

**MINUTES-TOWN OF POUND, VA  
May 20, 2025 @ 6:30 P.M.  
8422 North River Road, Pound, Virginia 24279**

**REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL**

**Mayor Cauthorne opened the regular session meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Pastor Jason Mullins opened in prayer.**

**Mayor Cauthorne introduces the girls Central High School Basketball team and presents them and Coach Dotson with a plaque for their consecutive wins.**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Cauthorne - here**

**Hall - here**

**Kennedy - here**

**Mullins - here**

**Powers - here**

**The First Public Hearing of the Proposed Acquisition of Real Estate Property**

**We will move on to public hearings, per Mayor Cauthorne. The first being in regards to the proposed acquisition in which he has our attorney Mr. Kevin Doton explain and then have people come forward. Mr. Dotson explains this is for the proposed acquisition for the real estate that is budding the bank building here in town on main street. There was a notice in the paper with tax ID number and everything in which you can ask our town manager for a copy if needed. Mr. Dotson asks Councilwoman Kennedy if she has any other ways to describe the building. Councilwoman Kennedy states that it is the property adjacent to the former People Bank of Pound. It is classified as the old His & Her clothing store and is the Her's portion of the store.**

**No one comes forward.**

## **The Second Public Hearing is the Budget for the town fiscal year 2025-2026**

**Mr. Kevin Dotson explains, every year we do budget and tax rates and there has to be a public hearing held basically the month prior effectively from the actual adoption of the rates. The rates will be adopted and the budget will be adopted next month but this is your opportunity to come forward and be heard by the council regarding your thoughts of objections. A copy of the proposed budget is in the office and the office manager can get that for you if needed.**

**Stacey Carson states she no longer lives in Pound but now lives in Glade Springs. She states she's the former Mayor of Pound. She states the general guidelines in Va show up to 60 officers per every 100,000 citizens which means 1 officer per every 1,667 citizens you would have 1 police officer. Ms. Carson states that of 2023 Pound only had 839 citizens and at a declining rate of 0.96% in population. So, she states, it is dwindling. She states there is also other wasteful spending, and the town manager is aware of the previous recording equipment. She states that equipment was some of the best, and her son had shown several times that he didn't think recording equipment is needed, and you spend \$500.00 or less on it. She states she was told by citizens and can attest to this that the first week in January is always when the lights were supposed to come down, so there wouldn't be extra expense, and that there is paperwork when you are going to take those down. And she states she knows for a fact that those didn't come down until the end of January and that cost a substantial amount of money. Ms. Carson states town hall is being left open on a daily basis for no reason and you're paying an employee just to babysit the building. She finds that as a terrible waste of money. She asks if two treasurers are going to be paid at the same time while one going to be an exchange student and what kind of training is being done by the taxpayers, paying for training of positions in town hall and why are grant funds being mixed into the general funds as the way it is looking overall in the budget.**

**The third Public Hearing regarding Taxes, Rates, and Fees for the Town of Pound fiscal year 2025-2026**

**The mayor asks if anyone would like to come up and address the council now.**

**Councilman Cauthorne states this is the point of clarification that's unchanged, right? Mr. Dotson says that is the current proposal.**

**Mayor Cauthorne says that we will go on to our Agenda and that we've already had a roll call, prayer and pledge. He states we will now move on to the consent calendar.**

**He asks if there's any discussion on the consent calendar.**

**Councilwoman Kennedy makes a motion to approve.**

**Councilwoman Mullins seconds.**

**Councilman Cauthorne asks if we get a chance as a council to discuss the budget.**

**Mr. Dotson urges it to be discussed at this meeting.**

**Mayor Cauthorne asks if there's any more discussion on the adoption of this consent calendar.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Yes**

**Hall - Yes**

**Kennedy -Yes**

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - Yes**

**Mayor Cauthorne states the consent calendar passed.**

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

**Conner Gent: Outside the corporation limits. He speaks of his essay and the recording equipment. He asks why we would want to get rid of live recordings and he believes that would be better than posting a recording later.**

**Angela Barnette: 11529 Meade Fork Rd Pound va, outside corp.**

**She states she doesn't think that Pound needs to acquire the property adjacent to the bank building and that Pound doesn't need anything else, due to not being able to take care of what the town owns at this point.**

**Stacey Carson: Glade Spring Va, out of the corp. States she'd like to reiterate what all she said about the budget and the concerns she has. She states the age average is around 47 of the people that's moving into the town, and that no younger generation is moving into the town. She also states that there are a lot of senior**

citizens that live in Pound and to raise taxes or any kind of funds, when so many are limited in funds, is just unbelievable. Ms. Carson states there are a lot of widows in the town, so she strongly recommends that when looking at this budget all citizens should be considered.

## **REPORTS**

### **POLICE REPORT**

Chief Wilcox states we have a new officer, Nathan Burton. Visits at the shops are continuing. VDOT has been contacted in reference for a parking plan. He contacted the Commonwealth's Attorney about the Skills Games being in legal limbo. Councilman Powers asks Chief Wilcox what they are doing about the skill game places. Chief Wilcox states, right now, nothing because we are waiting on the general assembly to take some action and some things will be changing July 1, he's not sure exactly what. It's already passed, it's just a matter of interpretation and figuring out what's in there. Chief Wilcox also mentions that the Coalfield Progress came out today. There is a picture of three men on the front page and the one in the middle was arrested by the Pound police department. It's been a while back and as a result of that arrest, what you read in that article is what happened. These people went to jail for distributing massive amounts of fentanyl all over SWVA. So even though we don't always come up here, there's a reason we don't come up and mouth things. A Lot of things are going on behind the scenes that we can't report.

Councilman Cauthorne states that he appreciates Chief Wilcox and what he said but he also states he talked with Delegate Moorefield and he says the skill games are illegal. Chief Wilcox states they were illegal and then modified it to approve.

Chief Wilcox then states he was told that if we undertook any kind of undercover investigation into these places, if it ever gets to that point, if we ever went in and ceased equipment, which we would have to do, the town would be financially responsible to pay financial auditors to look into the machines and see what's happened or if any crimes has occurred.

Councilman Hall wants to know who put the Skill Games in and asks Chief Wilcox who put it in and he says he doesn't know. Councilman Hall then asks Councilwoman Kennedy who bought the permit through the town. Councilwoman Kennedy says she doesn't know that she doesn't handle the business license.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Cauthorne asks if there's anyone at the meeting for the Fire Dept. Councilwoman Kennedy states they were invited.

## **EDA**

Councilwoman Mullins states that at the moment we are spending about more than we've got. We have about \$2,000 some odd dollars in that account now. We have someone that may want to stay a few nights a month in it but we have to do some things before that can happen. That would also be a little bit of income.

Councilman Powers asks what the problem is with it as far as anyone getting in there to stay. Councilwoman Mullins states, it needs a hot water heater and is going to need some extermination before anyone can stay there.

## **TOWN MANAGER**

Mrs. Carter states she was able to talk to VDOT about the secondary roads. The Pound bottom, Riverside Circle is state maintained. Those are state secondary roads. The other roads are not. She states she is still trying to find out, they could become state maintained roads but the property owners would have to file through the county and file with VDOT for assistance. The county would have to agree to take those roads on.

Councilman Hall asks how much right away would VDOT want in order to maintain them. The people who live on each street would have to file a petition.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DEQ/APPALACHIAN VOICES/BAD BUILDINGS**

Councilwoman Kennedy states that DEQ and BAD buildings did give their final report on May 7th. We uploaded a flier to the facebook page with a QR code if anyone wants to see the full report.

## **AUDITS**

**Mrs. Carter states that David Cox was here on the 15th, he gave us a list of things on a jump drive to get started on the pre audit, we are working on getting that on an electronic file for him.**

**Councilwoman Kenndy states he will get us a contract and it would be \$8500.00 each fiscal year. Councilwoman Kennedy makes a motion to approve for Brittany to sign a contract to go ahead with the pre- audits so that we can get in line with Robinson Cox and Farmer in regards to the audit. Councilwoman Mullins seconds motion.**

**Councilman Cauthorne asks if the grant money pays for audit and not the pre audit? The grant that would pay got denied, so that's on us, states Councilwoman Kennedy but states that there is \$50,000 set aside for audits. Councilman Cauthorne asks what year the pre audits are. Councilwoman Kennedy states, it's for 22-23 and 23-24 at \$8500.00 each. That doesn't mean we can't look for other grants to help pay for the cost of the audits. It's been a task just trying to get ready for the audits, get the budget done, handling day to day phone calls.**

**Councilman Cauthorne then asks if the auditor will come do the pre audit and the audit and give a presentation? Councilwoman Kennedy states it will most likely be a video conference, most of their audits are online so they don't have to travel here, which saves us in the long run. When Rodifer and Moss were contacted, she believes it was going to be \$25,000 just for their portion of the audit.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Yes**

**Hall - Yes**

**Kennedy - Yes**

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - Yes**

#### **TOWN WEBSITE**

**Mrs. Carter states that she had placed in the packet last month a quote if the council wanted to update the website. She states it was a costly quote with a \$5000 investment with a monthly maintenance fee of \$75 and he would take care of all the updates on the website and would allow us to have things like bill pay, and a website more like what some of our neighboring towns have. So, she wanted to see if that was something the council wanted to move forward with or decline. Councilman Cauthorne states the current website has current information on it.**

## **LIVE BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS**

**Mrs. Carter states the YouTube channel is set up. Mayor Cauthorne asks what the YouTube channel is called? Mrs. Carter states, Town of Pound.**

## **ADMIN COMPUTERS**

**Mrs. Carter states this is another one of her items. She states it was also in last month's packet, and since everyone has had a little more time to look it over, she wanted to see what the council wanted to do about the admin computers. She states it would be for 4 stations, and it was roughly \$5100. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to purchase the computers; Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne asks if this is a bare bones vs updated issue like the website, or is it something that is actually needed. Mrs. Carter states this is something that is pretty necessary. She states there is only one computer that actually works decently, and it makes getting work done more complicated.**

**Councilman Kennedy states it takes forever to load and this is extremely necessary for the office.**

## **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Abstain**

**Hall - No**

**Kennedy - Yes**

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - Yes**

## **GRANT UPDATES**

**Councilwoman Kennedy states we have been approved for a grant but it can't be announced just yet until after the 22nd. Everything else is in a holding pattern. We are still waiting on FEMA. We do have a call set up with them Friday to talk to FEMA about the design and we will have GSI, the engineering construction company for the state and they will be on the line with us to answer some of FEMA's questions. The monuments grant is in holding. We are looking at other grants to apply for.**

## **HERITAGE DAYS**

**Mrs. Carter states that Thursday is Pickin the Pound, Friday is kids day, Saturday is live music and vendors.**

#### **LIMITED ACCESS**

**Councilwoman Kennedy states this was tabled last month in regards to Mack Mullins property to approve the resolution to take to the county so that he can get a driveway put in. I'll make that motion again so that Mack can get a driveway.**

**Councilman Powers wants to know how that involves the town? He seconds it so that it can be further discussed. Some years back, states Councilwoman Kennedy, a part of the comprehensive plan now and has been for some time was to remove limited access on the 4lane. The way it stands now, is no new inlet can be made to the 4 lane because of that limited access. So, in order for him to get to his property, he has to go down water plant rd. Mack wants to open the limited access. Councilwoman Kennedy says it needs to be done anyway because it opens up opportunities for the town. It will also allow for him to put his driveway in. This is at no cost to the town and it is just a resolution saying we are for removing limited access. Councilman Cauthorne asks if he lives in town, Councilwoman states he lives on the 4 lane outside of town. Councilman Cauthorne asks if the place where it would be granted access, would that be in town limits. Councilwoman Kennedy says, it is not, but we are the ones requesting limited access way back when because business owners didn't want businesses going out on the 4 lane. Councilman Cauthorne states that if businesses were outside town, then none would be inside town. Councilwoman Kennedy states we could do a boundary adjustment up US23 so that we could take in some of the properties on the side. Some property owners have said they would sell their land. Councilman Cauthorne says since it's out of the town limits, he doesn't see where we would have any jurisdiction. Councilwoman Kennedy states that the county already told Mack we have to approve before they will even look at it. Councilman Cauthorne states he didn't realize something out of town would be affected by their vote.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Yes**

**Hall - Yes**

**Kennedy - Yes**

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - Yes**



#### **POCKET PARK/SLIDE UPDATE**

**Councilwoman Kennedy states we are in a holding pattern. We have submitted a letter of intent to the Dept of Energy for two possible AMELR grants. One of which addresses the remaining portion of what is needed for the pocket park and another location of what we call project air strip in regards to a housing opportunity. Councilman Cauthorne wants to know why we want to acquire that property; the building next to pocket park. Councilwoman Kennedy states the way it stands now, the remaining wall to the bank, per the structural engineer, has to be removed and reconstructed and will cost \$50,000–\$75,000 to take it down and reconstruct it because it's not an external wall. The structural engineer did say that he could not guarantee the integrity of the wall based on the continued deterioration of the adjacent property. However at this point we do have two possible buyers for the remaining portion of that building. The only thing we would be taking is what was originally classified as the alleyway, which is about 10-12 feet. The piece that has the metal roof on it, is a fire hazard. So that would eliminate that and take it back to an external wall and the monument can go up to that wall and we save \$50,000 to \$75,000 building a new wall. We will have roughly \$5,000 in the alleyway section and the remaining portion will be sold and it will cost us \$15,000 to finish the demolition that will be covered by grant funds.**

#### **CAMPSITE UPDATE**

**Councilman Hall states he is not in favor of the campsite, states we can do the same things at old PHS property. Councilwoman Kennedy states that we still own it and Councilman Hall says to sell it. Councilman Hall says we can't have that liability. Councilman Cauthorne states he and Councilman Powers walked the trail. Councilman Cauthorne says a few of the land owners they spoke to, do not want anyone to cross over onto their land. Councilman Cauthorne suggests and makes a motion to put an impenetrable barrier at the access point of the right away on the lower side of the campsite. Councilman Cauthorne believes that will take care of at least the first issue of people going through these other people's property. Councilman Powers seconds. Debbi Hale is asked by Councilwoman Kennedy to come up to speak on the campsite issue.**

**Debbi Hale states she came before this council in 2010. She then talked about what would be beneficial to the town and she states she had full support of the council at**

that time. The resolution passed that would support any outdoor recreation that the council felt would be good. At that point she states she started working on this project, wanting to help the community where she grew up, her family grew up in, and states she still has a love for this area. She states Wise Co has also supported this trail. Debbi states that there's no way you can put a barrier where mentioned above due to the National Forest being the next section attached to the town property. The town has no authority to block people going into the National Forest. Councilman Cauthorne asks the town attorney what to do about the motion on the barrier. Mr. Kevin Dotson states that you can't restrict access to the National Forest as private property owners but he will check into it. Mr. Dotson asks Councilman Cauthorne if during their hike, when he talked to any of the property owners, if he got the sense that any would compromise and not involve \$300,000 for fencing. Kevin states the best way to approach this is to try to see if there's any other than a \$300,000 fence that would appease property owners that would allow the town to continue to use this trail and campsite. Kevin states he wanted to ask and check with Councilman Cauthorne due to him giving the sense that he had spoken with some land owners and found a potential way to compromise, outside of barreling through and risking litigation or paying for \$300,000 fencing. Councilman Cauthorne states he understood that if campers were restricted from going further than the campsite that the property owners would be happy. Councilman Powers asks if a sign can be placed. Councilwoman Kennedy states there was a DEQ complaint that was investigated and was found to not be wrong. She states if the things in those complaints are happening it is not happening from the town's side. Councilman Cauthorne states the best way to prevent the use of the trail is to let it fall into disrepair. Mayor Cauthorne states they are trying to appease the land owners. Mrs. Carter states the motion on the table is to place an impenetrable barrier on the trail; Powers second. Councilwoman Kennedy makes a substitute motion to continue with the campsite; Mullins second. Robert Williams is then asked to come speak by the Mayor. He states the deed of dedication was done behind everyone's backs. He states it is her dream and not the Town's. He then describes how the pieces of land go together, and the problems he has on his land. Mr. Williams then details how the fence needs to be done and goes over cost; as well as what he feels would work best. Councilman Cauthorne states he would like the attorney to look into placing a barrier. Mr. Dotson states he can look into that, but it is complex and can take some time. Mr. Gerald Bentley states he has some information, and ideas that he would like to pass on to council at the next meeting. Councilwoman Kennedy states she is

willing to withdraw her substitute motion if there is a motion to table this until next month. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to table till next month; Councilman Powers seconds.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Yes**

**Hall - Yes**

**Kennedy - Yes**

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - Yes**

#### **BRIDGE FLAG**

Councilman Cauthorne states that the flag went missing in a few days. He wasn't sure if someone stole it or it was taken down at night due to not having proper lighting. Councilwoman Kennedy states that the flag is handled through the VFW. She states she found out that the flag was damaged in a storm and that she had spoken to Ezra Powers and he has one on order.

Councilwoman Kennedy asks for a short recess.

Mayor Cauthorne states he would like that too and to be back in 5 minutes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **BUDGET - TAX RATES - REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Mrs. Carter states that you'll see in your packet that we had a budget workshop and we talked about a couple different options for the budget. You'll see a line there with a .02 cent tax reduction and that's what our budget would look like with that. And there's also a line for a .01 cent tax reduction with an increase in cigarette tax, both of these are cutting back on some hours at town hall to try to accommodate everyone. Not necessarily closing, just cutting back on hours. Councilman Cauthorne asks Mrs. Carter how much it would save the town to shut down a day or for two days. Everyone is part time, so we try to watch our hours. Councilman Hall states it would save on power bill and Mrs. Carter states that people complain when we aren't here and feel like someone should be here 5 days a week. Mrs. Carter states that by

cutting back hours, we are saving roughly \$7000.00. Councilwoman Kennedy states we didn't equate these figures to hours. She also states that she, Brittany and Abby have been working on the budget for 3 days now to try to save. By cutting Clerk, Bookkeeper, Cashier hours. We also tried to cut back on the police department as well. Councilman Cauthorne wants to know why the town hall has to be open when it's not tax season. Mrs. Carter states we are usually always busy doing something, and if someone is caught up and can leave they try to do that to cut back on paid hours.

#### **PROPERTY ACQUISITION**

Councilwoman Kennedy makes a motion to purchase Jaquetta and Derrick Ratliff property that's adjacent to the former Peoples Bank of Pound at 43,500.00. Councilman Powers seconds.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

#### **BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT**

Councilman Cauthorne states, we have a public hearing on that next month. Councilwoman Kennedy states that we need to get ahold of the surveyor. Kevin, the attorney states in the boundary adjustment we need to have an agreement and public hearing. Before we can do that, he wants to make sure that he knows what the exact boundary is, to be able to go before the circuit court.

Councilman Cauthorne makes a motion to move the hearing to July.

Councilwoman Mullins seconds.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - Yes**

### **SKILL GAMES**

Kevin Dotson states that he was given some information by Councilman Cauthorne from Delegate Moorefield and reviewed those. He states that the main reason they are an issue is that there was a case that was recently lost because the machine was made differently and used store credit. This goes around the state code, and therefore makes it compliant. He states that as far as legality it would depend on whether or not money is put directly into the machine or if they went to the store clerk to get credit. Councilman Cauthorne asks if the Chief of Police could check the machines to see if they are legal. Mr. Dotson states it would probably be best to record the make or model of the machine. He states it might be good to check with other localities to see what they are doing, and that it seems the Chief has already talked to the Commonwealth's Attorney. He states it is similar to the sale of marijuana in that resources are still being looked into. He states that because it would be a felony charge for illegal skills games it would have to be indicted by the Commonwealth Attorney. Councilwoman Kennedy asks what if the Commonwealth's Attorney is not willing to do that yet. Mr. Dotson states if that is the case then he wasn't sure how effective anything on the local level would be. He states there are specific machines that are legal to operate in the state at least until there is new legislation. Councilman Cauthorne states that if it is just a skill games establishment it is most likely not store credit, and would be illegal. Mr. Dotson states that some investigation from the police would be best to determine that. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to add to the list of suspected pot shops any suspected skill games shops to be investigated by the Chief of Police. Mr. Dotson states to be cautious with the 4th amendment rights, but that the Chief would be aware of proper search procedures. Councilman Cauthorne's motion is to add suspected skill games to the list of suspected pot shops to the Chief's bi-weekly checks; Hall seconds. Councilwoman Kennedy makes a substitute motion to table this until next month until more information can be gathered by the Town Attorney and so the Police Chief can confer more with the Commonwealth Attorney; Powers seconds.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - No**

**Hall - No**

**Kennedy - Yes**

**Mullins - Yes**

**Powers - No**

**Does not pass**

**Mayor Cauthorne asks if there is any more discussion on the original motion, hearing none we move to a roll call vote. The motion on the table is to add suspected skills games to the Chief of Police's bi-weekly schedule.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Yes**

**Hall - Yes**

**Kennedy - No**

**Mullins - No**

**Powers - Yes**

#### **BUSINESS LICENSES/FEE**

**Councilman Cauthorne states someone came to him and was asking about the legality of how we do business licenses and business taxes in Pound and maybe we could look into that. Mr. Dotson asks Councilman Cauthorne how did they mean for us to do that? Councilman Cauthorne states, I don't know, they just wanted to know how we collect. Maybe we could just match it with the code of Virginia. Kevin Dotson states that basically taxes are based on how much business you do. Depending on what kind of business you're in, some are exempt, some are not. Our ordinance is pretty standard and is basically taken from the code of Virginia. Councilman Cauthorne asks, so everything is in compliance and state code? Kevin states, yes.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councilwoman Kennedy states that in the packet there is a deed of easement that was sent by Wise Co PSA. This is an easement to the property adjacent to the Killen building for the sewer project. Councilman Cauthorne states that the pastor from Independent Baptist Church had some concerns about the sewer. Cauthorne states we need to wait on this a month in order to speak to the pastor and deacons of the church. Councilman Powers states that, according to Scott, he came by while Powers was helping work on the deck, Scott mentioned 4 names (trustees) of the church but there was only one present and Councilman Powers wasn't sure if he**

signed so he's unsure if that was agreed on or not between them. Councilman Cauthorne wants to run it by the church before the council agrees on this matter. Councilman Powers states he doesn't know why the church would object. Councilman Cauthorne states that the objection they had was if there's a pipe there, they could not do work inside of the church because it's real tight in the work space and you couldn't even use a ladder. Councilwoman Kennedy states that the pipe would be under the ground. Councilman Cauthorne states all he knows is that the pipe is behind the church on this map and he was concerned with the pipe being behind the church. Councilman Powers states, there's one in the river right now behind the church. Councilman Cauthorne states that's where the pastor wanted it to stay, in the river, so that he could continue to work on the back of the church. Councilman Cauthorne asks what are we voting on and Councilwoman Kennedy states we are only voting on the property adjacent to the Killen building. Councilman Cauthorne makes a motion to table this until next month; Hall seconds. Mayor Cauthorne states motion passes and is tabled until next month.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - Yes**

**Hall - Yes**

**Kennedy - Abstain**

**Mullins - No**

**Powers - Yes**

Mayor Cauthorne asks if there's any other business. Councilman Hall states we have street lights out. Councilwoman Kennedy states that it just needs to be reported to AEP and asks him if he has pole numbers. Councilman Hall states no but he can get them.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Angela Barnette: 11529 Meade Fork Rd. Outside corp; She states her comment is directed about the bridge flag and referring to last months meeting. She feels that the talk about the bridge flag conversation became an unnecessary, ridiculous verbal squabble between council members. She states she traveled that road for 3 weeks after the last meeting and never seen a replacement flag put up, so she and her husband took it upon themselves to replace the flag. She states they replaced it about a week ago and unfortunately the storm we just recently had took it down.**

**She states if you look over the bridge you can see the flag laying in the creek. After a few days, she states she bought another flag and Don, her husband, redone the pole and replaced it again. She states she has learned that the VFW is in charge of that flag and she plans to contact Ezra Powers. She states he lives on that road and probably passes it as well. Councilman Powers asks Angela after she speaks, if the first flag they purchased and hung up can be retrieved from the creek. She states that her husband has an idea of how to get the flag and plans to get it.**

**Dr. Walter Krauss: Wise Va. Out of town; He states he doesn't want the church falling down on peoples homes or their property. He states the buildings on the other side of the street need to be cleaned up and that where possibly a riverwalk should be installed and the sewer should have never been put in the river. He states that all the monuments taken down in Va should be moved to Pound to display and make it a tourist attraction. Councilman Cauthorne states that all those have been moved to the black history museum and you will have to contact them. Mr. Krauss states there's no use for any more of those, we have too many. He also states it's time to disincorporate Pound. He also states the campsite needs to be eliminated.**

**Stacey Carson: Glade Springs; She states since she has been mayor before, if you look up, the code of Va 58.1-3703, it will tell you what the fees should be for business license. She states she believes she's heard complaints because I think you have business licenses at \$35.00 right now. She also believes because of our population, it might be too much but you can look up that code. Besides that code, she states she would like to mention from last months meeting, that it was brought up by Cindy Mullins, who got up during public comment, who is also an employee of the Town of Pound, and she had stated code of Va 18.2-417 about slander and liable. She states she's here tonight to present to any council member that would like to see it, because from January, from the very beginning when the new council members were here, I tried to send an email to you, I even FOIA'd for everyone's email address, just business emails. She states she was never answered over that FOIA request. She states she put that request out monthly and never got a response. She learned at tonights meeting that Debbi Hale and another land owner was able to get all of your email addresses. She finds that funny when she's fought so hard to get those email addresses. So she questions that and what happened there. She states, so again, I go back to the code of Va that was stated by Cindy Mullins at last months meeting**



and that she is accusing me of slandering her. She states that Jacob Cantrell got up after me and stated that I was the one who instigated an altercation on Jan 21, 2025 and states she is here to ask each council member and the mayor, to go ahead and now view the video footage that took place with Sherry Large and I'm sure Cindy Mullins won't admit that it was her husband/ex husband that threatened Sherry Large out in the hallway before the meeting took place. She states she also has where Cindy Mullins and Jacob Cantrell stood out in the hall and waited on her. She states she has that video if any of you council members would like to see the truth. She states, Transparency and Accountability.

Cindy Mullins: Pound Va; She states, I just want you to know, speaking to Stacey, that transparency and accountability is coming swiftly. You don't get to defame people, you can state your opinions and facts but you cannot legally defame people in the state of Va., and she states yes I did quote that to you. She asks the council to please view the video. She states she stands behind what the Va State Police said, you lied, you are a liar, you are a liar.

Jimmie Vanover: Out of town; She asks the council if they know how to read a spreadsheet. She states the meetings have become a gossip column and that the council should take care of town business.

Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to adjourn; Councilman Hall seconds.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

Mayor Cauthorne adjourns the meeting.

APPROVED ON THIS THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2025.

  
**JOHN CAUTHORNE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**COURTNEY MEADE, CLERK**