

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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, Attorney
Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer

Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer

Council Members Present:

Riverra Jackson
Dianne Jennings

James Gilbert
Mike Burnette

Mike Bond
Deborah Moran

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

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

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Dianne Jennings to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 10, 2025.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Riverra Jackson to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting June 19, 2025.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

A motion was made by Riverra Jackson seconded by Deborah Moran to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting June 26, 2025

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$145,447.34.
5. **Council Agenda**

Re-appointment of Clerk/Treasurer – A motion was made by James Gilbert seconded by Mike Bond to re-appoint Crystal Grubbs as the Clerk/Treasurer.

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

Re-appointment of Chief of Police – A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Riverra Jackson to re-appoint John Hewitt as the Chief of Police.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Re-appointment of Town Attorney – A motion was made by Riverra Jackson seconded by James Gilbert to re-appoint Michael G. Turner as the Town Attorney.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Re-appointment of Interim Town Manager – A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Mike Bond to re-appoint Bill Gillespie as the Interim Town Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Police Report – Keith Motley stated that Chief Hewitt was here to give the monthly police report. Chief Hewitt gave the report and discussed the National Night Out event, and the laptops for the vehicles. Officer Fazzio will be attending the Advanced DUI class at the end of August just as Sgt. Tompkins did, this is completely paid for by the Commonwealth’s Office. Mr. Motley asked about people parking in the fire lane at Food Lion. Chief Hewitt stated that they are allowed to write parking tickets for that but nothing else, because it’s on private property. Mr. Motley mentioned getting with Mr. Creasy about repainting the parking lines, etc.

Matt Rowe – Keith Motley informed Council that Bill has reached out to Matt Rowe concerning an item that was previously discussed in closed session, Matt has not talked to Bill yet.

6. Unfinished Business

Road repairs – Keith Motley mentioned that roads have been repaired from the water line work. Mr. Motley stated that he is going to get with VDOT concerning some of the other areas in Town that need repairs.

Grass letters – Keith Motley stated that the staff is sending out grass letters to property owners concerning the grass. Stacy Hedrick stated that it is on the water bills to mow and maintain the yard.

7. New Business

Elba Cemetery – James Gilbert mentioned that Carl Potter wanted the maintenance guys to clean up in the Elba Cemetery down further than we normally go. Council was concerned with older graves sites being disturbed as those graves are only marked with rocks and not stones. Keith Motley stated that he would get with Jesse about it.

Items on graves – James Gilbert asked if there was a limit to the number of items that someone could leave on a grave. Keith Motley stated yes, it's marked stating not to leave items on the ground because maintenance cannot mow properly.

Old Crossroads building – Riverra Jackson asked about the old crossroads building as she knows someone who's interested in possibly purchasing it. Chief Hewitt mentioned that the property is tied up in legal issues because of the gambling items they had in the building.

Incentives to get people to move into Town – Riverra Jackson stated that the Town needs to come up with incentives to get people to come to Town to live. Keith Motley stated that he will talk with Bill about seeing what other localities do. Ms. Jackson stated that we need to look long term.

Amthor project – Keith Motley mentioned that the Amthor project is moving forward again; Mr. Garner is no longer associated with the project.

Local library events – Riverra Jackson informed Council to look up the library and see what kind of events they have for the kids. Ms. Jackson stated that they show movies and provide popcorn, etc.

Fireworks – Keith Motley stated that he's had citizens asking how come the Town does not do any fireworks. Mr. Motley stated that we need some of these organizations like the Lions Club, RGG, or the Merchants Association to do these types of things. We do not have the staff to handle these things.

Adjournment – A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Riverra Jackson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

R. Keith Motley, Mayor

Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer