



## **GATE CITY TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**November 10, 2020**

**190 Beech St., Gate City, VA 24251**

**6:30 PM**

**I. PUBLIC HEARING MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:39 P.M. BY: Mayor – Bob Richards**

**II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk – Lydia Morales**

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Mayor, Bob Richards	X	
Vice Mayor, Robin Richards	X	
Council Member, Allan “Cotton” Roberts	X	
Council Member, Roger Cassell	X	
Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr.		X
Council Member, Tyler Kilgore	X	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	X	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	X	

Others present: Jason Snapp, Mattern & Craig; Edward Spivey; Jason Spivey; Justin Miller, Chief of Police; Frances Perry; Susan and Chris Henderson, Quillin Hardware; Pastor Andrew Barnes, First Baptist Church of Gate City

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that this is essentially a renewal of the Continuity of Government that has expired. Town Attorney Brooks stated that due to the continuation of the state of emergency and the increase in COVID-19 cases in the area, she considers it to be important to have this in place in case meetings need to be held electronically and would allow us that freedom under the emergency act. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that it is virtually identical to the previous version that was passed. Town Manager Greg Jones asked when will this expire? Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated it can be amended as council sees fit, but she recommends that it be extended until March 01, 2021 at least. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that the Continuity of Government will end automatically when the state of emergency is ended by the Governor.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSSES AT 6:41 P.M**

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Bob Richards – Mayor

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Town Clerk – Lydia Morales