

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AT 6:30 PM WITH MAYOR R. KEITH MOTLEY PRESIDING.**

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

R. Keith Motley, Mayor  
Chief Hewitt, GPD

Michael G. Turner, 6:40 PM  
Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer

Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer

**Council Members present:**

James Gilbert                      Mike Bond                      Dianne Jennings                      Mike Burnette                      Deborah Moran

**Council Members absent:**

Riverra Jackson

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 October 21, 2025.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$20,408.68.
5. **Council Agenda**

**Police Report** – Keith Motley informed Council that Chief Hewitt was here tonight to give the monthly report. Chief Hewitt gave the report, Chief mentioned the purchase of digital cameras to take pictures of evidence for crime scenes. There was a discussion of the difference between cell phone cameras and digital cameras.

**Town wide call/text service proposal** – Keith Motley asked Crystal Grubbs to explain the TextMyGov proposal. Crystal Grubbs stated that this is a service that we had previously discussed. This software will allow us to call or text anyone in Town if there is a waterline break, etc. We can notify the entire town or just certain parts that would be affected. After some discussion, Council would like to get quotes from other companies before deciding.

6. **Unfinished Business**

**Maintenance Department** – Keith Motley stated that he spoke with Jesse Haley, Maintenance Supervisor about things they have going on. Mr. Motley stated that they are preparing and planning for Christmas decorations, getting up leaves, etc.

**Tree cutting at power lines** – Keith Motley informed Council that Dominion Virginia Power has hired a tree cutting service to maintain the power lines in Town. So, they are going around town cutting the trees hanging over or in the lines.

**Fowler house** – Keith Motley mentioned that the issue with the Fowler house may be resolved by the first of the year.

## **7. New Business**

**Update on RFP for cleaning up property** – Keith Motley mentioned the RFP for cleaning up property newly acquired for the cemetery. Mike Burnette stated that the person he spoke with didn't give him the answers that he wanted to hear and suggested getting another opinion. There was discussion of where the trees would be cut.

**Cigarette Tax update** – Mike Bond asked about the proposed cigarette tax. Michael Turner thanked Mr. Bond for the reminder and would try to have something before the new budget.

**Apartments over the old Gretna Little Theatre** – James Gilbert mentioned the apartments over the old Gretna Little Theatre. Deborah Moran stated that the second floor would be apartments but there will not be an elevator only stairs. They may possibly have apartments on the third floor, but I am not sure. The first floor will be available to rent for events.

**Galveston Mills site** – James Gilbert asked if Gene Okeson was putting up more homes. It was mentioned that he is putting up another set of homes.

**Thomas Jackson's old building** – Dianne Jennings asked what was happening with the old TRJ Trucking building. There was discussion about who purchased the property.

**Christmas parade** – Keith Motley mentioned that the Christmas parade is on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Flagpole Dedication** – Keith Motley reminded Council that the flagpole dedication would be Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the American Legion. Please try to make every effort to attend.

**RGG project for 2026** – Keith Motley stated that the RGG would like to invest in a project for Poky's Lot, to make that a park.

**Love Sign update** – Keith Motley informed Council that the LOVE sign was in town, but it needs painting.

**Caboose update** – Keith Motley stated that the Caboose has been painted. Mr. Motley mentioned that the benches at the caboose needed to be replaced and suggested getting in touch with Twist & Turns in Roanoke about getting some more benches like we have.

**7:56 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

**8:15 PM**  
**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 Mike Bond seconded by Dianne Jennings to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM**

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R. Keith Motley, Mayor

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Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer