

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Blackstone, Virginia, held in the Council Chambers located at 100 W. Elm Street, Blackstone, Virginia, on Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

There Were Present:

Mayor: Lafayette Dickens

Council Members: Wesley Gormus, Lloyette Wynn, Christopher Page, Carolyn Williams, Nathaniel Miller, Eric Nash, Jake Allman

Town Staff: Philip Vannoorbeeck, Town Manager; Jennifer Daniel, Town Clerk; Jason Robertson, Detective; Zac Beares, Fire Chief; Chastiddy Bryant, Community Development Specialist

Town Attorney: Julian Harf - Zoom

Those Absent: Jake Allman - Zoom

Mayor Dickens called the February Council Meeting to order.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to allow Councilman Allman to attend this meeting virtually. The motion was seconded by Councilman Page.***

Councilman Allman said he was in McKenney, Texas for work.

Mayor Dickens asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

Dr. Allen delivered the Invocation.

Mayor Dickens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES:**

*Councilman Nash made a motion to dispense with reading and approve as presented minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on January 26, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wynn.*

Mayor Dickens asked all in favor or opposed:

**VOTE:**

- Councilwoman Wynn - Aye
- Councilman Page - Aye
- Councilwoman Williams - Aye
- Councilman Miller - Aye
- Councilman Nash - Aye
- Councilman Allman - Aye
- Councilman Gormus - Aye

**VISITORS:**

There were no visitors.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:**

Chief Beares said radio system equipment is coming in. He said they were awarded a grant for PPE in the amount of \$75,222.00. He said while they were at the Chief’s Conference in Virginia Beach this past week, they were awarded \$30,000.00 towards their diesel system, with no match. He added while at the Conference they got an award for the Governor’s Fire Service for a call they ran on Route 40, and got to meet the Governor. He said each attendee for the Conference took 20 hours of classes.

Chief Beares said the training last month was on propane with assistance from Parker Oil. He said they did a walk through this past month at Spring Hill Baptist Church and passed along some tips.

Chief Beares said they have hose, ladder and pump testing in July. He said they voted on four new members, and will serve six month probation. He announced the years of service.

Chief Beares said they were having their Training Meeting tonight to discuss the recent fires.

Mayor Dickens asked what churches have to do for a walk through. Chief Beares replied, just call. He said they were seeing that churches do not have fire alarm systems. He said he contacted VDEM as they have a grant for \$125,000.00 for fire alarms for churches.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**ALREADY PAID:**

***Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the bills that have already been paid in the amount of \$690,872.93. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Dickens asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

**TO BE PAID:**

***Councilman Page made a motion to approve as presented; the bills not yet paid in the amount of \$176,996.69. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nash.***

Mayor Dickens asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

**APPROPRIATIONS:**

There were no appropriations this month.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Health & Ordinance – met 2-18-26 – minutes included in February’s Council Packet**

#### **Tethering**

Chairman Page said the committee discussed a proposal presented a few years ago, which included no tethering for more than an hour in a 24 hour period. He said the Committee believed it would be better to enforce what is already in place, which involves the temperatures.

Chairman Page said they also discussed when citizens call for animal issues related to Town ordinances; they are being directed to animal control in Nottoway County. He said we need to bridge that gap and get Town Ordinance calls to the Blackstone Police Department. Councilman Nash believed this could be handled through dispatching. Chairman Page said animal control cannot enforce the Town’s ordinances.

Chairman Page said tickets should be written on the Town’s Ordinances, unless it is a dog bite or confiscation.

Councilman Nash asked Detective Robertson if it was possible for Blackstone to handle the animal calls. Detective Robertson said animal control is called to subdue or animals loose or out of their yard. He added once they lay hands on a dog, legally it’s theirs, and the Town does not have the means to house it, so animal control has to do this.

Councilman Nash asked if tethering calls could be handled through Blackstone. Detective Robertson said he would pass this along to the Chief and Dispatch.

Chairman Page said the Town can write a ticket for being loose, but animal control has to pick the animal up.

Councilman Miller asked if the Town was allowed to go on people’s property legally. Councilman Nash believed if it can be seen from the street. Manager Vannoorbeeck said the police can investigate a potential crime.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said if animal control has deemed an animal to be properly housed and able to handle the circumstances, then it is up to the property owner to prove this.

Detective Robertson asked if these situations will be call based or send patrolling officers out in each neighborhood. Chairman Page believed it would be call based, but if an officer sees something they can investigate.

Councilman Nash believed a ticket was an educational effort. He said we want the citizens to know about the ordinances, and for the health of the animal.

Chairman Page said the Ordinance includes tiered offenses. He said the local Ordinance has more severe penalties than the State.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### *1. Champion Cafeteria Plan*

Councilman Page said he was still reviewing the legal information. He said he did try to contact Miami Dade, but had not been fruitful. He said Champion did not have the list of municipalities published so it had been difficult to reach out to anyone.

Councilman Page asked Council if they wanted to give him more time to review. He said it cannot be implemented until the new software was installed. He believed he may be ready by next month to present more information. He said Mr. Gee was going to have a city manager from Florida contact him, but he was never contacted.

Mr. Gee said we are not looking to implement anything yet, the next step is providing information to each employee on how they would be affected.

Councilman Page believed the report Champion wants to put together would be beneficial to Council's decision. He believed we needed an opinion from Attorney Harf on how to share personal information.

Attorney Harf said names and birthdays should not be used.

Councilman Miller asked why don't we ask the employees what they want. Councilman Nash did not believe we had enough information to share with employees until a report is run.

Mayor Dickens asked what happens to funds not used, that may be left over. Mr. Gee said there are two sides, first is the \$1,200.00 from each employee, then \$1,010.00 is put back, with the true premium being \$120.00 plus \$70.00. He said if employees don't do the 12 activities per year, it will be reported. He said monies are not reimbursable because it is coming back to the employees.

Mr. Gee said the second part; the Town can do what they choose with the savings from FICA taxes.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Gee if the activities required were health related. Mr. Gee replied yes, the activities are geared towards the employee.

Mayor Dickens asked about someone being healthy and does not go to the doctor often, or has health issues and goes over the benefits provided. Mr. Gee said an employee pays a premium, \$190.00, and this takes care of their co-pay. He said this benefit is for primary and urgent care visits. He said this is an overlay to health insurance that is already provided. He said 90% of employees realize a net increase in their take home pay.

Councilman Nash said the census will tell Council the savings to each employee.

Councilwoman Williams asked what percentage of employees have to join. Mr. Gee said it must be five employees that make \$22,500.00 a year.

Councilman Page believed Council needed to direct staff to run the report needed for Champion to do their census.

Councilman Gormus asked if the report would be specific for each employee, or could they do a linear savings on an X amount of dollars made each year and present findings from that. Mr. Gee said they can project, but you will want it specific to each employee because that will determine specifically what their paycheck will look like.

Councilman Page said this would move forward by Common Consent.

**2. Brownfield Grant – 114 S. Main Street – Lead Based Paint**

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Community Development Specialist Bryant had prepared a grant application. He said the Town previously applied for \$190,000.00, and awarded \$40,000.00 for asbestos abatement. He said when this award was provided there was a caveat that the Town could reapply after July for \$50,000.00 for lead based paint.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to authorize the Town to submit an application for the Brownfield Grant to go towards removing lead based paint at 114 S. Main Street in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Page.***

Mayor Dickens asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

**3. OneDigital – Master Services Agreement**

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the 100 hours had been consumed. He said in order to proceed on with OneDigital until May the Town will still pay \$1,500.00 a month. He said we can continue on an hourly rate at \$195.00, or a monthly retainer at 4 or 8 hours.

Councilman Nash said for two more months, the Town would need \$3,040.00, using the 8 hour a month retainer.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said if we do “as needed”, it will be \$195.00 an hour and our current person, Janna Murphy, is not guaranteed.

Councilman Page suggested we get more hours when we renew in May.

Councilman Gormus suggested using the \$195.00 an hour. He said if we want the same person, then hire somebody. Councilman Nash said our current agreement is \$180.00 an hour. Councilman Page asked that we review the agreement.

Council discussed the rates, and wanted more clarification.

Councilman Miller said he did not like the HR service we have now. Councilman Page said the renewal should go to the Employment & Police Committee.

Mayor Dickens referred HR renewal to the Employment & Police Committee.

Attorney Harf suggested calling OneDigital for clarification.

#### *4. Taylor Bottom – DHCD Project Grant*

Community Development Specialist Bryant said the Town did not get awarded. She said two public hearings were not held before the submission of the grant. She said this was a misunderstanding on her part. She was told the application was great, and could reapply in the summer with updated figures.

Councilwoman Wynn asked if this information was provided in writing. Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Program Manual does state two public hearings are needed.

Mayor Dickens said the residents should still appreciate the effort we are making on their behalf. He said they should understand even though a mistake was made, this is an exemplary effort on their behalf. He said the work that was done in the East End, and planned for Taylor Bottom, is not done in every town.

### **ON-GOING PROJECTS:**

#### *1. Dilapidated Buildings*

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Attorney Harf’s office tried to serve the owner of 819 Falls Street, but cannot be found, and are still making attempts to deliver.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said one of the owners of 915 Falls Street is deceased, and nobody has registered as the administrator of the estate. Councilman Page said the bill for 915 Falls Street is getting high.

Attorney Harf said there are five different owners, and one is now deceased, which requires more effort.

## 2. Meals Tax / Lodging Tax

Manager Vannoorbeeck believed Pizza Hut had been settled. Clerk Daniel said the delinquent business on the list paid today.

Councilman Nash asked if Pizza Hut was closed. Manager Vannoorbeeck said as far as he knew.

## 3. Street Improvement Projects

Manager Vannoorbeeck said we still await a response from VDOT for the two TAP 21 applications.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Town staff had been applying cold patch to the potholes.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said a contract had been signed to repave N. Main Street, from Dinwiddie Avenue to the northern corporate limits in the spring.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said he would be bidding out patching work. Councilman Nash said there was a large pothole on Ridge Road.

Mayor Dickens asked if VDOT included roads on a cycle. Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town does it on a cycle, then figures how much money the Town has. He said the Town relies on VDOT's Inspection Report.

Councilman Nash clarified, Mayor Dickens was asking how roads get taken into VDOT. Manager Vannoorbeeck said we make petition to VDOT, and the Town's Subdivision Ordinance dictates how the road is to be constructed, and what right of ways are required.

Manager Vannoorbeeck explained VDOT would not take Cole Harbor's streets into their system because water/sewer are in the right of way. He said it is the same with Sullivan Street Extended.

Councilman Page asked about the risers for Main Street. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he did not know.

Councilman Allman asked if Beachcliff had a cul-de-sac at the end. Councilman Nash replied no, but it was still taken in. Manager Vannoorbeeck said Beachcliff was supposed to continue all the way through and tie into Tenth Street, so a cul-de-sac was not needed. He said VDOT took Beachcliff into the system without a cul-de-sac. He believed the Town only received monies for one lane because the paving is very narrow. He said the Town gets money through VDOT per lane mile.

4. Wrigglesworth Sports Complex

Manager Vannoorbeeck said next month he would solicit bids for asbestos abatement.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said the Town's architect has looked at the LCCDC building and believed it could be converted into a pavilion.

Councilman Miller said his constituents in Ward A like the idea of a pavilion.

5. Taylor Bottom Block Grant

There was nothing to report.

6. Armory

There was nothing to report.

7. Weatherization

There was nothing to report.

8. Workforce Housing

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Councilman Miller hosted a Ward A Meeting on February 11, 2026 to discuss Wrigglesworth property for Workforce Housing.

Councilman Miller said he had a Ward Meeting to let people know what is going on. He said his Ward did not want apartments, but could deal with single family homes. He said they want recreation; he suggested tennis and pickleball courts.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said there would be a series of public hearings, the property would have to be subdivided and the zoning changed.

Councilman Miller asked Manager Vannoorbeeck to draw up the plan and bring back to Council. Manager Vannoorbeeck said there is only enough money to build three houses.

Councilman Nash asked Manager Vannoorbeeck to provide a map and what the areas would look like. Manager Vannoorbeeck said it still needed to be subdivided and would require survey.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*1. Dept. of Aviation – Airport Marketing Grant Application*

Manager Vannoorbeeck said this request is from the Blackstone Chamber for fireworks. He said he was asking for authorization to submit a grant application for up to \$10,000.00 to the Department of Aviation Marketing Fund. He said the Town was successful last year with this grant.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to authorize submission of the Department of Aviation Marketing Grant for up to \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams.***

Councilman Allman asked if this would have anything to do with UAV Pro doing demonstrations. Councilman Page said last year they had \$1,500.00 budgeted for fuel for drones, but it was not used, so they removed it from the budget this year. He said this was replaced with TV marketing.

Councilman Gormus said the overall expense for Blackstone for fireworks was \$23,578.00. Councilman Page replied yes. He added there is \$13,500.00 left from last year. He believed the Chamber would be asking the Town for \$3,000.00 this year.

Councilman Nash said the Town can apply for this grant because we have an agreement with the Airfield. Councilman Page said the Airfield is eligible for this grant yearly.

Mayor Dickens asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Abstain
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

Councilman Miller said when doing these projects, we need to cross Ts and dot Is because citizens are wondering about excess spending. Councilman Nash said this money is not coming out of the Town’s pocket.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to authorize Manager Vannoorbeeck to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Blackstone Chamber as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.***

Mayor Dickens asked for a Roll Call Vote:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Abstain
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

***2. Wrigglesworth – Batting Cages – Nottoway Softball***

Manager Vannoorbeeck said included is an email from Mr. Dale Duffy requesting use of the batting cages for Nottoway Girls JV and Varsity Softball during inclement weather.

Councilman Nash wanted to be sure they clean up afterwards, and the Rec Association has no problem with this.

Councilman Nash said this is approved by Common Consent.

***3. Clarksville Auto – Grand Opening –Street Closure – Mann Street***

Manager Vannoorbeeck said Clarksville Auto was requesting to close Mann Street from Main Street to the alley. He said this would be March 13, 2026 from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., and they have communicated this with Green Automotive.

***Councilman Nash made a motion to approve the street closure request as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams.***

Mayor Dickens asked all in favor or opposed:

VOTE:

Councilwoman Wynn	-	Aye
Councilman Page	-	Aye
Councilwoman Williams	-	Aye
Councilman Miller	-	Aye
Councilman Nash	-	Aye
Councilman Allman	-	Aye
Councilman Gormus	-	Aye

#### 4. Food Trucks – Business License Exclusion Policy

Clerk Daniel asked Council to consider the Policy included, and give clarification on the consecutive days and events per year. She said the Treasurer sent business license renewals to everyone, and some of the vendors from Juneteenth contacted Ms. Bryant, as they are not supposed to have business licenses. She hoped this Policy would help staff know when business licenses would be exempt.

Councilman Nash said it should be no more than three consecutive days, and six events per year. Councilman Page suggested five events.

Clerk Daniel said this Policy would exempt food truck vendors from paying the \$50.00 license fee. Councilman Nash questioned five, that may be too many.

Councilman Miller asked how the Town keeps accountability of the food trucks coming and going. Clerk Daniel said according to the Ordinance, each year food truck vendors are supposed to fill out a permit application. She said we don't know every time a food truck comes to Town, we just hope they are being honest and paying Meals Tax.

Clerk Daniel said in 2025 she reached out to all food vendors the Town was aware of, and created a list. She said because there were not records before that, the two years with no business license started in 2025.

Councilman Page believed the Policy could be helpful, but not effective unless you are forcing the organizer of the event to provide a list of the food vendors to the Town in advance. He said this should be added to the Policy.

Councilman Nash said for a food vendor that comes to Town every week, should they have a sticker so we know they are in compliance. Manager Vannoorbeeck said we do provide stickers. Clerk Daniel added the stickers were given out randomly without collecting any information, which is why she created the current list.

Councilwoman Williams said if we see a vendor we should let someone know.

Councilman Page believed Councilman Allman created this, and asked him if he wanted to pass as is, or add to it that event organizers must submit a list of food vendors for festivals and events 10 days before the date. Councilman Allman was not sure how an event organizer would get this information looking at the Ordinance. He suggested add it for now.

Clerk Daniel asked if letters should be sent to the food truck vendors. Councilman Page said Council approves all events. Councilman Gormus said it would not hurt to communicate with them.

Councilman Allman believed #1 and #3 were more saying picking a spot, but #2 seemed to try and waive that. He did not think the goal of the Ordinance was to say we only want food trucks here 5 days out of the year.

Councilman Allman suggested taking “events” from #1 and #3, and insert consecutive days and days per calendar year, then that removes the confusion for events. He recommended three consecutive days and twenty events per calendar year. He did not believe five was the answer, vendors will not want to come here.

Clerk Daniel said this Policy was created only for events. Councilman Nash read the purpose and agreed. Councilman Allman suggested removing #1 & #3.

Councilman Gormus suggested lowering the business license to \$20.00.

Clerk Daniel said this was just for Arts & Crafts, Juneteenth, and the Wine Festival, for them not to pay the business license fee. Councilman Nash suggested the Fire Department’s Food Truck Rodeos also be included. Councilman Allman said all of these are covered by #2.

Mayor Dickens asked to refer this to the Health & Ordinance Committee.

Attorney Harf said Council needs to consider if this Policy would be an exception to the Ordinance. He believed it should be part of the Ordinance in a separate section.

#### **COMMITTEE REFERRALS:**

Mayor Dickens referred the Food Truck Exemption Policy to the Health & Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Dickens referred the renewal with OneDigital to the Employment & Police Committee.

Mayor Dickens referred Cash Handling Policies/Procedures to the Health & Ordinance Committee.

#### **MAYORS MINUTE:**

Mayor Dickens said this is an election year, and asked Council to put this aside. He said let’s continue to do the right things for the right reasons. He said if it is the right stance to take, after you win the vote, it is the right stance to take before going up for a vote. He said let’s stand on the courage of our convictions until the end, trusting that if it is God’s Will you serve in this role then nothing will deter that. He said he was not accusing or pointing the finger at anyone, but we have all seen on the political stage, politicians compete to control every news cycle for the sake of staying relevant in the run, up to an election, he said then when a vote is cast we rarely hear a peep out of most of the candidates who were advertising so feverishly to gain our vote, they fade back into anonymity once the task is accomplished. He said let’s stay true to ourselves, stay true to the citizens, and true to God. He said the voting public can be trusted to know your heart because you have served them long enough for that to have been established by now.

Mayor Dickens said if you have done a good job, he did not think it could be screwed up between now and November. He said likewise, if you have done a poor job, he doubted you could fix it between now and November. He said let's be ourselves and stay the course, confident the work we have done, and continue to do, speaks for us louder than any number of yard signs or anything else.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Mr. Lewis Johnson said he was here tonight to talk about the Armory and recreation for the citizens. He said the recreation should have been completed the day it opened; you had two years to work on this while remodeling the Armory. He said the Armory has been open for two months and nobody has the slightest clue how recreation is going to happen. He said the basketball goals are not cheap, and his goal was to allow kids to play for free, and have a summer league. He said he also wanted to have something for the elderly, like pickleball. He said we are losing the younger generation to the streets.

Councilman Nash asked if the Armory was completed, has the fire panel been repaired, and heat and air now fixed. Manager Vannoorbeeck said the panel has been replaced, and he would check with the contractor on the heat.

Councilman Page asked how things were coming for basketball goals. He said the Town has \$20,000.00 left and Community Development Specialist Bryant has ordered tables and chairs, and once reimbursed, then we can purchase the goals.

Councilman Gormus asked how much was budgeted to go into the next fiscal year. Manager Vannoorbeeck did not have that figure yet. Councilman Gormus said the document he saw included \$822,000.00. Manager Vannoorbeeck disagreed, he said there is not \$822,000.00 to roll over.

Councilman Miller asked if there was enough money today to pay for basketball goals. Manager Vannoorbeeck said not today. Councilman Miller asked what would happen if Council advised to purchase the basketball goals. Manager Vannoorbeeck said he would have to take from other capital projects.

Councilwoman Williams said as Chair of the Buildings, Property & Cemetery Committee, she has learned there are too many Chiefs and not enough Indians. She said what has been said is one set of goals were ordered, but a different group wanted another set of goals, but her committee has never been presented anything. Manager Vannoorbeeck said none of that is true, there is misinformation. He said the facts are he had to take \$50,000.00 saved to install the kitchen, because the Tobacco Commission decided they would not pay for that.

Councilman Page said there is an issue with the ductwork, so basketball goals from the ceiling are not feasible, so the Town is now looking at college goals. He added an airport expansion was not in the budget this year, but when we heard of the opportunity, we figured it out. He suggested the Town borrow from themselves and pay us back, we have a Reserve Fund. Manager Vannoorbeeck said Council has not even voted on a Policy for the building.

Councilwoman Williams said things are being discussed, but the Committee is not aware.

Councilman Nash said Council believed upfront the Armory was going to be used for educational purposes and would not allow time for anything other, but that is different now. Mr. Johnson said during the referendum, we did not even know anything about colleges.

Manager Vannoorbeeck said by the time the Policy is adopted, the goals will be here. Mr. Johnson said he didn't just want basketball, he wants things for young ladies and elderly.

Councilman Miller asked Mr. Johnson if they could meet with Dr. Martin about gym space at the schools for league basketball. Mr. Johnson said he was told it was no problem as long as there were adults to supervise. Councilman Miller believed Rec ball should be at the schools.

Councilwoman Williams said Mr. Johnson was at the last meeting and is now aware of the College schedules. She said at that time, Mr. Johnson said they wanted to use the Armory one weekend a month.

Mr. Clarence Hawkes suggested creating a Recreation Committee. Councilman Gormus said we have one. Councilman Nash said recreation needs to start with the County, they typically fund a recreation department.

Mr. Clarence Hawkes suggested forming a committee and involve citizens. He said once a committee is formed for Blackstone, then you can lobby Nottoway.

Mrs. Tyler Scott said she used to be a fundraiser. She suggested turning to private citizens, this is a generous community and citizens will give. She said people want to give for what they care about, and this is about our community.

### **POLICE REPORT:**

Councilman Nash said he has seen cars parked on the opposite side of road on Main Street, near Acapulco's, is that allowed. Detective Robertson said he would refer that to the Chief. Manager Vannoorbeeck believed it was in the Ordinance that you cannot park in the opposite direction.

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Dickens adjourned this meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Lafayette Dickens MAYOR  
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA

March 30, 2026 APPROVED AND ADOPTED

Jennifer S. Daniel TOWN CLERK  
OF THE TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, VIRGINIA