**Keysville Town Council Public Hearing Minutes**
**October 20, 2025**

A public hearing of the Keysville Town Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Keysville Town Office on Monday, October 20, 2025.

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| **Mayor Presiding:** | Robert J. Schaefer |
| **Council Members Present:** | Wendy Gallion |
| **Council Members Absent:** | Vice Mayor Anthony Ferranto<br>Danny Cooper<br>Tom Fisher<br>Rhonda Benn<br>Scotty Jackson |
| **Guest Attendance:** | Dr. Shirley Thompson<br>Eric Traywick<br>Muhammad Hyssain Abdullah |

**Call to Order**
Mayor Schaefer called the public hearing to order. He stated that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments on:

1. The adoption of the proposed Town of Keysville and Charlotte County Designated Growth Area (DGA), prepared by the Virginia Department of Transportation Planning Section.
2. The Town Nuisance Ordinance, which addresses trash, clutter, grass and weed cutting, removal of inoperable vehicles, and the requirement to remove and repair buildings and other structures.

**Invocation**
Council Member Gallion gave the invocation.

**Public Comments:**
**Discussion on Designated Growth Area (DGA)**

- Mayor Schaefer explained to Dr. Thompson that the DGA is not an extension of the town boundaries.
- Mr. Traywick stated that the Designated Growth Area at present does absolutely nothing for the town. Mayor Schaefer said that was correct. The town does not generate revenue from it. Nothing changes other than the Town of Keysville identifying it when the town does grow. Mayor Schaefer confirmed that the town does not generate revenue from the DGA; its purpose is only to identify areas for potential future growth.

**Discussion on Nuisance Ordinance**
Dr. Thompson inquired whether any existing ordinances would need to be rescinded.

- Mayor Schaefer explained that the new Nuisance Ordinance is intended to replace the current nuisance regulations.
- He noted that the ordinance may include language stating that it supersedes all existing nuisance ordinances.

Dr. Thompson expressed concerns about a neighboring property where leaves are not collected and are blowing onto her property. She said she hires someone to remove her leaves twice a year. She also noted the household trash being burned in a barrel.

- Mayor Schaefer noted that a quote from Southern Hills Lawn Care had been obtained for leaf pickup within the town. The service would require a minimum of ten residents to sign up and would cost $3.00 per bag, with no limit on the number of bags. This item will be discussed with the council at the next meeting.
- Town Manager Mark White advised Dr. Thompson to contact the Sheriff's Department to file a complaint regarding the trash burning.

Mr. Abdullah introduced himself as from the Islamic Community Center here in town, where the old U.S. Cellular building used to be. He asked whether the leaf pickup service would be available only to Town of Keysville residents.

- Mayor Schaefer said the town would not be the one contracting the service. He said each person would have a contract with them. He said that it can go outside of the town limits.

Mr. Traywick inquired if the property owner would pay for the service.

- Mayor Schaefer said that it would be responsible for the service, not the town.

**Conclusion**
With no further public comments, Mayor Schaefer declared the public hearing closed.

**Adjournment**
The public hearing was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Sherry L. Marker

Sherry L. Marker, Clerk/Treasurer

Robert J. Schaefer, Mayor