THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRETNA TOWN COUNCIL WAS HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 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
John Hewitt, Chief, GPD	Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer	Stacy Hedrick, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer

Council Present:

Riverra Jackson, 6:40 PM	James Gilbert	Mike Bond
Deborah Moran		

Council Absent:

Dianne Jennings	Mike Burnette

1. Prayer

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

   A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Deborah to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 13, 2026 with a correction on page 2 under "Water Plant Update" to remove Mike Bond's name and replace it with Keith Motley.

   Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

4. **Invoice Review** – Council reviewed and discussed the invoice list – no longer required for approval. Invoice from Hancock Electric, $29,280.29 was approved without Council due to emergency work to the fire pump station.

   A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by James Gilbert to move the $29,280.29 from the Water Contingency Fund back into the General Fund.

   Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

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 car chase during the 5K Race and the wine festival. Chief stated that the department received praise from the Merchants Association as to how everything was handled.

Sewer-jet – Bill Gillespie stated that there is a packet of quotes for the sewer-jet. After some discussion of the quotes, Council decided on quote #1 – HotJetUSA in the amount of $64,265.00.

A motion was made by Deborah Moran seconded by Mike Bond to approve quote #1 – HotJetUSA in the amount of $64,265.00, half being paid in FY 25-26 and the other half being paid in FY 26-27

Roll Call Vote:

Riverra Jackson – yes James Gilbert – yes Mike Bond – yes
Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Advertise Ordinances – Michael Turner expressed that the Town needs to proceed with advertising the proposed Cross Connection Control Ordinance for updating purposes, the Water Cut Off Ordinance and the Cigarette Tax Ordinance. Council agreed to advertise the proposed ordinances.

Love sign update – Keith Motley stated that the Love sign is ready to be moved into place. There was discussion about the trees needing to be cut down at the site and the stumps removed. RGG will be taking care of the landscaping part, and the Town will hook up the water to the water feature and also hook up the power to the sign.

6. **Unfinished Business**

Fire hydrants need painting – Deborah Moran mentioned that the Town should do a patriotic theme on the fire hydrants. Keith Motley stated that he and Jesse had already discussed painting the fire hydrants back red and that Jesse is taking care of that.

Ann Fowler – Deborah Moran stated that Ann Fowler passed away. Riverra Jackson asked Mr. Motley if he had Michelle's contact information. Keith Motley stated that she passed away a couple of weeks ago and that he would share Michelle's information after the meeting.

Next step on Elba Park – Deborah Moran asked Bill Gillespie what the next step for Elba Park was. Bill Gillespie stated that we have to approve the Master Plan as presented, then get with Mr. Hearne. Then you can decide what to remove from the plan.

Cemetery tree removal – Mike Bond asked about the cutting of the trees in the cemetery. Bill Gillespie stated that he and Jesse would get together and look at it. Keith Motley stated that he still wanted to reach out to Ms. Kopczenski about her property.

Wine festival – Keith Motley stated that the wine festival went well considering the car chase just prior.

Food Lion Shopping Center – Keith Motley mentioned that the lines at the entrances/exits need repainting. Mr. Motley asked Chief Hewitt if he would be willing to contact Mrs. Creasy concerning the safety aspect of the lines not being visible. Chief Hewitt stated that he would contact her.

Crepe Myrtles – Keith Motley stated that Kevin Motley has moved several crepe myrtles from the Saponi Garden to other locations successfully.

Amthor ribbon cutting – Keith Motley informed Council that Amthor will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 26th for the new facility.

7. **New Business**

Water/Sewer GIS Mapping – Bill Gillespie stated that the water/sewer GIS mapping is nearly complete, the cost will be $6500.00. There was discussion about updating the map when needed and some of the employees will create binders containing maps, so that information will be available to them right then.

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Riverra Jackson to approve the $6500.00 GIS water/sewer mapping.

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Audit books available – Bill Gillespie stated that FY 24-25 audit books are available for your review.

WWTP high ammonia amounts - Bill Gillespie mentioned that the wastewater treatment plant has been cited by DEQ for high ammonia amounts in the discharge system. A complete study of the sewer plant would have to be done to determine where it's coming from. Riverra Jackson asked if notices had to be sent out to residents. Mr. Gillespie stated no. Mike Bond asked if it was in the reservoir. Mr. Gillespie stated that it is not in the drinking water, only in the discharge system at the sewer plant. Mr. Bond stated that we need to find out where it's coming from and stop it there. Mr. Gillespie stated that is phase 1 of the study.

WTP grant – Bill Gillespie stated that he spoke with Joshua Hearne from the Danville Regional Foundation about the possibility of applying for a grant to help with the new water plant. Mr. Gillespie stated that unless Pittsylvania County steps in to help fund it, the DRF will not help. Mr. Gillespie stated that he is trying to see if WPPDC can help. The USDA grant is on hold because VDH keeps moving the award date back. Mr. Gillespie stated that he has been in contact with Rachel Del Camp Gatewood, a professional grant writer. I recommend that the Town hire her for $9800.00-$9900.00 to write a grant for an Economic Development Grant. After some discussion, Council agreed.

A motion was made by Mike Bond second Deborah Moran to hire Rachel Del Campo Gatewood to write a grant for the water plant.

Roll Call Vote:

Riverra Jackson – yes James Gilbert – yes Mike Bond – yes
Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Proposed FY 26-27 Budget – Bill Gillespie informed Council that he wants to get one more print out before we send you what we think the revenue will be. As it looks right now, everything is flatlining. We are working on getting it to you next week.

8:34 PM
Closed Session

A motion was made by Mike Bond seconded by Deborah Moran 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
Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

8:42PM
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:

Riverra Jackson – yes James Gilbert – yes Mike Bond – yes
Deborah Moran – yes

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Reminder to refile for Council – Keith Motley reminded those Council Members that are up for re-election to fill out the paperwork and get it turned back in before June 12th.

June Meeting – Keith Motley reminded Council that the June meeting would be on the normal Tuesday, which is June 9th.

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

Motion carried/Vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

R. Keith Motley, Mayor

Crystal Grubbs, Clerk/Treasurer