produce it. There was discussion of chlorine checking the creeks, the ditches and any place where storm water is running and we've come up with nothing. After some discussion, it was suggested that we call for some help in locating the leak.

6. Unfinished Business

Snow removal at some businesses – Keith Motley stated that he had to contact some of the businesses in Town about removing the snow from their parking lots. Mr. Motley mentioned that several people fell on the snow and ice because the businesses were not cleaning their parking lots.

Cemetery stone replacement – Crystal Grubbs informed Council that she had spoken with Robert Bailey concerning the cemetery footstone, it's been ordered and Oakes Memorials will replace it.

7. New Business

Music street property for cemetery – Mike Bond asked if an RFP (Request for Proposal) had been done for the new section to expand the cemetery. Bill Gillespie stated no RFP has been done because of drainage issues that the land has and that needs to be addressed. After some discussion, Keith Motley suggested doing the RFP just to clean the property up, by removing the trailer, trees, etc.

Springfield Church property – Keith Motley mentioned that the Springfield Church property may possibly be sold. Michael Turner stated that from what he can say about this, it is possibly going to be another church.

Fowler property – Keith Motley stated that Mrs. Fowler's property could potentially be sold within the next 6 months or so.

Proposed Cigarette Tax – Mike Bond asked for an update on the proposed cigarette tax. Michael Turner stated that he would have something to present at next month's meeting.

7:45 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 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:

James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes	
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

7:57PM

Meeting Reconvened

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by James Gilbert 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:

James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes	
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

R. Keith Motley, Mayor

Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer