

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 AT 6:30 PM WITH COUNCIL MEMBER DEBORAH MORAN PRESIDING.**

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

Michael G. Turner, Attorney                      Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer                      Chief Hewitt, GPD  
Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer                      Kathy Ramsey, Candidate, Board of Supervisors  
Shannon Kelly, Star Tribune

**Council Members' Present:**

Riverra Jackson                      James Gilbert                      Mike Bond                      Deborah Moran

**Council Members Absent:**

R. Keith Motley                      Dianne Jennings                      Mike Burnette

1. Prayer.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Presiding Member** - Michael Turner, Town Attorney, stated that the Mayor and Vice Mayor are unable to attend the meeting. And according to Town Code an elected official must preside over the meeting. Mike Bond nominated Deborah Moran to preside over the meeting. Deborah Moran accepted.

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Riverra Jackson to appoint Deborah Moran to preside over the meeting.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by James Gilbert to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 9, 2025.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

5. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$59,559.72.

**Discussion of bank balances** – There was discussion of rates that Carter Bank & Trust could offer the Town on the Cemetery CD, Water, Sewer & Cemetery Contingency Funds. Crystal Grubbs informed Council that currently the rate on the towns CD is not good. Carter Bank can offer a 7-month rate of 3.68% on the Cemetery Trust Fund CD. Ms. Grubbs stated that with the other 3 accounts, if the Town stays anywhere from \$50,000 to \$99,999 in each of those accounts, we can get 2.10%. Anything from \$100,000 & up, the rate is 2.33%. Currently, we are getting a .13%. Atlantic Union offers a slightly higher rate.

**Cemetery CD** – A motion was made by Riverra Jackson seconded by Mike Bond to approve changing the Cemetery Trust Fund CD to a 7-month term with a rate of 3.68% at Carter Bank & Trust.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Water & Sewer Contingency Funds discussion** – Mike Bond mentioned moving enough money from the general fund to the water contingency fund to bring the amount up to \$100,000. And move enough money from the general fund to the Wastewater Contingency Fund to bring the amount up to \$50,000 so the Town can get a better rate on those accounts. But leave the Cemetery Trust Money Market Account as is but at the rate of 2.12%

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by James Gilbert to move funds from the general funds to make up to \$100,000 for water contingency to get the highest rate of 2.33% and move up to \$50,000 for the sewer contingency and the money market account to get 2.12%

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Discussion of appropriation of funds for WTP & WWTP** – Crystal Grubbs informed Council that she would like to hold off on this request as the Town has not received a complete invoice for a pump at the water plant and a new flowmeter at the sewer plant, this way we will have full knowledge of what is needed to be moved. Council decided to wait for complete invoices.

**Kathy Ramsey, Candidate for Board of Supervisors** – Deborah Moran stated that Kathy Ramsey is here tonight to introduce herself to town council as she is running for the Board of Supervisors, Banister District. Ms. Ramsey introduced herself and stated that if elected she looks forward to working with the Town.

**Police report** – Deborah Moran mentioned Chief Hewitt will now give the police report. Chief Hewitt gave the report. There was discussion of the block party and the Old Timer’s Jubilee that was held over the past weekend. Chief also informed Council that the chicken issue has been taken care of; the chickens are gone.

**November meeting date change** – Deborah Moran informed Council that the November meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> due to the 11<sup>th</sup> being Veterans Day. The meeting time will still be at 6:30 PM.

**Unfinished Business**

**Paving at the railroad crossing on Northside Drive** – James Gilbert mentioned that he has heard a lot of good comments on how good the crossing is since it was paved.

**New Business**

None

**7:10 PM**

**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mike Bond 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  
Deborah Moran - yes

James Gilbert – yes

Mike Bond – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**7:40PM**

**Meeting Reconvened**

*Miranda*

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:**

Riverra Jackson – yes  
Deborah Moran – yes

James Gilbert – yes

Mike Bond – yes

*Miranda*

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM**

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Deborah Moran, Council Member  
*Miranda*

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Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer