TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Ronald Brooks

Mayor Brooks called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Vice-Mayor Winkey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Brooks lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Ronald E. Brooks III
Vice-Mayor Emily Winkey
Councilmember Cynthia Black
Councilmember Stevean Irving II
Councilmember Nicholas Paxton

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Paxton stated he would like the proposed boundary adjustment and the keeping of poultry within the Town limits be added to the agenda.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey to adopt the agenda as amended.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

Bettie Massie, 202 Martinsburg Avenue, Gordonsville, VA

Ms. Massie stated she was having an ongoing issue with rodents coming into her house due to her neighbor keeping chickens on her property and dumping of chicken waste ten feet from her property line.

Tanya Short, 214 Duke Street, Gordonsville, VA

Ms. Short applauded Council on the upcoming vote to discontinue the boundary adjustment process. Ms. Short stated to date the Town residents have footed the bill upwards of $16,000 on the boundary adjustment.

Ms. Short stated verification of a packing slip and serial numbers has been received for the most recent order of water meters in the amount of $82,000.

Ms. Short also spoke on concerns brough to her attention concerning the Town of Gordonsville Public Works Department.

Roy Bujanovsky, 10197 Gordon Avenue, Gordonsville, VA

Mr. Bujanovsky spoke on the proposed boundary adjustment and the increased population if county property was boundary adjusted into the Town.

Barbara Little, P.O. Box 1273, Orange, VA

Mrs. Little asked for clarity on the water and sewer rates.

Jacob Hughes. P.O. Box 32, Gordonsville, VA

Mr. Hughes stated Town Council needs to come to his part of Town and will fight Town if the boundary adjustment is done. Mr. Hughes stated the residents in his area do not want to be a part of the Town of Gordonsville.

Phillip Goodwin, 11525 Grandview Farm Rd. Gordonsville, VA

Mr. Goodwin stated the decision on the proposed boundary adjustment the Town Council will voting on is the right decision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Brooks

The Town of Gordonsville will observe trick-or-treating between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2025.

The Town Council will hold a work session on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The 2025 general election and special election will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

The Gordonsville Veteran's Parade will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 on Main Street, with a brief award ceremony to be held at the GVFC Fire Hall immediately after the parade.

Gordonsville Town Offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 in observance of Veteran's Day.

The November Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2025, starting at 6:30 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA - Mayor Brooks

Consideration of minutes for September 15, 2025 Council regular meeting.
Presentation of bills paid for the month of September 2025.

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Paxton, to approve the Consent agenda as presented.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Interim Police Chief Tyler Williamson briefed Council on the police department activity.

Mr. Anthony Schienschang, Town Manager briefed Council on the treasurer's department activity and also the public works department.

Ms. Anna Pillow, Director of Visitor Center briefed Council on the visitor center visitors, event planning and grant research.

Mr. Ken Varga, Clerk of the Works briefed Council on the status of the pool and stated staff will meeting with VDOT on a solution to the ditch issue.

Mr. Fred Rollins stated the Airport Advisory Committee hopes to have a final draft of the entrance sign for the Gordonsville Municipal Airport soon to present to Council.

Mr. Rollins stated the AWOS was up and running on borrowed equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of proposed boundary adjustment.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to reject the draft boundary line adjustment proposal from RRRC, and retain the option to work with individual property owners or subdivisions who may wish to be adjusted into the Town limits.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Abstained
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was 4-0.	

Consideration of amendment to Town code section 4-23 regarding keeping of poultry.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Irving, to authorize Town staff to schedule a public hearing at the regular Town Council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2025 to amend the Gordonsville Town code section 4-23- Keeping of poultry, fowl and livestock generally.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

Consideration of installation cost of the pool cover for the Gordonsville Community Pool.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration of installation cost of the pool cover for the Gordonsville Community Pool.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Irving, to accept the $4,800.00 estimate provided by Cartow's LLC and set a $6,000.00 cap for the installation of the pool cover for the Gordonsville Community Pool.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

Consideration of contract renewal for landscape services.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration of contract renewal for landscaping services.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Irving, to enter into a renewal contract for one (1) year with Meadow Spring Landscaping and authorize the Town Manager, upon review and approval by the Town Attorney, to enter into a renewal contract with their company for landscaping services for the Town at a cost $2,255.83 per month ($27,070 annually.)

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

Consideration of 2025 PPTRA rate.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration of 2025 PPTRA rate.

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Irving, to approve the 2025 PPTRA rate at 55.95% relief.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

Discussion on future options of water within the Town.

Mayor Brooks presented for discussion on future options of water within the Town.

Councilmember Irving stated he would like Council to look into future options for an alternative water source and water rates for the Town.

Councilmember Irving stated he would like staff to research possible grants for a water availability study to be done.

Mr. Wilkinson stated Council could direct the Town Manager to hire an intern from a local college to help create a plan forward.

Mr. Schienschang, Town Manager stated he will draft a plan to present to Town Council in January, 2026.

Consideration of date and location for Town Christmas party.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration of date and location for Town Christmas party.

Mayor Brooks stated in years past the Christmas party has been held at area rest

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Paxton, in lieu of a Town Christmas party to aware December 26, 2025 and January 2, 2026 an additional paid holiday and give full time employee a $150.00 bonus and part-time employees a $75.00 adjusted bonus.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schienschang, Town Manager gave his October Town Manager report to Council.

NEW MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL

Councilmember Irving stated he has heard from concerned residents on the speeders on Rt. 33 and Rt. 231 and asked if something could be done.

Mr. Schienschang stated he would speak with Chief Williamson and VDOT about the speeders and possibility of lowering the speed.

Mr. Schienschang stated Share the Air has reached out to the Town asking it the Town would be interested in the park being a Vape/Smoke free park. It would only be the park. Mr. Schienschang stated Share the Air will provide the signage for the park.

Mayor Brooks stated feral cats are a big issue in the Town and maybe the Town could put something in place about the feeding of cats.

Councilmember Black stated the trucks with the trash company are going down Weaver Street the wrong way and suggested the One-way signs need to moved.

Mr. Schienschang stated the will reach out the trash company.

CLOSED SESSION

Town Council will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1) discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; (A8) – consultation with Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters related to the dereliction of property within the Town.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, that Town Council convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1) discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and (A8) – consultation with the Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters related to the dereliction of property within the Town.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to certify that only matters lawfully exempted under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1), and (A8) as identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened, were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

NEW MATTERS BY COUNCIL

Vice Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Irving, to authorize the Town Manager to set an hourly pay rate and hire a contract employee with a maximum of 1,000 hours per year.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Aye
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous	

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Brooks adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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Ronald E. Brooks III, Mayor

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Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk