

MINUTES-TOWN OF POUND, VA
June 16, 2026 @ 6:30 P.M.
8422 North River Road, Pound, Virginia 24279

Mayor Cauthorne states the session is in order. Mayor Cauthorne leads the Pledge of Allegiance, Eddie Mullins opens up in prayer.

Councilwoman Mullins asks for a motion to approve the consent calendar.
Councilman Cauthorne seconds.

ALL in favor
NONE opposed

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Billy Large wants to know why he doesn't see the police on call working. He states he wants something for his money that he pays taxes for. He states he sees them at night but not during the day or mornings. He asks about the monument. Councilwoman Kennedy states that there doesn't have to be a back and forth and this is just for audience comment, to make a comment.

Donnie Counts states he would like to purchase some land that joins his property. The old little league field and the transfer station. He states it's been condemned for 50 years and can't be used. He would like it to garden and keep the rift raft away from his property that's going on across the road from his house. He states he will pay for it, accept the liabilities and buy a liability policy to cover it.

Councilman Cauthorne asks if we can put it on agenda for next month and the attorney can get the plot of land he's talking about.

REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

None-Chief Wilcox was on the phone with the IT Dept.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No one present

TOWN MANAGER

Town Hall is looking to get another phone system that will cut down on our bill and save us significantly on our monthly bill. This will also allow us easier access for all of us to be able to check our voicemails, transfer phone calls and cut our bill in half. Will be the same phone and fax number.

Councilman Cauthorne states that two of those are what he pays in taxes and he wouldn't want his tax money going towards big boxes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Cauthorne - No

Hall - No

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

EDA

Councilwoman Mullins states the EDA is still doing good. She states they have 496.00 and bills are up to date. Councilman Cauthorne asks if someone is still living in the house, Councilwoman Mullins says, yes.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Randy Carter states they did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

AUDIT UPDATES

Mrs. Carter states that phase one is complete and is in the middle of phase two. She hopes to have the draft by the end of the week. Councilman Cauthorne asks her to send it to them via email.

GRANT UPDATE

Councilwoman Kennedy asks if they have a copy of a letter in their packet. She states this was a letter sent to Debbie Hale. She states that Debbie does have a grant from Virginia Humanities through UVA for the Red Fox Festival. The VDEM grant is moving forward. All the other grants are closed and we are only dealing with VDEM, ARC, and the MAAV grant is to just be finished. She states that Debbie has grants and the police dept has grants but we have nothing to do with those.

MONUMENT/SLIDE UPDATE

As of today they have all the blocks for the retaining wall. They have gone in to change the design, they are going to have to push the roadway up top out more because it wasn't gonna work the way they had it. Depending on weather they may be done by July 3. She states, all of it, done. Councilman Cauthorne asks if we accessed the line of credit for that, Councilwoman Kennedy states no, she thinks we have enough in the bank, that we won't need it. She states she has already started requesting reimbursement for the things that were bought, such as the

Councilman Cauthorne makes a motion to approve the new rates, going from .44 cents per 100.00 value real estate to .40 cents per 100.00 value. Councilwoman Kennedy seconds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

Councilwoman Kennedy states both of those passes.

46.2 ORDINANCE/TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Councilman Cauthorne makes a motion to approve. Councilwoman Kennedy seconds.

An audience member asks what that is and Councilwoman Kennedy explains that when our police officers write tickets most of the money comes back to us and if we don't have this ordinance in place, we don't get any of the money.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Cauthorne - Yes

Hall - Yes

Kennedy - Yes

Mullins - Yes

Powers - Yes

Councilwoman Kennedy states the motion passes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilwoman Kennedy states we have some mobile homes within town limits that need to be condemned if they haven't been. She states that Kevin Phillips has one, etc and they are all being taxed on these homes. She suggests making a motion to put on the agenda for next month that to alleviate that tax debt of the 50.00 a year for those mobile homes that the mobile home owner be required to tear it down within a 4 month period and remove those, otherwise they will have to pay the 50.00, on and on. Councilman Cauthorne says, so we are saying, if you remove your mobile home, we will no longer tax you for it, moving forward? He states, sounds like common sense. Councilwoman Kennedy says, it does. She states there's one that is up behind what they used to call the Golden Pine that belonged to Ronnie Falin called from being in a nursing home and said do whatever you want and now they are new property owners but the home is covered in kudzu. She also states there is one up near IGA that is falling apart and the owner says they use it for storage but they don't want to pay taxes on it. Councilman Hall states that if it's any structure, it ought to be paid. Councilwoman Kennedy agreed. Councilman Powers states that if he had one and it was going to cost him 5000.00 to move it or tear it down, he'd pay the taxes on it. Councilwoman Kennedy states that's up to them.

was part of their class. They only did a mockup of what it could be. They had no authority to do anything but we can use their documents for grants.

Councilwoman Mullins asks why the Valero has lights and what is going on with it.

Councilwoman Kennedy says the power was turned back on for safety issues.

Sandy also adds it's really hard to hear Brittany and she asks if she can have a microphone.

Councilwoman Kennedy states she will get her something better to help with that issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Kennedy makes a motion to adjourn. Councilman Cathorne seconds.

The Mayor states the meeting is adjourned.

APPROVED ON THIS THE 21 DAY OF July, 2026.



JOHN CAUTHORNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



COURTNEY MEADE, CLERK