

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Gate City Town Council Minutes
January 10, 2023
156 E. Jackson St., Gate City, VA
6:30 PM

I. COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M. BY: Mayor – Bob Richards

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Lora Matthews

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Mayor, Bob Richards	X	
Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts	X	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.	X	
Council Member, Tyler Kilgore	X	
Council Member, H. Pat Elliott	X	
Council Member, Dexter Harmon	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	

Others present: Gabe Edmunds (VA Star), Jason Snapp (Mattern & Craig), Chief Justin Miller, Sgt. Cody Johnson, Officer Derek Pearcy, Jo Ann Castle, Lois Quillin, Debbie Kindle, Pastor Jeff DeBoard

III. INVOCATION – Pastor Jeff DeBoard, First Baptist Church Gate City

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chief Justin Miller

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made to approve the January 10, 2023, agenda.

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 5

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain: Motion carried

VI. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

- Police Officer of the Year 2022 – Officer Derek Pearcy
Presented by Chief Justin Miller

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of December 13, 2022, Town Council Public Hearing Minutes

Motion made to approve minutes as presented.

Motion by: Tyler Kilgore 2nd by: Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

VOTE: Aye: 5

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

2. **Approval of December 13, 2022, Town Council Minutes**

Motion made to approve minutes as presented.

Motion by: Tyler Kilgore 2nd by: Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

VOTE: Aye: 5

 Nay:

 Absent:

 Abstain:

Motion carried

VIII. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

- **Motion made for approval for payment of bills for December 2022 as presented.**

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Pat Elliott

VOTE: Aye: 5

 Nay:

 Absent:

 Abstain:

Motion carried

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT (Will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.) – None

Mayor Richards closed the public comment session at 6:38 PM and opened the consent agenda session.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

XI. REPORTS (All reports given will be included with your packet. Any questions about the reports will need to be discussed with the department head PRIOR to the meeting.)

- A. **Engineer's Status Report** – Presented by Jason Snapp, Mattern & Craig



Engineer Report
Town of Gate City, VA
Status as of 1/9/23

H/C Ramp HSIP Project: Project Construction is complete. The contractor has submitted the final (only) Construction Pay Application for approval. Once approved the Town can submit all remaining invoices to VDOT for reimbursement and M&C will file all the closeout documents with VDOT.

VDH Backup Generator Project: Project is considered 30% complete currently. Survey portion of the project has been completed and preliminary design on both the site work and electrical has commenced. M&C, Blaser and the Town staff will need to meet onsite in late January to gather additional site data required for both the electrical and site design. Preliminary plans will be submitted to the Town for

review once completed. Upon town approval final construction plans will be completed and submitted to VDH for review.

VDH Planning & Design Grant Application: The Town has voted to submit a Planning Grant Application to complete a water efficiency study. M&C conducted a Preliminary Engineering Conference with VDH on Tuesday, November 30th to discuss the appropriate scope for the project. M&C is in the process of revising the scope and completing the application. Upon completion it will be submitted to the Town for review. Upon approval by the Town it will be submitted to VDH for official consideration for funding.

Planning grant app is on hold till all ARPA, BIL, and DWSRF applications are submitted and confirmed.

Kane St. Sidewalk Transportation Alternatives Funding Application: Project has been awarded funding by VDOT. M&C has submitted the Request to Administer form to VDOT for consideration. Funding included \$1,191,744 (80%) in grant funds with the remainder of the project cost \$297,936 (20%) in Town match. VDOT has requested the EQ-429 form be submitted and a kick-off meeting scheduled in January 23'. M&C will coordinate with the Town to schedule a kickoff meeting with VDOT asap.

Manville Road Highway Safety Improvement Plan Funding Application: Project has been awarded funding by VDOT. M&C has submitted the Request to Administer form to VDOT for consideration. VDOT has requested the EQ-429 form be submitted and a kick-off meeting scheduled in January 23'. M&C will coordinate with the Town to schedule a kickoff meeting with VDOT asap.

VDH ARPA/BIL/DWSRF Applications: M&C has submitted 2 separate projects to VDH for consideration for funding. The first project consists of the recoating/rehab of 3 of the Town's water storage tanks, the second consist of installing a Town wide Advanced Meter Infrastructure network. ARPA, BIL, and DWSRF applications were submitted for each project with the hopes of securing the most economical funding package for the Town. All 6 applications were submitted prior to the May 6th deadline.

VDH is currently ranking projects to determine funding availability. BIL funding has been denied for both projects. SRF and ARPA funding decisions are still in the process of being ranked by VDH for funding consideration.

Theatre Beam Rehabilitation: M&C has met onsite with one contractor to scope the project and talked with one other who visited the site to scope the project. A Request for Bids was prepared and submitted to appropriate contractors. One bid was received on Jan. 5th at 2:06 PM, which was after the deadline of 2:00 PM. M&C recommends the readvertisement of the project.

Daniel Boone Master Meter Replacement: Pricing has been submitted to the Town and approved. The contractor has ordered the replacement meter equipment and will install once it arrives. The Town will need to coordinate a broadband connection at the site.

DEQ Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study: Study is complete and has identified 5 separate projects to address infiltration and inflow within the Gate City Sanitary Sewer System. M&C has submitted a DEQ ARPA application for funding consideration for Project #1 which involves the replacement of the collector line that serves the High School/Middle School and National Guard Armory areas. If awarded funding, it is our understanding that the ARPA funding packages are 100% grant funded. The total cost of Project #1 is expected at approximately \$704,000.

B. Gate City Frontier Report – Presented by Leslie Crawford

Discussion: Gate City Frontier would like to invite Council to a Meet and Greet in February 2023. Gate City Frontier would like to apply for a Virginia Main Street Grant and would like to sit down with Council to discuss.

Gate City Frontier Report December

Please accept this brief report on behalf of GCF director, Leslie Crawford. This report will outline the capacity at which GCF has been actively working towards foundational growth and organization, business outreach, community outreach, events, and downtown revitalization through Virginia Main Street.

Business & Community Outreach

This month GCF focused on business and community engagement through Tinsel the Town and preparing for the annual Christmas parade.

- “Tinsel the Town” business/community outreach activity took place in the month of December.
 - Voting took place from December 3rd-18th using a scannable QR code at each tree along with a link to vote online.
 - PollJunkie was used as an unbiased polling site and recorded a total of 6,197 votes with the Scott County Ministerial Association Food Pantry as the People’s Choice Winner.
- Worked with business owner Joe Maya to allow GCF to decorate empty store windows with decorations created by the GCHS FCCLA students in November.
- Worked with Amanda Johnson from Uplift Church
 - Their church reached out to Frontier because they wanted to be involved in doing something for the community.
 - They set up a tent and passed out free hot chocolate and cider during and after the Christmas parade across from the courthouse.

Events

Christmas Parade (hosted by GCFD) December 3rd

- Worked alongside the GCFD to make sure that everything was prepared and ready for this event.
- Created a marketing package that was posted on all social media outlets, in the VA Star and Kingsport Times Newspaper, and through Holston Broadcasting company on 98.5 WTFM

Tinsel the Town

- Created a marketing package that was posted on all social media outlets, in the VA Star and Kingsport Times Newspaper, and through Holston Broadcasting company on 98.5 WTFM
- The voting outcome for this event was by far a larger turnout than even that of a larger neighboring city.
- We feel that this large outcome correlates strongly to the desire of our community's needs in regards to more reasons to come into downtown including beautification efforts and possible art installations. This will be something that we look into more in 2023.

Upcoming Events:

- Community Meet & Greet to focus on community wants and needs will be hosted in February and open to all interested.

- Working on a pop-up farmers market idea for Spring (more details to follow)
- Spring/Summer event dates being finalized at next GCF meeting (1/11/22)

December Part-Time Hours:

December 1-3 (22 hours)

December 5-9 (36 hours)

December 12-16 (28 hours)

December 19-23 (28 hours)

December 26-30 (12 hours)

GCF 2022 EOY STATS



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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

PARTNERS: 36
ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 10
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 45
HOURS: 330



HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 6
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 0
HOURS: 78



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

PARTNERS: 8
ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 11
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: GC BAND & TWO FCA STUDENTS
HOURS: 19



RED, WHITE, & BLUE BASH

PARTNERS: 3
ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 24
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 0
HOURS: 312



RISE UP GATE CITY CONCERT

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 11
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 3
HOURS: 176



KING ALLEYWEEN

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 11
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 0
HOURS: 66

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GCF 2022 EOY STATS



TINSEL THE TOWN SETUP
PARTNERS: 20
ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 9
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 0
HOURS: 36

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FCCLA SERVICE LEARNING
PARTNERS: 1
ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 5
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 46
HOURS: 153

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TINSEL THE TOWN DECORATING
ADULT VOLUNTEERS: 5
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS: 0
HOURS: 25

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GOOD PRESS FOR GATE CITY

- EDITORIALS & FEATURED NEWS ARTICLES WERE PUBLISHED NUMEROUS TIMES THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS THE BUZZ IN GATE CITY. THIS HELPED TO PROMOTE THE TOWN AS A WHOLE



SOCIAL MEDIA INCREASE:

- FACEBOOK REACH
 - +191.8%
- FACEBOOK POSTS/STORIES
 - +455.6%
- MESSAGING CONNECTIONS
 - +460%
- 1007 NEW FOLLOWERS



INCREASE IN SUPPORT BY:

- LOCAL BUSINESSES
- ORGANIZATIONS
- INDIVIDUALS
- NEWS OUTLETS



**2,102
 TOTAL
 VOLUNTEER
 HOURS
 IN
 2022**

C. **Town Manager's Report** – Presented by Town Manager Greg Jones

Town Manager Report – January 2023

- **Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD): Park Street Housing Rehabilitation Project: Phase II**

Phase two of the Park Street project includes the rehabilitation of five housing units, the substantial reconstruction of one unit and the clearance and demolition of two blighted units, serving 19 low- to moderate-income persons.

December 2022 – DHCD awarded funding for the Phase II Park Street Housing Rehabilitation Project on November 16th, 2022.

Funding Awarded:

DHCD: CDBG:	\$687,968
AEP	\$35,000
Town (In-Kind)	<u>\$12,000</u>
Total	\$734,968

- **Estil Cemetery Restoration Project**

November 2022 – Work is ongoing. Highland Monument has been onsite for the past several weekends. 90% of monuments have been cleaned and we still have a relative handful to re-level and reset. Highland Monument has been posting updates on the Estil Cemetery Facebook page.

- **Banner Project**

January 2023: We had a windstorm on Sunday, November 27th, 2022. The storm effected five banners. We have received the new banner poles that should withstand the wind. They will be installed shortly.

- **Dog Park Project**

November 2022 – Council has approved the quote for the interior fence. Work is expected to be completed mid-December. The Planning Commission is reaching out to the public for assistance in naming the Dog Park.

- **ARPA – VDH Grant - Water Tank Rehabilitation Project**

July 2022 - ARPA Grant Application for rehabilitation of three (3) of the Town's water storage tanks including the Smith-Elliott Tank, Williams Mill Tank, and Quillen (Estil Hts.) Tank was submitted on May 6th, 2022. The total grant funding requested is \$491,000.

Grant application has been made to VDH. We are currently awaiting an award notice.

- **ARPA – VDH Grant – Advance Meter Infrastructure Project (AMI)**

July 2022 - ARPA Grant Application for the installation of AMI to allow the more efficient collection of water system flow data. The total grant funding requested is \$812,240.

Grant application has been made to VDH. We are currently awaiting an award notice.

- **VDOT TAP Project: Kane Street Sidewalk Project**

August 2022 – VDOT has awarded the Kane Street Sidewalk project to the Town. The total project cost is \$1,450,190.00 with VDOT and ARPA providing 100% in grant funding.

Request to Administer (RTA) has been submitted.

November 2022 - Engineering Request for Proposals (RFP) was requested by VDOT to ensure procurement procedures were followed. There formal review was finalized and approved last week.

- **Water Leak Survey**

January 2023 – We are still experiencing high water loss. There were numerous leaks fixed over the Christmas and New Years Holiday.

- **Gate City to Weber City Trail**

December 2022 – Mattern and Craig, Inc submitted a quote for \$50,000.00 to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the proposed trail. The quote was turned over to the Mayor's Visioning Committee and LENOWISCO Planning Authority.

- **Daniel Boone Master Water Meter Replacement Project**

January 2022 - Cantrell Automation has submitted a quote through Mattern & Craig, Inc. to replace the master water meter located at the Daniel Boone Pump station for \$19,529.00. Council has approved the purchase and we are now working with the contractor to install.

- **2022 Real Estate Taxes Billing Status**

The Real Estate Tax billing is very close to mailed. We have run into multiple problems with our data base. We have been working with the Scott County Commissioner of Revenue's office to correct our issues.

- **2023 Kenworth Trash Truck and Dump Truck**

The new Trash Truck and Dump Truck that is being purchased through our ARPA funding allocation should be delivered in two weeks. We are currently working on developing protocols to deliver the new trash cans and implement our new trash collection policy.

- **Water Leaks Repaired**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Repair Date</u>	<u>Materials used for Repair</u>
484 Elm Street	12/20/2022	Backhoe; small dump truck; Ram 1500 truck; 2” band; half ton gravel; 4 bags cold patch; 3 hrs
Manville Road	12/24/2022	Mini excavator; eq trailer; F250, F350, Ram 1500 trucks; will need to return and complete when parts arrive; 6 hrs
194 Tucker Street replaced	12/25/2022	Water meter froze and busted; meter (S/N93713568)
	12/30/2022	Dale and Stoney went to investigate after customer called and said had no water; the replaced meter S/N 93713568 is good; advised customer something going on between meter and house
Walnut Street band; 5 ton	12/25/2022	Backhoe; F250 and Ram 1500 trucks; 4” gravel; 6 hrs
234 Reed Hollow Road trucks; eq compression union; meter	12/27/2022	Mini excavator; F250 and F350 trailer; 5 ft- ¾” line; 1 2 hrs
	1/3/2023	Meter froze and busted; replaced (S/N 87407203)
186 Elliott Drive meter	12/27/2022	Meter froze and busted; replaced (S/N 87407153)

D. **Attorney’s Report** - None

E. **Council Reports** (Any new business from Committees that needs to come before the Council.)

- Council Member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. – He is seeing lots of projects to improve the town, but would like to see more focus on getting the parking lot finished. We need parking for town events and activities. Also would like to see focus on street lights to enhance the beautification of the town. Would like to see some businesses more involved in town. Would like more communication with the town and Tourism – for example, pamphlets at the visitor center.

- Council Member Allan Roberts – None
- Council Member Tyler Kilgore – None
- Council Member Dexter Harmon – None
- Council Member Pat Elliott – None

F. **Police Department** – Presented by Chief Justin Miller

Discussion: Presentation regarding speed light cameras at next council meeting.

G. **Sanitation Authority** – Presented by Mayor Bob Richards – Continue working with PSA over billing issues

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Gate City Theatre: I-Beams Repair** – No action. Defer to next meeting.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Appointments**

- **Town Manager**

Motion made to appoint Greg Jones as Town Manager

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 4

 Nay: 1

 Absent:

 Abstain: Motion carried

- **Chief of Police**

Motion made to appoint Justin Miller as Chief of Police

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 5

 Nay:

 Absent:

 Abstain: Motion carried

- **Treasurer**

Motion made to appoint Kristie Mullins as Treasurer

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

VOTE: Aye: 5

 Nay:

 Absent:

 Abstain: Motion carried

- **Town Clerk**

Motion made to appoint Lora Matthews as Town Clerk

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 5

 Nay:

 Absent:

 Abstain: Motion carried

- **Town Attorney**

Motion made to appoint Michele Brooks as Town Attorney

Motion by: Tyler Kilgore 2nd by: Allan Roberts

VOTE: Aye: 5

 Nay:

 Absent:

 Abstain: Motion carried

2. **Committee Assignments**

- **Finance/Budget Committee (2 members)** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Allan Roberts and Pat Elliott to the Finance/Budget Committee.
- **Economic Development (2 members)** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Allan Roberts and Pat Elliott to the Economic Development Committee
- **Street Committee (2 members)** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Wallace W. Ross, Jr. and Dexter Harmon to the Street Committee
- **Park Committee** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Tyler Kilgore to the Park Committee
- **Personnel Committee (2 members)** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Tyler Kilgore and Dexter Harmon to the Personnel Committee
- **Cemetery & Historical Committee** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Tyler Kilgore to the Cemetery and Historical Committee
- **Codification & Property Maintenance Committee (2 members)** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Dexter Harmon and Tyler Kilgore to the Codification and Property Maintenance Committee
- **Sanitation Authority** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed himself (Bob Richards) to the Sanitation Authority Board
- **Housing Rehabilitation Project: Management Team** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Allan Roberts to the Housing Rehabilitation Project Management Team
- **Housing Rehabilitation Project: Project Rehabilitation Board (2 members)** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Dexter Harmon and Pat Elliott to the Housing Rehabilitation Project Board
- **Gate City Frontier, Inc. Board of Directors** – Mayor Bob Richards appointed Pat Elliott to the Gate City Frontier, Inc. Board of Directors

3. **Nominations and Election of Vice-Mayor**

Mayor Bob Richards opens the nominations

Council Member Allan Roberts nominated Council Member Tyler Kilgore

Council Member Wallace W. Ross, Jr. nominated Council Member Pat Elliott

Motion made to close the nominations

Motion by: Wallace W. Ross, Jr. 2nd by: Allan Roberts

VOTE: Aye: 5
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

Council votes by secret ballot. Town Clerk Lora Matthews hands out ballots and collects them once votes are written. Town Clerk Lora Matthews reads the ballots aloud: one vote for Tyler Kilgore, one vote for Tyler Kilgore, one vote for Pat Elliott, one vote for Pat Elliott, one vote for Tyler Kilgore. Town Clerk Lora Matthews states there are 3 votes for Tyler Kilgore and 2 votes for Pat Elliott. Mayor Bob Richards states that Tyler Kilgore will now be our Vice-Mayor.

4. Planning Commission Board of Directors Appointment

Motion made to appoint Tyler Kilgore to the Planning commission Board of Directors

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Dexter Harmon

VOTE: Aye: 5
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

5. Council email, laptop computer, FOIA

FOIA – Never have more than 2 members of Council (including the Mayor) discussing any Town business outside of an advertised meeting. If 3 members are together discussing Town business, it becomes a meeting. If just social, it’s OK. Looking to avoid the appearance of impropriety.
EMAIL – Council members and staff have an official Town email address. Use the Town email for all Town business. These emails are stored on the server and are kept according to retention policies. Do not “Reply All” to email, because 3 members having a discussion constitutes a meeting. Do Not use personal email for Town business, or personal email could become subject to FOIA requests.
LAPTOP/TABLET – Use only for Town business. Don’t use for anything inappropriate. Everyone signs a user agreement.

6. The proceedings of the Gate City Town Council shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, as amended – New copies of the revised book handed out.

Motion made that the proceedings of the Gate City Town Council shall be governed by Robert’s Rules of Order, as amended

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Dexter Harmon

VOTE: Aye: 5
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

7. Secondary Check and Bank Signatures

Motion made to nominate H. Pat Elliott to be the secondary check and bank signer for the Town of Gate City

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Dexter Harmon

VOTE: Aye: 5
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

8. Local Government Day: January 19, 2023

Motion made for Mr. Ross to attend the Local Government Day on January 19, 2023

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Pat Elliott

VOTE: Aye: 5
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain: Motion carried

9. Legislative Visit: Richmond, VA: January 30 – February 2, 2023

Motion made that Town Manager Greg Jones, Mayor Bob Richards, Council Member Allan Roberts and Council Member Pat Elliott attend the Legislative Visit in Richmond from January 30 to February 2, 2023

Motion by: Tyler Kilgore 2nd by: Allan Roberts

VOTE: Aye: 5
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain: Motion carried

10. Dog Park Naming – Discussion: Gate City Planning Commission suggested Council members choose the final name for the dog park from the following: Bark ‘N’ Park, Pawsome Pals Dog Park, The Bark Park, The Barking Lot and Doggiewood

Motion made to name the dog park “The Bark Park”

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 5
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain: Motion carried

11. Asset Seizure Fund Transfer: \$941.40: Police Department Firearm Purchase

Motion made to do an Asset Seizure Fund Transfer in the amount of \$941.40 for a Police Department Firearm Purchase

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 5
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain: Motion carried

12. Historic Society Building Rehab: Approval for RFP

Motion made to move forward with the RFP for the Historic Society Building Rehab

Motion by: Allan Roberts 2nd by: Pat Elliott

VOTE: Aye: 5
 Nay:
 Absent:
 Abstain: Motion carried

13. Town of Gate City shirts: Council and Staff – Town Clerk Lora Matthews will be in contact once more information and samples are available

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT – NEW BUSINESS

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Motion made for Council to enter into closed session to discuss 1.) Personnel
2.) Legal
3.)

Motion by: Allan Roberts
2nd by: Tyler Kilgore
VOTE: Aye: 5
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

Mayor Richards opened the closed session at 8:32 PM

XVI. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion made for Council to return from closed session.

Motion by: Allan Roberts
2nd by: Dexter Harmon
VOTE: Aye: 5
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

Council returned from closed session at 9:16 PM

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING – Read by: Town Attorney Michele Brooks

WHEREAS, the Gate City Town Council has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-7312 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Town Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gate City Town Council hereby certifies that to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in closed meeting to which this certification applies and (2) only such business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Gate City Town Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Allan Roberts, Wallace W. Ross, Jr., Tyler Kilgore, Pat Elliott, Dexter Harmon,
Bob Richards

Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: Motion carried

XVII. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION: None

XVIII. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion by: Allan Roberts

2nd by: Tyler Kilgore

VOTE: Aye: 5

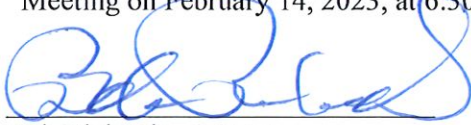
Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

Motion carried

*Mayor Richards adjourned the meeting at 9:17 PM, until the next scheduled Council Meeting on February 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM



Bob Richards – Mayor



Lora Matthews – Town Clerk

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Mayor
Bob Richards
Vice Mayor
Tyler Kilgore
Council Members
Dexter Harmon
Allan "Cotton" Roberts
H. Pat Elliott
Wallace W. Ross Jr.

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

WHEREAS, Gate City Frontier, Inc desires to submit an application for Virginia Main Street Designation; and

WHEREAS, this designation would help continue to revitalize our downtown commercial district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of the Town of Gate City hereby supports this application and has pledged \$70,000 this year to help support Gate City Frontier, Inc financially for the Main Street program.

Adopted this 14th day of February 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Richards", written over a horizontal line.

Bob Richards, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lora Matthews", written over a horizontal line.

Lora Matthews, Clerk