



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

**April 23, 2025**

**156 East Jackson St., Gate City, VA 24251**

**6:30 PM**

**I. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 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: Mike Still, Kingsport Times News; Gabe Edmunds, Scott Co. Virginia Star

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Appoint Mayor Jamie Lawson to the Sanitation Authority**

**Motion made to appoint Jamie Lawson to the Sanitation Authority.**

Motion by: Kevin Barnett

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Pat Elliott

VOTE: Aye: 4

Nay:

Absent: 1

Abstain:

***\*Motion Carried***

**2. Appoint Joey Rusek to the Sanitation Authority**

**Motion made to appoint Joey Rusek to the Sanitation Authority.**

Motion by: Kevin Barnett

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Pat Elliott

VOTE: Aye: 3

Nay:

Absent: 1

Abstain: 1 (Michele Rusek)

***\*Motion Carried***

**3. Gate City Frontier, Inc. July 5<sup>th</sup> event request**

**Motion made to**

Motion by:

2<sup>nd</sup> by:

VOTE:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

***\*Take No Action***

**4. Rescind FY26 Town Budget Public Hearing**

**Motion made to rescind the previously scheduled date of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Motion by: Dexter Harmon

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Michele Rusek

VOTE:

Aye: 4

Nay:

Absent: 1

Abstain:

***\*Motion Carried***

**5. Approve May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025: FY 26 Town Budget Public Hearing**

**Motion made to approve a Public Hearing for FY26 Town Budget for May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Motion by: Pat Elliott

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dexter Harmon

VOTE:

Aye: 4

Nay:

Absent: 1

Abstain:

***\*Motion Carried***

**IV. CLOSED SESSION**

**Motion made for Council to enter into closed session to discuss 1) Legal;  
2) Personnel Issues**

Motion by: Dexter Harmon

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Pat Elliott

VOTE:

Aye: 4

Nay:

Absent: 1

Abstain:

***\*Motion Carried***

Mayor Lawson opened the closed session at **6:32 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:

Absent: 1

Abstain:

***\*Motion Carried***

Council returned from closed session at 7:29 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: Jamie Lawson, Kevin Barnett, Wallace W. Ross, Jr., Pat Elliott, Dexter Harmon, Michele Rusek

Aye: 5

Nay:

Absent: 1

Abstain:

VI. **MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION:** None

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

VIII. **ADJOURN**

**Motion made to adjourn.**

Motion by: Michele Rusek

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Kevin Barnett

VOTE: Aye: 4

Nay:

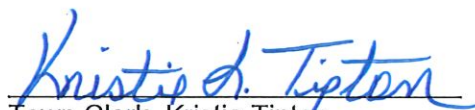
Absent: 1

Abstain:

\*Mayor Lawson adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM, until the next scheduled Council Meeting on May 13, 2025, at 6:30 PM.



Mayor, Jamie Lawson



Town Clerk, Kristie Tipton