

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR R. KEITH MOTLEY PRESIDING.**

**The following were present for the meeting:**

R. Keith Motley, Mayor	Michael G. Turner, Town Attorney	John Hewitt, Chief, GPD
Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer	Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	

**Council Members' Present:**

Riverra Jackson	James Gilbert	Mike Bond
Dianne Jennings	Mike Burnette	Deborah Moran

**Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM**

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

A motion was made by James Gilbert seconded by Deborah Moran to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting December 9, 2025.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$48,238.52.
5. **Council Agenda**

**Police Report** – Keith Motley informed Council that Chief Hewitt is here to give the monthly police report. Chief Hewitt gave the report and also stated that he would like to continue to do the National Night Out every year. There was some discussion about putting some money aside in the budget to do this annually, along with grant funding. Event signage was also mentioned. There was discussion of the noise ordinance.

**Springfield Primitive Church** – Keith Motley mentioned that he was told that the Springfield Primitive Church property is going to be sold; it could possibly be another church located there.

6. **Unfinished Business**

**Budget balance update** – Mike Bond asked about an update on the balances of the budget. Crystal Grubbs stated that the auditors just completed the FY 24-25 audit and when they give me the final entries, I can close out that fiscal year and enter the new fiscal year for 25-26.

**Snowflake decorations** – Mike Bond mentioned that some of the snowflake decorations need bulbs replaced. Crystal Grubbs stated that she would let the Maintenance guys know.

**Solar Garden** – Keith Motley stated that the fence at the solar garden has been cleaned up but there are some trees that need to be replaced. We need to contact the solar group to replace those trees.

**Fowler property** – Keith Motley informed Council that the Fowler property on S. Main Street may possibly be sold some time this year.

**Music Street RFP** – Mike Bond asked about the property on Music Street, if the trailer had been removed and about the trees being cut. Keith Motley stated that nothing has been done yet, we are waiting for the RFP to be done. There was also discussion on the cemetery expansion.

**Maintenance** – Keith Motley stated that Maintenance Department is still getting up leaves, etc. Mike Bond mentioned that the town vehicles need to be cleaned up.

## 7. New Business

**Areas in Town that need repairs** – Mike Burnette mentioned that the cemetery that is across from his house, the road is in needs of some gravels, just past the first set of steps, there is a section of the driveway that has a pothole and that needs to be fixed. Keith Motley stated that we can get the Maintenance guys to do a temporary fix until something else can be done. **Alleyway near Western Auto** – Mike Bond mentioned that the alleyway near Western Auto needs some cold patch in the potholes. **Cemetery Road on Main Street at Judy Yeatts' house** – Mr. Burnette mentioned that the cemetery road off of Main Street at Judy Yeatts' house needed to be repaired. **Roadway in front of Town Hall** – Dianne Jennings mentioned that the alleyway in front of the town's payment drop box needs to be patched.

**Main Street** – Mr. Bond asked when VDOT was going to repave Main Street. Mr. Motley stated that he would have to talk with Kirk Gibson. Crystal Grubbs stated that VDOT has a grant to help with street repairs. Any area that you see needs repairs, write it down so I can include it in the application. Council discussed areas that need attention.

**Covers missing on cut off valves** – James Gilbert mentioned that there are some cut off valve covers that are missing on Northside Drive. Mike Bond mentioned that there are some covers missing at Leftwich & Bailey Street also.

**Cemetery Foot Stone replacement** – Keith Motley stated that in the cemetery next to Gretna Tire, there is a foot stone that needs to be replaced. Mr. Motley mentioned that he had someone contact him concerning it. Crystal Grubbs asked for the person's name and phone number, and she would contact them about getting it replaced. It was mentioned that several of the footstones have been messed up.

**7:30 PM**

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Mike Burnette 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:**

Riverra Jackson – yes  
Dianne Jennings – yes

James Gilbert – yes  
Mike Burnette – yes

Mike Bond – yes  
Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**7:46PM**

**Meeting Reconvened**

A motion was made by Mike Bond 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  
Dianne Jennings – yes

James Gilbert – yes  
Mike Burnette – yes

Mike Bond – yes  
Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Adjournment** – A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Mike Bond to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM**

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R. Keith Motley, Mayor

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Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer