TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Monday, May 18, 2026
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 let the pledge of allegiance.

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

ADOPTION OFF THE AGENDA

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

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

MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no new matters by the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Mayor Brooks

Gordonsville Town Offices will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial. Day.

Gordonsville Town Council will hold a work session on Monday, June 1, 2026, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The June Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026.

Gordonsville Town offices will be closed on Friday, June 10, 2026, in observance of Juneteenth.

CONSENT AGENDA – Mayor Brooks

Consideration of minutes for April 20, 2026, Council regular meeting and May 4, 2026, Council work session.

Presentation of bills paid for the month of April 2026.

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	Absent
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Fred Rollins, Gordonsville Municipal Airport Manger briefed Council on activity at the airport.

Mr. Ken Varga, Clerk of the Works briefed Council on the status of the Gordonsville pool phase 1 and phase 2.

Mr. Varga reported that the adult drinking fountain has been repaired.

Mr. Varga reported that the damaged concrete slab areas have been surveyed and temporary repairs completed. A more extensive removal and replacement plan is forthcoming.

Mr. Varga stated the hand railings are in the process of having the paint removed. Having the paint removed will eliminate an annual Town maintenance problem. Mr. Varga stated stainless steel will not need protection.

Mr. Varga reported that the Market Street trench issue remains unresolved. He stated that Kimley-Horn has not yet provided a corrective plan, which is needed before Faulconer Construction can prepare a cost estimate. Discussions with VDOT have not produced agreement on a simple fix, as VDOT is also waiting to review Kimley-Horn's plan. Mr. Varga added that Morgan-Keller cannot be released from its DEQ permit until the repair is priced and responsibility is transferred to Faulconer under its bond and permit. He noted that this cannot occur until Faulconer receives a contract change order.

Mr. Varga stated sidewalks have been poured along Allen Street, Piedmont Street and at the corner of King and Allen Streets.

Mr. Varga stated the main activity has been concentrated at the Allen and Linney street retention pond and the concrete receptor system.

Mr. Varga reported that Faulconer Construction is delayed pending the redesign of the Allen Street and Linney Street drain, water main, and fire hydrant intersection. He also noted that Kimley-Horn has not yet provided solutions for the congested concrete structure area. As a result, the project timeline could be affected if the Town must have concrete manholes remanufactured for that corner.

Mr. Varga further stated Faulconer Construction has laid out and installed the subsurface for the grass parking area on King Street and is prepping Market Street and Piedmont Street parking area and trail bases are being installed along Piedmont Street.

Mr. Andrew Valdez, Manager of Parks and Recreation briefed Council on the activity at the pool. Opening day for the 2026 swimming season will be Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Ms. Anna Pillow, Director of Economic and Community Development, stated the Town has received its first grant in the amount of $3,240.00 that requires a match.

Ms. Pillow updated Council the sponsorship package with the radio station and they have requested they be the only one to advertise for Town events. In kind advertisement in the amount of $5,000.00.

Ms. Pillow stated work continues for the Summer of Steam June 22, 2026, stop of the Norfolk & Western Class J No. 611 Steam Engine here in Gordonsville.

Chief Christopher Votaw updated Council on activity of his department stating over the past 30 days calls for service have shown an increase of 60%.

Chief Votaw stated new body cams have been received and will be in use by the officers by June 1st.

Chief Votaw stated he had attended a weeklong new chief's training session in Richmond.

Chief Votaw also stated the Orange County Sheriff's Department have donated a drone to the Town and will be training two of his officers to fly the drone.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget and Appropriation Schedule and Resolution.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget and Appropriation Schedule and Resolution.

Vice-Mayor Winkey stated she had concerns on the sidewalk budget amounts and sees nothing in the budget for streets. Vice-Mayor Winkey, there are a lot of potholes needing to be repaired.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Black, to adopt the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget, as presented.

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

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Black, to adopt appropriation resolution making an annual appropriation of the funds contained in the approved fiscal year 2026-2027 budget.

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

Consideration of Appointments to Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration the appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning Commission.

Vice-Mayor Winkey stated she has two people who may be interested in filling the vacancies and will provide their information for consideration at the June Council meeting.

Discussion on review of the Town of Gordonsville Town Code and Town of Gordonsville Land Development Ordinance.

Mayor Brooks presented for discussion on review of the Town of Gordonsville Town Code and Town of Gordonsville Land Development Ordinance.

Mr. Schienschang, Town Manager stated he had nothing new at this time but will have information to Council for discussion at the June meeting of the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance of the Gordonsville Town code effective January 1, 2026.

Mayor Brooks presented for consideration the proposed tax levy ordinance of the Gordonsville Town code effective January 1, 2026.

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Black, to adopt the proposed Tax Levies Ordinance establishing the tax rates effective January 1, 2026, as presented.

Roll call vote:	Councilmember Black	Aye
	Councilmember Irving	Absent
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye

	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

Presentation of service award to Tim Ferguson.

Mayor Brooks presented the presentation of service award to Tim Ferguson.

Mayor Brooks stated he would like to carry this item over to the June Council meeting so Mr. Ferguson would be able to attend.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schienschang, Town Manger briefed Council on Town manager report.

Mr. Schienschang stated he is considering a water restriction due to the drought.

Councilmember Black asked if any update was available on the Weaver house that the BAR had asked Council to check into.

Mr. Schienschang stated he would post the property Tuesday.

Councilmember Black noted that the trash company was driving the wrong way on Weaver Street and asked whether anything could be done to address the issue.

Mr. Schienschang stated he would speak with the trash company and asked Chief Votaw to have his officers increased patrol on Tuesdays when the Town trash is collected.

NEW MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL

Vice-Mayor Winkey stated Colonial Florist in Gordonsville will be celebrating 50 years of business in Gordonsville and asked if something could be done to recognize this business.

Mr. Schienschang stated he will have something ready to be presented at the June Council meeting**.**

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, that the Town Council convene into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1) – discussion, consideration of specific officers or employees of a public body and (A7) consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

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

Councilmember Paxton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Black, to certify that only matters lawfully exempted under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A1) and (A7) 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	Absent
	Councilmember Paxton	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Brooks	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

NEW MATTERS BY COUNCIL

There were no new matters by Council.

ADJOURNAMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Brooks adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

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Ronald E. Brooks III, Mayor

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Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk