TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES - Emergency Called Meeting

Gate City Town Council October 02, 2025 156 East Jackson Street, Gate City, VA 6:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:01 PM I. 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. Χ X Council Member, Pat Elliott XX Council Member, Dexter Harmon Council Member, Allen Dougherty Town Manager, Greg Jones Town Attorney, Michele Brooks

Others present: Mike Still, Kingsport Times News; Gabriel Edmunds, Scott Co. Virginia Star

III. CLOSED SESSION

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

Motion by:

VOTE:

Pat Elliott

Aye: 5

Nay: Absent:

Abstain:

*Motion Carried

2nd by:

Mayor Lawson opened the closed session at 6:02 PM

IV. RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion made for Council to return from closed session.

Motion by:

Dexter Harmon

2nd by:

Pat Elliott

Kevin Barnett

VOTE:

Aye: 5

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

*Motion Carried

Council returned from closed session at 8:56 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:

Jamie Lawson: Aye

Kevin Barnett: Aye Allen Dougherty: Aye Wallace W. Ross, Jr.: Aye

Pat Elliott: Aye Dexter Harmon: Aye

V. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION - None

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn

Motion by:

Pat Elliott

VOTE:

Aye: 5 Nay: Absent:

Abstain:

*Mayor Lawson adjourned the meeting at <u>8:58 PM</u>, until the next scheduled Council Meeting on October 21st, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

Mayor, Jamie Lawson

Town Clerk, Kristie Tipton

2nd by:

Wallace W. Ross, Jr.