

**GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**



January 19, 2024  
 156 East Jackson St, Gate City, VA 24251  
 4:00 PM

**I. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM BY: Mayor – Jamie Lawson**

**II. ROLL CALL – Deputy Town Clerk – Lisa Loggans**

PRESENT: ABSENT:  
 Mayor, Jamie Lawson  
 Vice Mayor, Tyler Kilgore  
 Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.  
 Council Member, Pat Elliott  
 Council Member, Dexter Harmon  
 Council Member, Michele Rusek  
 Town Manager, Greg Jones  
 Town Attorney, Michele Brooks

Others present:

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- Legal & Personnel Issues

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made for Council to enter into closed session to discuss 1.) Legal; 2.) Personnel Issues  
 Motion by: Pat Elliott  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Wallace W. Ross, Jr.

VOTE: Aye: 4  
 Nay: 0  
 Absent: 1  
 Abstain: 0

Mayor Lawson opened the closed session at 4:01 PM

**V. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Motion made for Council to return from closed session.  
 Motion by: Pat Elliott  
 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Michele Rusek

VOTE: Aye: 4  
 Nay: 0  
 Absent: 1  
 Abstain: 0

**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: Council Members Elliot, Harmon, Rusek, Ross, & Mayor Lawson  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1  
Abstain: 0

**VI. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION: No Motions**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment**

**VIII. ADJOURN**

**Motion made to adjourn.**  
Motion by: Dexter Harmon  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Michele Rusek

**VOTE:** Aye: 4  
Nay: 0  
Absent: 1  
Abstain: 0

\*Mayor Lawson adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM, until the next scheduled Council Meeting on February 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

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Jamie Lawson – Mayor

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Deputy Town Clerk – Lisa Loggans