



## **TOWN OF GORDONSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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**Monday, July 18, 2022**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Robert Coiner

Mayor Coiner called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Coiner led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Robert K. Coiner  
Vice-Mayor Emily Winkey  
Councilmember James L. Bradley  
Councilmember Ronald Brooks III *\*participated by Zoom*  
Councilmember Elizabeth Samra *\*participated by Zoom*

*\*Councilmember Brooks participated from 25222 La Waves Drive, Waves, NC*

*\*Councilmember Samra participated from her residence, 304 N. Main Street, Gordonsville, VA.*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Coiner stated he wanted to add under new business consideration of a date for Verling Park public forum and Dix Memorial pool lifeguards.

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous.

**MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no matters by the public.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Coiner made the following announcements.

The August Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Consideration of minutes for June 27, 2022 Town Council meeting.  
Presentation of bills paid for the month of June, 2022.*

Vice-Mayor Winkey made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Bradley, to approve the Consent agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **Finance – Town Treasurer**

*Presentation of the Treasurer’s Office activity report for June, 2022.*

The Town Treasurer was not present.

### **Police – Police Chief**

*Presentation of the Police Department activity report for June, 2022.*

The Police Chief was not present.

### **Streets – Director of Public Works**

*Presentation of the Public Works Department activity report for June, 2022.*

The Director of Public Works was not present.

### **Visitor Center – Visitor Center Director**

*Presentation of the Visitor Center activity report for June, 2022.*

The Visitor Center Director presented his report.

Mr. Solomon stated he continues to see strong visitor traffic in Town. Mr. Solomon briefed Council on the Lafayette Trail that marks General Lafayette’s footsteps during his farewell tour of the United States in 1824-1825. Mr. Solomon stated this is an initiative that is going on at Montpelier and thought this may be something we, as a Town, need to explore. Mr. Solomon will obtain additional information from the Lafayette Trail organization and will ask that is be placed on the August Town Council agenda for consideration.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Consideration of Recommendation of Gordonsville Representative on the Orange County Economic Development Authority.*

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of recommendation of Gordonsville representative on the Orange County Economic Development Authority.

Mayor Coiner stated at this time, two individuals have expressed interest in serving the Gordonsville community in this regard: Councilmember Ron Brooks and Gordonsville business owner Sunnie Capelle.

Mayor Coiner stated staff has confirmed that a member of the Town's governing body may also serve on an Economic Development Authority—it appears the Virginia Code permits this and staff has asked the Town Attorney to review the pertinent statute and provide her opinion.

Councilmember Brooks stated he had the opportunity to speak with Ms. Capelle concerning the vacancy. Councilmember Brooks further stated with Ms. Capelle co-owning a business in the Town she will do a great job representing the Town on the Orange County Economic Development Authority and supports her appointment.

Councilmember Brooks withdrew his name for consideration as the Town representative on the Orange County Economic Development Authority,

Mayor Coiner made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to recommend to the Orange County Board of Supervisors the appointment of Sonja Capelle, co-owner of 502 North Main Street, Gordonsville, VA, as Gordonsville's representative on the Orange County Economic Development Authority. The vote was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Consideration of a date for Verling Park public forum.*

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration of a date for the Verling Park public forum.

Mrs. Kendall, Town Manager, briefed Council on the proposed date for a community public forum so the residents can have input on the Verling Park design. Mrs. Kendall stated LPDA will be sending out the revised draft Verling Park concept for Council to review in late July. Mrs. Kendall stated Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at Verling Park is a date that works for LPDA.

Council briefly discussed.

Mayor Coiner made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to set Thursday, August 4, 2022 as the first public forum for public input at Verling Park starting at 6:30 pm. The vote was unanimous.

*Consideration of Dix Memorial Pool lifeguards.*

Mayor Coiner presented for consideration Dix Memorial Pool lifeguards.

Mrs. Kendall briefed Council on the current status of lifeguards at the pool, noting there are several days when only one guard is available to work. Mrs. Kendall stated she had reached out to Country Town Pool and they have no additional lifeguards available to help at our pool. Mrs. Kendall stated she is asking for any volunteers from Council to help out at the pool during dates of July 24, 28 and 29. Mayor Coiner stated he will be at the pool all three of those days. Vice-Mayor Winkey stated she will be available on July 29<sup>th</sup> to help at the pool. Mrs. Kendall stated she has a great group of lifeguards and they have expressed their desire to come back next year and work at the pool.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Town Manager presented her report.

Mrs. Kendall stated as Council is aware no bids were received on the parking lot project in June. Thrasher reached out to those companies who had asked for plan sets and they stated it was a timing issue for the reason no bid was submitted.

Mrs. Kendall stated she is not comfortable with the parking lot project starting in August or September and may want to wait till the Spring of 2023.

Ms. Kendall stated Buckingham Brach Railroad will start repair work the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> on the railroad abutments, but no painting will be done at this time. Mrs. Kendall stated only one sidewalk will be closed at a time. The project will take approximately two weeks with one side at a time being repaired with no impact to vehicle traffic is expected.

Councilmember Samra asked if something could be done with pigeons nesting under the trussel.

Mrs. Kendall stated she will reach out to Buckingham Branch.

Mrs. Kendall stated the Gordonsville Airport runway rehabilitation project will start on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Vice-Mayor Winkey asked if a new tenant has been secured for the vacancy at the Gordonsville Business Center.

Mrs. Kendall stated she had shown the space to Fiber Lync but they stated it did not meet their needs at this time.

**NEW MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC AND COUNCIL**

There were no new matters by the Public and Council.

Mayor Coiner thanked those in attendance at the Council meeting this evening.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Town Council will convene in Closed Session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A3) – discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition of real property for a public purpose; and (A8) – consultation with the Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters related to the dereliction of property within the Town.*

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, that the Town Council convene into closed session pursuant to Code of Virginia Section 2.2-3711 paragraph (A3) – discussion or consideration of the acquisition and disposition of real property for a public purpose; and (A8) – consultation with the Town Attorney regarding specific legal matters related to the dereliction of property with the Town.

<b>Roll call vote:</b>	Councilmember Brooks	Aye
	Councilmember Samra	Aye
	Councilmember Bradley	Aye
	Vice-Mayor Winkey	Aye
	Mayor Coiner	Aye
	The vote was unanimous.	

Councilmember Brooks made a motion, seconded by Vice-Mayor Winkey, to certify that only matters lawfully exempted under Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 paragraphs (A3) 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 Samra Aye  
Councilmember Bradley Aye  
Councilmember Brooks Aye  
Vice-Mayor Winkey Aye  
Mayor Coiner Aye  
The vote was unanimous.

**NEW MATTERS BY COUNCIL**

There were no new matters by Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Coiner adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Robert K. Coiner, Mayor

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Janet W. Jones, Town Clerk