

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREYNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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, Attorney
Jesse Haley, Maint. Supervisor	John Hewitt, Chief, GPD	Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer
Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer		

**Council Present:**

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

**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 March 10, 2026.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoices paid \$87,070.06.
5. **Council Agenda**

**Police Report** – Keith Motley stated that Chief Hewitt is here to give the monthly report. Chief Hewitt gave the report and discussed the National Night Out grant, the laptops for the vehicles, the 5K Race, Wine Festival, and Gretna Village Apartments issues.

**Sewer-jet** – Keith Motley mentioned that the Maintenance Supervisor, Jesse Haley is here tonight to request looking at getting a new sewer-jet. Jesse Haley addressed Council about the current sewer-jet and requested looking at purchasing a new one. After some discussion, Council asked for at least 3 comparable quotes on a new sewer jet to be evaluated at the May meeting.

A motion was made by Riverra Jackson seconded by Dianne Jennings that Jesse come back in May with 3 comparable quotes for a new sewer-jet.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**6. Unfinished Business**

**Street Sweeper** – Keith Motley discussed the street sweeper coming through without the Town being notified, therefore the residents were not asked to move their vehicles off the street that day. Crystal Grubbs stated that she received a phone call from Kirk Gibson, Supervisor for the Gretna VDOT Office. He mentioned that he was not happy about this and would make a request for the street sweeper to return and to make sure the Town residents would be notified. Mr. Motley suggested getting an attachment for the John Deere tractor. It was mentioned that the tractor would not be able to vacuum up the debris.

**7. New Business**

**Cemetery** – Mike Burnette mentioned the roads in the cemetery need repairs. Bill Gillespie stated that the Maintenance Department is aware of this. Mr. Burnette said that they need to slow down when they mow.

**Fire hydrants need painting** – Dianne Jennings stated that the fire hydrants in town need painting.

**Derelict Buildings** – Mike Bond asked about the derelict buildings and questioned when something would be done about the former Jacks building. Michael Turner stated that the family is aware that something needs to be done and they plan on removing the building. Mr. Turner will discuss a target date with the family. Mr. Bond asked about the S. Main Street property. Keith Motley stated that there was someone looking at the property.

**Parking lines on Main Street** – Keith Motley stated that the parking lines need to be repainted on Main Street.

**New cemetery spaces** – Keith Motley mentioned that he spoke with the funeral home about possibly getting more spaces in the COM II section on the right-hand side. The town would need to clear the land, and the funeral home would lay off the grave spaces.

**Fourth of July County event** – Keith Motley mentioned that Pittsylvania County was planning to hold a July 4<sup>th</sup> event, Mr. Tucker from the Board of Supervisors, asked Mr. Motley if the Town could donate. The event will be held at the AG Center.

**Gretna Village Apartments** – Bill Gillespie mentioned that Gretna Village Apartments is changing ownership. The new owners are looking to do some renovations to the buildings. They will work on one building at a time, and at the same time, working on doing background checks on all tenants.

**Elba Park Master Plan & Estimated Cost** – Bill Gillespie handed Council some information on the plan and estimated costs. Council discussed the information. Cost estimate is \$5,170,300.00.

**Water Plant update** – Keith Motley mentioned that he spoke with Joshua Hearne from the Danville Regional Foundation about possible grants for a new water plant.

**Whitethorn Creek Withdrawal Permit** – Bill Gillespie discussed the Whitethorn Creek withdrawal permit and does the Town really need it. Mr. Gillespie stated that after reviewing the permit, suggested that the Town keep the permit.

**Proposed cigarette tax** – Crystal Grubbs stated that she has a meeting with Toby from the Town of Altavista to discuss the process. Bill Gillespie mentioned that he would like to have the information ready for the proposed budget for next fiscal year.

**Cemetery RFP update** – Bill Gillespie stated that it’s ready, Council needs to decide what you are going to do about the building or the other piece of property, it will be on hold until a decision is made.

**Insurance claim on waterline break** – Crystal Grubbs stated that she had previously been asked about turning in the waterline break claim to VML. Mrs. Grubbs stated that she spoke with someone from VML and waterline breaks are not covered.

**8:21 PM  
Closed Session**

A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Mike Burnnette 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	James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**8:42PM  
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	James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette – yes	Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**May Meeting date change** – Keith Motley suggested moving the May meeting to Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> at normal time. Council OK’d it.

**Proposed Cross Connection Ordinance** – Michael Turner informed Council that he has a copy of a proposed cross connection ordinance that he would like for Council to review and discuss at the May meeting.

**Proposed water cut off changes** – Michael Turner reminded Council that they were previously handed an update on water cut offs. We need to discuss this and hold a public hearing sometime in the near future.

**Sewer-jet fees** – Mike Burnette suggested discussing the sewer-jet fees for the next budget.

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

**Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM**

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R. Keith Motley, Mayor

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Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer