

**MINUTES-TOWN OF POUND, VA  
APRIL 15, 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 Josh Tompkins opened in prayer.**

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL**

**Cauthorne - here**

**Hall - here**

**Kennedy - here**

**Mullins - here**

**Powers - here**

**Mayor Cauthorne states he had discussed with the attorney, and they decided to propose adding a closed session for the acquisition of property per Va code 2.2-3711a3. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion; Mayor Cauthorne suggests it be added before other business. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion that the closed session be made number 24.5; Councilman Hall seconds**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - no**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

**Mayor Cauthorne asks for any further discussion of the agenda. Councilwoman Kennedy states that she would like to remove public comment from the consent calendar, and discuss that before proceeding. Councilman Cauthorne asks if she wants to remove both public comments. Kennedy states that she would like to remove them to discuss them before moving forward with the consent calendar, and to add 22 a. CHS b. Weldon Cooper c. Limited Access and that all of these need to be resolutions. Mayor Cauthorne asks where the public comment would be going;**

Councilwoman Kennedy states that it would be removed for discussion. Councilman Cauthorne asks what that would do. Councilwoman Kennedy states that it would allow for discussion of what she would like to see happen with that. Councilman Cauthorne states that there is no objection to 22 a, b, &c. Mayor Cauthorne states that without any objection they have added those items to the agenda. Councilwoman Kennedy states she would like to move public comment off for discussion. Councilman Cauthorne states he is not in favor. Mayor Cauthorne asks if the people would be able to speak before the agenda or would that mean removing people from being able to address council. Councilwoman Kennedy explains that it just needs to be discussed before any public comment is made, and that it be removed from the consent calendar and be discussed. Councilman Cauthorne states they are not necessarily on the consent calendar, they are on the agenda. Councilwoman Kennedy states then remove them from the agenda until it is discussed as to where that will be. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to remove public comment from the consent calendar for the approval of the agenda so it may be discussed. Councilman Cauthorne states that the first public comment allows people to ask them to do something, then react to what was done in the second. Councilwoman Kennedy states that she is making the motion to remove one of the public comments. Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne states he doesn't understand why Councilwoman Kennedy wants to take away an opportunity for the community to comment on what the council has done. He states that having a public comment at the beginning and at the end allows people to comment on what the council should do and what they have done; that this is the people's council. Councilman Cauthorne states that he is against taking a public comment off the agenda. Councilwoman Mullins states that she has not gotten an agenda the last two months, and that it is always sent to the wrong email address. Mayor Cauthorne states that can be corrected. Councilman Hall states he agrees with Councilman Cauthorne. He states that the people need to know everything that is going on, and the only way they will know is if they keep coming. Councilwoman Kennedy states that removing a public comment would not prevent the public from knowing what is going on at the town. Councilman Hall states he supports what Councilman Cauthorne said. Councilwoman Mullins states it's up for discussion, and that at the beginning they don't know what all is being done so why not wait until later in the agenda and then be able to speak on what was done during the meeting, and that so much time has been spent having both. Councilman Hall states time is being wasted talking about it. Councilman Cauthorne states it all comes down to

Councilmember Powers, whether or not he wants to let the people speak once or twice. Councilwoman Kennedy states it calls for question. Mayor Cauthorne asks for a roll call vote. Councilman Powers asks what the vote is on. Councilwoman Kennedy states it is on whether or not to end discussion and move on to the vote. Councilman Cauthorne thought this was for the motion. The Mayor calls for a revote on the call to question on whether or not to vote on the motion for removal of one of the public comments. Mr. Dotson states he thinks we are ready to vote on the motion, but there needs to be clarification on which one is being removed. Councilwoman Kennedy states she is ok with removing #5. Councilman Cauthorne states that is a problem because people may not want to stay for the whole meeting. Councilwoman Kennedy then amends the motion to keep #5 and remove #24. Councilman Cauthorne then states if they do something people don't like people will not be able to respond. Councilwoman Kennedy asks Councilman Cauthorne to decide, and he states they are both equally important. Councilwoman Kennedy states then she will stick with her original motion to remove #5. Councilman Powers asks Mr. Dotson what is customary in other communities. Mr. Dotson states that it is typically customary for one public comment, but that could vary if it is a special meeting. He states it's really up to the council as to how they want to structure their meetings. He states that the allotted time, manner, and place of public comment is really up to council discretion. Mayor Cauthorne calls for a roll call vote on Councilwoman Kennedy's motion to remove #5 audience comment from the agenda.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - no**

**Hall - no**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - no**

**The motion does not pass.**

**Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to accept the consent calendar; Councilman Hall seconds.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - no**

**Mullins - no**

**Powers - yes**

**Mayor Cauthorne states the motion is approved to adopt the consent calendar.**

#### **AUDIENCE COMMENT**

**Stacey Carson: Abingdon Va; thanks council for keeping both public comments, due to the fact that she remember very clearly, Kevin Dotson said that this is where we needed to bring all of our issues, if she remembers correctly, Kevin said all the issues need to be brought here, and she has clearly brought issues; especially with the police department and the crime prevention officer who started an altercation in this very Town Hall, and she does want to ask the town attorney that, again, she very interested in pressing charges, because no one's doing Anything to make sure that the Chief of Police is reprimanded for the fact that he violated her rights to speak publicly at the very first January meeting. She states that he has also done other stuff by quoting his paperwork wrong. Ms. Carson states that at that January 21st meeting, she also asked to FOIA Leabern Kennedy's text messages from her phone, because she was on her phone during that January 21st meeting, and she believes she was texting Cindy Mullins, who she says clearly started that altercation. She states this could have gotten out of hand. Now she is hoping that the council will get involved in this issue, due to the fact that some police officers need to be reprimanded for their behavior that was unbecoming of an officer, especially a crime prevention officer, who she feels committed a crime. She states was the victim and that Cindy instigated with more people to also start in on the altercation, so she very much wants some answers. She states Kevin Dodson also told her that the videos have been deleted now. She asks Kevin Dotson if he knew that Cindy Mullins has on her phone the videos because she was given three years ago, an app to everything that goes on in this town hall. Ms. Carson states Cindy probably still has that video.**

**Jacob Cantrell: 9583 Cub Hollow Rd; States that Stacey Carson started the altercation on January 21st. He asks the council what business she has driving from Glade Spring Va to Pound once a month. He states she is not a citizen and has no business in this town anymore.**

**Connor Gent: Glade Spring Va; States he is currently writing a 10 page paper for a college essay, and is asking if any would be willing to answer some questions. He also states in response to what was said, his mother has every reason to come back. His dad grew up here, and he grew up here. Mr. Gent states that his dad did a lot for**

the town, and eventually had a stroke and died for the town. He states his mother has every right to be in Pound.

**Cindy Mullins: Pound Va;** States she is not speaking as a representative of the town, but as an individual citizen. She states she wants to remind everyone of Va code section 18.2-417. She states she has been slandered, liable and defamed and that those carry hefty punishments. Mrs. Mullins states she encourages anyone who wants to take criminal charges to do so. She states she has been thoroughly investigated by the Virginia State Police, and there was no crime committed.

**Councilman Cauthorne** asks **Kevin Dotson** if he will alert council if anything said that is out of line legally. **Mr. Dotson** states that the only time anyone's speech is if it gets to the point of disrupting the order of the meeting and the proceeding itself.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

**Chief Wilcox** states there is no police report this month, and that it is business as usual. **Councilman Cauthorne** mentions that something council has tasked the police department to do is to check in on shops that appear to be selling marijuana, and asks if that is still continuing. **Chief Wilcox** confirms. **Councilman Cauthorne** asks if a business having a sign that looks like a bong would give the Chief pause to check in on that business. **Chief Wilcox** states it does merit being looked into.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Councilman Cauthorne** asks **Mrs. Carter** if the fire department has turned in their paperwork to become independent of the town. **Mrs. Carter** states no, not to her knowledge.

#### **TOWN MANAGER**

**Mrs. Carter** states that in the packets she has put information showing that \$0 is owed to SLFRF. That all proper documentation has been updated and it has been taken care of. She also states that she expects **David Cox** to get with us sometime this week about the pre-audit. **Mrs. Carter** also shared information about an MEOC fundraiser. She also states the BAD buildings final presentation will be May 7th at 5:30pm at town hall. **Mrs. Carter** states that there was a community meeting April 1st with Appalachian Voices and Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia where they shared with the public the design for the labor monument. **Councilman Cauthorne** asks if the department of treasury notice has been taken care of. **Mrs. Carter** states yes. She states that there is also a report in the packets from the

Cumberland Airport Commission, where George Dean serves as the town's representative. Mrs. Carter also informed the council that there was random drug testing of two employees this month. Mrs. Carter states that the county offered each town up to \$40,000 for tourism purposes. She states she went to the Board of Supervisors meeting, and was granted that funding in order to re-do the tennis courts as pickleball courts at the old high school property, as well as add a disc golf course on the old football field. She states that this could offer the opportunity for future tournaments and things to bring people into the town. She states that since there is an existing MOU for the high school property it was also discussed using that property for Harvest Host; that would allow people with RVs a safe place to park short term. Mrs. Carter states that the Board of Supervisors indicated that they were interested in extending that MOU. Councilman Cauthorne asks if we are still pursuing the boundary adjustment for the two school properties. Mrs. Carter states that we didn't discuss that at the board meeting. Mrs. Kennedy states there has to be a public hearing first. Councilman Powers asks if the RV parking would also be at the high school property. Mrs. Carter states yes, and that this just gives them a safe place to park short term. That no water or electricity has to be provided, and in turn they use our businesses in town for their needs. Mrs. Carter also states that something for council to keep in mind is that Abby will be studying abroad at some point, and they may want to consider hiring or appointing an assistant treasurer. Mrs. Carter also states there is a quote in the packets for the computers for the admin office.

#### **EDA**

Councilwoman Mullins states that Randy Hamilton is coming in to do an assessment of the house, as they would like to make it something that would bring in some money. She also adds that she would like to add Lucas Shortt to the EDA. Councilman Cauthorne asks for a resume of the gentleman she would like to add to the EDA, to vote on it next month. Councilwoman Kennedy states he owns Shortt Family Farms, and the Delights By The Pound. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to appoint Lucas Shortt to the EDA. Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne asks what the ratio is for out of town vs in town members of the EDA. Councilwoman Kennedy states the majority are in town.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

**The motion passes.**

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Mr. Carter states they have continued to talk about the comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Kennedy states there are only a few things that are left to be added to that.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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

**Councilwoman Kennedy states that the final report from BAD buildings will be at town hall May 7th at 5:30 pm. She also states Appalachian Voices is still working with us, and we have requested an extension on the DEQ grant. Councilman Cauthorne asks about the landslide. Councilwoman Kennedy states that we are waiting on FEMA, and that we have reached out to legislators to help get that moving. Councilman Cauthorne asks Mrs. Carter how much is in the treasury right now. Mrs. Carter states there is a bank balance report in the packets, but right now the general fund is sitting at \$407,000.**

##### **ELECTED OFFICIALS AS PAID EMPLOYEES**

**Mr. Dotson states there is a revised copy with the amendment added at the last meeting, and given the public hearing was held at the last meeting he says we can go forward with approving this ordinance. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to approve it. Councilman Hall seconds.**

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - no**

**Mullins - no**

**Powers - no**

**The motion does not pass.**

### **LIVE BROADCASTING OF MEETINGS**

Mrs. Carter states that she has been looking into video camera options, and it looks like there are a range of options that are reasonably priced on amazon. She asks if council could give her a range of how much they want to spend so she could order the needed equipment. She states that a youtube channel can be set up for the town, and as far as embedding it on the website that is covered in the quote that will be brought up in that portion of the meeting. The website is currently up to date. Councilman Cauthorne asks if it is moving forward. Mrs. Carter states she wants to know how much the council wants to spend on this venture. She states we could do something as low as \$70 or quite a bit of money could be spent; it would depend on what council would want to do. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion that the town allocate \$500 to go towards the live broadcast of meetings. Councilman Hall seconds. Councilwoman Kennedy makes a substitute motion to allocate the \$500 for recording equipment to post the videos on a website, but not for live broadcasting. Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne states that defeats the motion. He states there are a lot of municipal places that live stream their meetings. Councilman Powers asks what the delay is. Mayor Cauthorne states his are put up sometimes the morning after sometimes a couple days after, and also states it would be more official if it were by the town. Councilman Cauthorne states when the official video got posted would be based on the efficiency of town hall. Councilman Cauthorne states that we are dealing with a town hall that still has not updated its website. Mrs. Carter states that the website is up to date. Councilman Cauthorne states he does not trust that town hall will get it uploaded in an expedient manner. Mayor Cauthorne asks for more discussion on the substitute motion that is to change from live to putting the money towards a recording. Councilwoman Kennedy reiterates her motion to allocate \$500 for video equipment for the meetings a post on a website but not to live stream.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - no**

**Hall - no**

**Kennedy - yes**



**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

#### **AUDITS**

**Mrs. Carter states that she expects to hear from David Cox in the coming week. Councilman Cauthorne asks if that is paid for by a grant. Councilwoman Kennedy states no, that the grant was denied.**

#### **DEPT. OF TREASURY NOTICE**

**Mrs. Carter states that is resolved**

#### **TOWN WEBSITE**

**Mrs. Carter states the town website is currently up to date with current information. She states you will find in your packet a quote from Brent Jakowski, who kindly helped get everything up to date, to update the website. This would allow him to redo the website to allow the possibility to pay bills online, the possibility of embedding video on that website, and being able to post everything stream lined. She states that he quoted roughly \$5,000 to redo everything. Councilwoman Kennedy asks about the plan she sees on the quote. Mrs. Carter states that it is a maintenance plan.**

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

**Councilwoman Kennedy states FEMA has to approve the design; as well as the issue with the last wall. Councilman Cauthorne asks for a time frame for this project. Councilwoman Kennedy states the unveiling of the monument will be in the spring of 2026. She states the monument is not contingent upon the slide being fixed.**

#### **CAMPSITE UPDATE**

**Councilwoman Kennedy states the permit has been obtained from the county. Debbi Hale states that the CDAC team is who is doing the design for the campsite. She also states she is working with the health department to see what type of toilet system could be simple and useful to use up there. Councilman Cauthorne asks what the town is currently responsible for as far as the campsite. Debbie states they are responsible for handling the grant money, and since it's town property maybe insurance. Councilwoman Kennedy states it is insured, and that the county is willing to patrol or go to the campsite if no one from the Pound police department is**

available. Debbie states there are several volunteers working to keep the property cleared. Councilwoman Kennedy states there are two gates up there and the hunt club is allowing us access to the first gate in the event there is an emergency. Debbie states that the campsite is walk-in, and that parking can be done at Potter Town Rd. Councilman Cauthorne asks about the fencing. Kevin states he was asked by Councilman Cauthorne to look into and see if the campsite has to be accompanied with the trail and then Councilman Cauthorne states whether or not that the town has to be tied to this campsite and how we could disinvest. Kevin states he is still in conversation with Mr. Dotson, the attorney for the other property owners that has raised some issues and addressed the council about having some fencing done. He states his opinion is that we do not need fencing based on some case law he has seen from the 50's, and that they are trying to come to a resolution. Debbie Hale states the campsite has nothing to do with their property, the trail would be going through their property. The campsites are at least half mile from anyone's property line. Kevin asks Debbie Hale if the old railroad bed the only way to access the campsite? Debbie states, yes unless you go through Jerry Bentley's property. Jerry has the only private property that connects directly to the campsite and that the campsite is surrounded by National Forest on 3 sides. Councilwoman Kennedy states that If you come in from the hunt club side, it doesn't touch their property. Kevin says, so there's a way in that doesn't touch or concern the land of the people who have come to council about the fencing? Debbie states she has all the original surveys and new ones that she will share with Kevin. Kevin states to Councilman Cauthorne that the only thing about disinvesting would be the grant money received or any that had been allocated already and would have to eat the loss spent already. Otherwise you don't have to do anything with the property the town owns. Let it sit there or sell it, per Kevin and Councilman Cauthorne.

#### **GRANT UPDATES**

Councilman Kennedy states EJGPS was terminated, but there is an appeal in on that. She also states that we just got word on Friday that the BRIC grant was also terminated, it was a technical assistance only , but it is now dead. Councilwoman Kennedy states ACLC asked if we would be willing to do anything to help fight that. She states there has been an extension applied for for DEQ. VDEM is just waiting on FEMA. The ARC grant is in a pending status. A representative from T-MOBILE reached out about applying for their home town grant. She states there are a lot of them, and a lot going on.

## **New Business**

### **BRIDGE FLAG**

Councilman Cauthorne states that he was curious about the flag on the bridge as it is very tattered. He states he didn't know if the town was responsible for putting it up and if so there needed to be a new flag put up in its place. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to replace the flag; Councilman Hall seconds. Councilman Cauthorne makes a substitute motion to authorize Leabern Kennedy to take care of the flag; Councilman Hall seconds.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

### **HERITAGE DAYS**

Mrs. Carter states that Heritage Days starts May 22nd with Pickin' in The Pound, Friday night will be kids night. With a DJ, bounce house, and games for kids. She states Saturday will be live music, food vendors, as well as other vendors selling various items.

### **STREET & SIDEWALK REPAIR**

Councilman Hall states that he would like to see streets done, and he talked to the state man and they don't repair streets inside of town. He states they do the main road, but not the side streets. Councilwoman Kennedy states it those may be private drives. Councilman Cauthorne states we might want to check to see if the streets like the ones in the bottom are privately, town, or county owned. Councilmen Hall and Cauthorne ask about sidewalk repair. Mrs. Carter states she is pursuing a grant through VDOT.

### **BUDGET AND TAX RATES**

Mr. Dotson states there will need to be a public hearing for next month; so it can be voted on by June and have it voted on by July. Councilman Cauthornes asks if this is the final proposed budget. Mrs. Carter states that they have been working to

complete old bank recs that had not been done, and as those are completed the numbers are changing. She states this is the most up to date version that she has, and that it is pretty close but numbers are still changing due to those bank recs. Councilwoman Kennedy suggests a budget workshop. Budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday May 6th at 6:30 pm. Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to have the budget workshop on that day and time; Councilwoman Kennedy seconds. Hearing no objection the motion passes. Mr. Dotson proposes that due to notices that have to be given to the public, that the public hearing be done in May. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to have the public hearing on May 20th prior to the regular meeting; Councilman Cauthorne seconds.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

#### **REAL ESTATE TAXES**

Councilwoman Kennedy states the Commissioner of Revenue indicated the land book would not be ready until the end of March. She makes the motion that assuming the land book is received in time and that southern software can do the conversion in time that the first half of real estate taxes be due June 30th; Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne amends the motion to clarify that there will be at least a 30 days from when the tax tickets are sent out to when they are due; Councilman Powers seconds.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - no

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

#### **CHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

Councilwoman Mullins states she would like for the girls basketball team to come to the next meeting, and would like for council to be able to have a plaque or something for them in recognition of them winning state. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to present them with a plaque at the next council meeting; Councilman Powers seconds.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

#### **WELDON COOPER**

Councilwoman Kennedy states the packets have a copy of a resolution for a free study by the Weldon Cooper center. Mayor Cauthorne reads the resolution aloud. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to adopt the resolution; Councilman Cauthorne amends the motion so the resolution would read Pound EDA instead of IDA and that it also be sent to Congressman Griffith. As well as to take out the first "Whereas" Councilwoman Kennedy seconds the amendment.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

#### **LIMITED ACCESS**

Resolution provided to council/public regarding changing limited access control on US Highway 23 in Pound. Councilwoman Kennedy states that this resolution was brought about by Mackie Mullins who lives in that area and has had increasing issues trying to access his property. Those citizens are asking that limited access be removed. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to adopt this resolution.

**Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to table it to next month; Councilman Hall seconds.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - no**

**Mullins - no**

**Powers - yes**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Councilman Cauthorne makes the motion to have a public hearing on the boundary adjustment at the June council meeting; Councilman Hall seconds.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Daphney Williams: Land owner in Pound; Mrs. Williams invites council to come up to the property to see it for themselves. She gives some history of how the property was acquired, and states that what they are asking for is protection of their property. She states people can wander off the trail onto their property. She states the fence is supposed to go all the way with the railroad to protect the land owners. She also states that the trail is going through wetlands, with live habitats.**

**Jeff Williams: Land owner; Mr. Williams expresses concern about access to the campground. He also states that he is allowed to log his property if he so chooses. He also states that he has issues with trespassers that use the quick shop side of the entrance, and that he has had issues with people thinking his property is the Red Fox Trail. He also invites others to come and look at the property and walk the property with him.**

**Sherry Large: Highland Dr; She states she doesn't want to come to the front but has a question. She asks if when the pickle ball courts are put in are restroom facilities going to be available? Mrs. Carter states that it definitely can be looked in to, but the money was specific.**

**Stacy Carson: Glade Springs; She states she keeps hearing drama, but doesn't believe it is drama when a person is trying to get accountability for things done in the Town of Pound. She states her heart is here, and she was run out of the town. She asks Mrs. Carter about the SLFRF issues and was advised by the town attorney that public comment is really her time to say what she would like to say, and the question did not have to be answered. Mrs. Carson states she wants the public to know who is right and who is wrong. She also asks Councilman Cauthorne if they had talked prior to her coming to meetings; to which she said they had not spoken. She also apologizes to councilman Hall stating that Councilwoman Kennedy was combative with him over personal business. Mrs. Carson also states that while she was Mayor and Leabern Kennedy was first elected to council that Councilwoman Kennedy often wanted Mrs. Carson to take some marijuana. She states Councilwoman Kennedy bullied and peer pressured her to do so.**

**Jacob Cantrell: Out of town; He states that he doesn't understand why everyone is so obsessed with Leabern's business, and that Mrs. Carson was not run out of town.**

**Jimmie Vanover: Out of town; She states that she was threatened at the last council meeting she attended. She also states that she is very proud of her daughter Leabern Kennedy, and that she is tired of hearing her put down.**

**Conner Gent: Glade Spring; He states he wants to talk about the recording equipment that he used to run. He states that he used to use it for the Town facebook page in the past. He states that the old equipment used to work fine and it should still work for the towns needs.**

**Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to go in to closed session per Va Code 2.2-3711 a3; Councilwoman Mullins seconds.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

**Mayor Cauthorne asks for a motion to certify that only matters lawfully exempt from open discussion were discussed, specifically the acquisition of real estate where bargaining position would be compromised. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion; Councilwoman Mullins seconds**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

**Mayor Cauthorne asks if there is unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda. Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to add the acquisition of the property adjacent to the peoples bank of Pound building to the agenda; Councilman Powers seconds.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Cauthorne - yes**

**Hall - yes**

**Kennedy - yes**

**Mullins - yes**

**Powers - yes**

**Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to acquire the property adjacent to the peoples bank of Pound former building otherwise known as the Jaquita and Derick Ratliff property for the amount of \$43500.00 as our last best and final offer pending acceptance from her council; Councilwoman Mullins seconds. Councilman Cauthorne**



states he appreciates Councilwoman Kennedy coming up with the funding for this although he doesn't feel comfortable voting on it tonight.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - abstain

Hall - abstain

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

Councilwoman Kennedy makes the motion to adjourn; Councilwoman Mullins seconds.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Cauthorne - yes

Hall - yes

Kennedy - yes

Mullins - yes

Powers - yes

Mayor Cauthorne adjourns the meeting.

APPROVED ON THIS THE 20 DAY OF May, 2024.

  
JOHN CAUTHORNE, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
COURTNEY MEADE, CLERK

