



## ***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 6:41 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**

- **ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION POLICY**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that this would allow us to go beyond the Continuity of Government and would allow members of the Town Council to meet virtually. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that this mirrors the statute under FOIA. Vice-Mayor Robin Richards asked if the council met virtually, would it be streamed to the public in some form? Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that this is mainly for the scenario where one individual has a reason that they cannot attend a meeting in person, but can participate virtually. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that the FOIA statute has been updated to require that everyone can participate and this must be in effect. Town Attorney Michele Brooks stated that this would be beyond COVID and would not have an expiration.

**V. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSES AT 6:44 P.M.**

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Bob Richards – Mayor

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Town Clerk – Lydia Morales