THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, JULY 14, 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	Brandon Grubbs, WTP OIC
Michael G. Turner, Attorney, 6:37 PM	John Hewitt, Chief, GPD	Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer
Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	Ashley Massey	Adam Massey

Council Present:

James Gilbert	Mike Bond	Deborah Moran
Dianne Jennings	Mike Burnette	

Council Absent:

Riverra Jackson

Meeting called to order 6:33 PM

1. Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

   A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by James Gilbert to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 9, 2026.

   Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

   A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Dianne Jennings to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting June 18, 2026.

   Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

   A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by James Gilbert to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting June 25, 2026.

   Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – invoices paid $56,894.56.

5. **Council Agenda**

Re-appointment of Chief of Police – A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by James Gilbert to re-appoint John Hewitt as Chief of Police.

Roll Call Vote:

James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes	Deborah Moran – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette - yes	

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

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

Roll Call Vote:

James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes	Deborah Moran – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette - yes	

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

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

Roll Call Vote:

James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes	Deborah Moran – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette - yes	

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Re-appointment of Assistant Clerk/Treasurer – A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Deborah Moran to re-appoint Stacy Hedrick as Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote:

James Gilbert – yes	Mike Bond – yes	Deborah Moran – yes
Dianne Jennings – yes	Mike Burnette - yes	

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Police Report – Keith Motley stated that Chief Hewitt is here to give the monthly police report. Chief Hewitt stated that regional manager of Gretna Village has given the police department written authorization to take control of the property for criminal activity. Chief Hewitt mentioned that they have some of the school supplies and the banners for National Night Out have come in and will get the Maintenance Department to hang them up. Chief also mentioned the dog biting incident and that the dog is under quarantine.

Water Emergency Notice – Bill Gillespie stated that he decided to implement an emergency voluntary conservation notice as the reservoir is 12 in. low. We are not selling hydrant water at this time. Mr. Gillespie also mentioned that the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is informing localities to be proactive. There was discussion of where levels were several years ago at this time and the levels are lower. Mike Bond asked about pumping from White Thorn Creek. Mr. Gillespie stated that we do not have a permit, we are still waiting. There was discussion of the permit application.

New section in cemetery – Bill Gillespie stated that he met with someone from Colbert-Moran Funeral Home about adding more lots. Mr. Gillespie mentioned that Jesse volunteered to clean up some of the possible new section of the cemetery. Mr. Gillespie also mentioned that Council needs to look at raising the rates on the cemetery lots as they have not been raised in a while. Keith Motley stated that he had been in touch with Heidi concerning the land that connects to the cemetery and Heidi is not willing to sell it at this time but will let us know if something changes. There was discussion about having to grind the stumps up.

7:20 PM – Public Hearing – Section 8-2-11 - Updating Parking Violations Code – Open

Keith Motley opened the public hearing on updating the Parking Violations Code and asked if there were any public comments. Michael Turner stated that this updates fees, as they have not increased in a number of years. Chief Hewitt stated that nothing has been updated for the last 20 years. The proposed increases are in line with other localities. No public comments were made. Public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by James Gilbert to close the public hearing on updating the Parking Violations Code.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

7:40 PM – Public Hearing was closed

Adoption of updated Parking Violations Code – A motion was made by Dianne Jennings seconded by Mike Burnette to approve the update to Section 8-2-11 of Town Code Parking Violations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

7:40 PM – Public Hearing – Criminal Activity Nuisance Ordinance – Open

Keith Motley opened the public hearing on updating Criminal Activity Nuisance Ordinance and asked if there were any public comments. No public comments were made. Public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Mike Burnette to close the public hearing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

7:50 PM – Public Hearing was closed

Adoption of update to Criminal Activity Nuisance Ordinance – A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Deborah Moran to approve the update to Title 6, Article 4, Section 6-4-1 through 6-4-9.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

6. **Unfinished Business**

Summons – Mike Bond said that in your report, you mentioned summons', what is a summons. Chief Hewitt stated that it is a ticket, they are called summons'. There was discussion of the new ordinance and how it updated what we already have.

Quarterly information – Mike Bond stated that he would still like to a quarterly report showing where things are in the budget. There was discussion of balance differences from year to year.

Trees need trimming – Mike Burnette mentioned that the trees on S. Franklin Blvd. at the corner of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive needs trimming, it's hard to see when you go to pull out on the S. Franklin.

Poky's Lot – Mike Burnette stated that some of the trees at Poky's Lot are dead and need to be removed. Keith Motley mentioned that he has talked to Jesse about this, and they are waiting until it cools down some to remove them.

Cemetery ditch – Mike Burnette stated that the ditch in the cemetery needs cleaning up. Keith Motley stated that he has talked with Jesse about it.

Sewer jet – Keith Motley asked about the new sewer jet. Deborah Moran stated that it had been ordered based on the minutes of June 9th. Bill Gillespie stated that Crystal has received the delivery notice.

Grass letters on the bills – Keith Motley stated that since we've put the grass letters on the back of the water bills, we've seen some good response.

Love Sign – Keith Motley stated that the love sign should be ready by early fall. There was discussion about removing the trees on the lot.

7. **New Business**

Fans at park pavilion – James Gilbert asked about placing fans in the ceiling of the pavilion. It was mentioned that it could be put into the upgrade plans for the park.

Elba Park Grant update – Mike Bond asked about the grant for Elba Park. Bill Gillespie stated that he is more concerned with the new Water Plant right now. There was discussion of the next step.

Water Plant Grant – Mike Bond asked about the water plant grant. Bill Gillespie stated that we are still in the grant writing process. There was discussion of the grant process. Mike Bond asked how much the loan would be for. Mr. Gillespie stated $2.2 Million dollars. Mr. Gillespie stated that it's $78,000 per year.

Industrial Park update – Keith Motley asked about the Industrial Park. Bill Gillespie stated that everything is done, we are waiting on the attorneys.

Next Council Meeting will be August 11th.

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

R. Keith Motley, Mayor

Stacy Hedrick, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer