

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

Gate City Town Council
March 11, 2025
156 East Jackson Street, Gate City, VA
6:30 PM

I. PUBLIC MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:31 PM BY: Mayor Jamie Lawson

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk: Kristie Tipton

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


Others present: Zane Scott; Rebecca Scott; Mike Still, Kingsport Times News; Mark Jenkins; Tucker Begley; Maria Barnett; Anna Barnett; Gabe Edmunds

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

- **Zane Scott:** summarized his public comments at the January and February (2025) Town Council meetings. He does appreciate those who are looking at some things to help the situation. Mr. Scott maintains he is still unclear what the specified risk would be because the meter readers still come onto his property, and that by accepting the town's services it is an implied easement. Mr. Scott stated he would really like to have this resolved so he can quit coming to the Town Council meetings. He would like to have it resolved favorably, but mentioned that if he's paying \$10.00 for a service he's not receiving it becomes a tax rather than a fee.
- **Mark Jenkins:** Has several rental properties. The water and sewer services are in the tenants' names, but he has to sign for them to get trash cans in accordance with the current ordinance. He does not want to sign and be responsible for the cans since he has no control over them. Mark said sometimes when tenants leave, they take things that belong to him, and there is the possibility they make take the town trash can with them.

Mayor Lawson closed the public comment session at 6:41 PM.

*Mayor Lawson closed the Public Hearing and opened the Town Council Meeting.



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Town Clerk, Kristie Tipton