REGULAR MEETING OF THE KEYSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Keysville Town Council was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Keysville Town Office. Present were Mayor Robert J. Schaefer, presiding, and Vice Mayor Anthony Ferranto and Council Members Wendy Gallion, Tom Fisher, and Rhonda Benn. Council Members Scotty Jackson and Danny Cooper were absent. Staff present included Sherry Marker, Town Clerk, and guests in attendance were Eric Traywick.

Mayor Schaefer called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

Council Member Benn offered the invocation.

Public Comments:
Mr. Traywick asked the council if the town had a dumpster for leaves, limbs, branches, etc. He mentioned that the Farmville Recycle Center has one. Mayor Schaefer said we could check with a third-party removal service. Vice Mayor Ferranto said maybe we could get a dumpster from the county and have it monitored.

Minutes:
Motion to approve August 11, 2025, minutes was made by Council Member Gallion and seconded by Council Member Fisher. Motion was carried unanimously.

Financials:
Motion was made by Council Member Benn and seconded by Council Member Gallion to approve the August 2025 financials and pay the bills. Motion was carried unanimously.

Committees

Street and Library
King and Priests Café:
Council Member Benn said there was a picnic table on the sidewalk in front of the ice cream shop, and it needed to be moved because it was on the town's property.

Also, Council Member Benn asked about the corner of Pino's where the trees are planted. She said it used to be brick there as a sidewalk. Mayor Schaefer said the deed would have to be researched to see who owned it.

Tower Park
Mulch:
Vice Mayor Ferranto asked if the spreading of the mulch had been completed. Mayor Schaefer stated that three more loads still needed to be picked up and spread.

Water

Wells online:

Mayor Schaefer stated he had not gotten in touch with engineering yet.

Wastewater

Engineer:

I have not gotten an engineer yet for the repairs/upgrades needed at the wastewater plant.

Old Business

The Town Manager candidate has advanced to a second interview with Town employees.

New Business

Planning Commission:

Council Member Benn stated that Jim Benn said he would give a report to the Town at any time on the Charlotte County Planning Commission.

Nuisance Ordinance:

Mayor Schaefer stated that we would need to hold a public hearing on the Nuisance Ordinance and run the notice in the Charlotte Gazette.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Fisher to move forward with the Nuisance Ordinance as it is written and hold a Public Hearing. Motion was unanimously.

Urban Designated Growth Area (DGA):

Mayor Schaefer said he met with Landon Green, the new Charlotte County Administrator, to discuss the Town of Keysville expanding the boundaries prepared by the Virginia Department of Transportation Planning Section. Mayor Schaefer stated that a resolution had to be done accepting the proposal.

Motion was made by Council Member Benn and seconded by Council Member Fisher to accept the boundaries prepared by VDOT. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

- **Repair of Brick Walkway- War Memorial**

  Mayor Schaefer spoke with the American Legion at their last meeting, and they acknowledged the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and asked if they could coordinate the repairs. They agreed to pay for the repairs as well as the pruning/removal of one of the trees. They will consider paying for or sharing the cost of the drinking foundation.

- Walk-4-Life, September 13th – Osborne Park
- Blair Trent – Fundraiser Concert for some of the Charlotte County Volunteer Fire Departments – October 4th – King Street
- Speed study on Church Street

- BOOMS grant resolution submitted
- Kearney Street - Dip filled with gravel
- Requested CRC to explore funding for a new sewage grinder
- Muffin monster for wastewater plant would cost roughly $250,000

Closed Session:
A motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Benn to enter Closed Session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) of the Code of Virginia for discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body. Motion was carried unanimously.

Return from Closed Session:
Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Fisher to exit the Closed Session. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Benn to pay the Town Manager the salary as advertised, with a 90-day probationary period working 16-20 hours per week. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Ferranto and seconded by Council Member Fisher to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sherry L. Marker, Clerk/Treasurer

Robert J. Schaefer, Mayor