



**GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**February 10, 2026**  
**156 East Jackson St., Gate City, VA 24251**  
**6:30 PM**

I. PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32 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, Allen Dougherty	X	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.	X	
Council Member, Pat Elliott	X	
Council Member, Dexter Harmon	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	

**Others present:** Mike Still, Kingsport Times News; Mary A. Gamble Kane; Gabriel Edmunds, Scott Co. Virginia Star; Lenoir McClung; Debby Brickey; Michael Brickey; Carter Brown; Thomas Brown; Paul Osborne; Lanny Price; and Frances Perry

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vacate platted road near Poplar & Sherman Streets

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Mary Gamble Kane** – Stated she had received a certified letter from the Town and didn't understand it completely and wanted to get some more information. She is the fourth-generation owner of this property. Asked what this is and why the road was being moved.

**Town Manager, Greg Jones** – Explained to Ms. Kane that the town isn't looking to move a road; this is to vacate a platted road. And basically, that means that a section that was planned by developers years ago to go through this section, but it was never produced so there's nothing there expect a blank piece of property. We received a request from one of the property owners to go ahead and vacate it so that off the books, as having a platted road. There's not a road there now.

**Mary Gamble Kane** – What do you mean it's not a road? Oh, down behind the...

**Lanny Price** – This stretch never was made into an actual road, you can't drive on it, but to end up dead. This will definitely improve the neighborhood. Shared that he and his neighbor have mowed this stretch for at least 16 years.

**Mary Gamble Kane** – Was that down behind the creek back there?

**Greg Jones** – Yes, ma'am it's right between Poplar Street and Sherman streets (showing her on the map).

**Lanny Price** (property owner) – If you come up Elliott Street, Poplar runs into Elliott. Poplar runs straight through a grassy area between Paul's and my property and it goes back a hundred feet and drops straight off an eighteen (18) foot cliff, straight down a rock cliff. There's no way they could ever get a road through there. The only thing they'd ever do, if anybody went through there, is die.

**Town Attorney, Michele Brooks** – Explained the reason this is being considered and that there is no plan to close Poplar Street. It has never been a road. The land that is being vacated will convert equally to affected landowners, and they will have to bear the cost of deed transferal. There will be no cost to taxpayers.

**Mayor Lawson** – Is there any further questions or discussions as far as public comment regarding the platted road? Closed public comment at 6:41 pm.

V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSSES AT 6:41 PM.



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