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The Iron Gate Town Council held a Work Session on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7 pm.  
The meeting officially began at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Councilwoman Jennifer Tyree, Vice Mayor Brandon Marshall, Mayor Kawahna Persinger, Councilman Neil Hardesty, and Councilwoman Norvella Burrell.

**In Attendance:** Jimmy Jeffries

Mayor Persinger began by amending the agenda to add the decrease in sewer rates.

We need to discuss adding the old lawn mower that was bought a long time ago at a yard sale as surplus equipment and see if someone will be interested in buying it.

We have vacancies on the Parks and Recreation committee, the planning commission, as well as the BZA.

Mayor Persinger briefly spoke about using the Fire Department in case of an emergency. The mayor spoke briefly on filling swimming pools.

The zoning coordinator up until June is Brenda Lindsay and she said she would only take it for these six months. We still have four seats available on the BZA and we cannot get anyone to step up, so if we turn it around and get rid of the zoning coordinator then that means anything that is built will need to go to Chuck Little at the county. If Mr. Little rejects the zoning permit, they will need to go to the county's BZA.

Mayor Persinger said I thought I was supposed to have a telephone call with First Oron regarding the robo calls and they thought it was supposed to be a zoom meeting, so we rescheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>. I apologize for not having that to report.

Everyone has a copy of the committees, I did not put names because they may change in the off chance we get more people on council. Vice Mayor Marshall asked if the guy maintaining the website was still maintaining it. Mayor Persinger said we sent him a check for two hundred dollars, which would have been his yearly fee, and he has only put about half the work Ashley sent to him on the website. Ashley looked Friday and told me what was there and what wasn't there, and I told her we need to find out when he is going to put the rest of it on there, and if he is going to drag his feet then we need to find someone else. Vice Mayor Marshall asked if David Crosier sent Ashley the form about coming out of closed session. Mayor Persinger yes, he did and she made a copy and gave them to me.

I brought this up before, this is a VML/VRSA meeting in Boston, VA on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from nine am to twelve pm (9am – 12 pm). They will be going over the new changes and how it can change towns.

The Island Ford Transfer station will be closed from April 21<sup>st</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>. The town crew will still be picking up trash and taking it to the transfer station on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The office will be closed this Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday.

The last thing I have is the previous bulk rates for the sewer, it has come down about fifty dollars more.

Mayor Persinger asked if anyone has anything. Mr. Craig apologized for being late and then said he spoke to Vice Mayor Marshall regarding the fire hydrant at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Railroad Ave. If at the end of the water project and see if there can be an extension put on that hydrant to bring that up to the standard for fire hydrants. The extension that the Fire Department has will not work and we are down to being able to use only one hose. This will help bring the towns ISO ratings up. ISO ratings are your insurance ratings which will help the homeowners and businesses in the town lower their insurance rates under fire suppression. That is the biggest push for the Fire Department right now and with everything you have going on right now it will be the perfect time to maybe get that raised up. One other worry we have is when we had the fire over at the rubber plant, the hydrant that sits directly in front of it has an off threaded center cap, and if you don't have an adapter put on there, which all departments coming in will not know that, you would have to an adapter to hook the hose up period. Vice Mayor Marshall asked if it is just a different size thread. Mr. Craig replied it's a different thread altogether. Mayor Persinger commented it would need a different cap. Mr. Craig said right, if the town would be able to purchase that then we can put it on there. Mayor Persinger asked which one in front of Canfield or 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Mr. Craig replied the one in front of Canfield. The one on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street needs to be raised, the one in front of Canfield needs the cap on it. When you put the cap on it, then you put the other plug cap back on it will always be there for anyone who needs to use that hydrant. Councilwoman Tyree asked if you could use the money from the grant for that. Mayor Persinger said potentially. Mr. Craig said you would have to do an amended order. Mayor Persinger said that Hammond-Mitchell should be starting in front of Chazy Nicely's and going down Railroad Ave towards the park around the first of May if not before.

I have not heard anything from Core and Main yet, but they should reach out before the council meeting regarding the cost of a meter on this of the river will be. If we can't afford it, at least we can say how much it is and this is why we can't afford it.

We were unable to get together for the budget, I left a list that Ashley will need to get together when she comes in.

Mayor Persinger asked if anyone has any comments, questions, concerns. Hearing none, Mayor Persinger asked for a vote to go into closed session under VA Code 2.2-3711 item 7 under legal, and VA Code 2.2-3711 item 4 under personnel. Council adjourned at 7:30.

Mayor Persinger said the time is now 8:01 and we are now coming out of closed session. I confirm that we discussed nothing other than legal and personnel issues. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Marshall, and seconded by Councilman Hardesty.

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Mayor Marshall, and seconded by Councilman Hardesty. Council will meet again on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00pm.

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Kawahna C Persinger, Mayor

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Ashley C Prior, Clerk