



**Town of Burkeville
Council Meeting Agenda
May 12, 2026
7:00 p.m., Train Station**

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Prayer
Welcome of Visitors**

Approval of:

- Agenda for May 12, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approval of the minutes of April 14, 2026 Council Meeting
- Approval of the minutes for April 16, 2026 Special Council Meeting
- Approval of the minutes for the April 30, 2026 Special Council meeting
- General Funds Account Statement
- Funds Available Statement
- Accounts Payable for April 2026

Fire Report: Included in packet

Police Report: Included in packet

Guest Speakers

Committee Reports:

- **Emergency Services (Knight, Cummings)**
- **Water & Sewer (B. Weltch- Simmons)**
- **Buildings (Oliver, Jones)**
- **Personnel (Oliver, Simmons)**
- **Parks & Grounds (D. Weltch- Knight)**
- **Finance & Purchasing (Simmons-B. Weltch)**
- **Planning Committee (Simmons, Cummings)**
- **Cemetery (D. Weltch-Oliver)**
- **Streets & Town Signage (Jones-D. Weltch)**
- **Zoning Committee (Knight, Cummings)**
- **Treasurer Report (Treasurer-Jamie Osborne)**

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New Business:

- Enforcing Ordinances

Old Business:

- Municipal Building
- Grant committee
- Holiday Committee

Update:

Citizens Comments to the Council: TBD

Council members Comments:

Economic Development Committee Representative Comments:

Mayor Comments:

****Closed session for personnel****

Motion to Adjourn:

**Town of Burkeville
Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026
7:00 p.m., Train Station**

Present: Brian Weltch, Josh Knight, Brandon Cummings, Jamie Osborne, Gerald Smith, Ivory Oliver, Kevin Jones, Debbie Weltch, Lee Simmons

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Gerald Smith lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

- Councilman Josh Knight opened the meeting with prayer.

Welcome of Visitors

Approval of:

- **Agenda for April 14, 2026 Council Meeting**
 - Motion made by Councilman Brian Weltch and was seconded by Councilwoman Ivory Oliver. Approved unanimously.
- **Approval of the minutes of March 10, 2026 Council Meeting**
 - Motion made by Councilman Josh Knight and was seconded by Councilwoman Ivory Oliver. Approved unanimously. .
- **Approval of the minutes for March 31, 2026 Special Council Meeting/Public Hearing**
 - Motion made by Councilman Brian Weltch and was seconded by Councilwoman Ivory Oliver. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carried.
- **Approval of the minutes for the April 8, 2026 Special Council meeting**
 - Motion was made by Councilwoman Ivory Oliver and seconded by Councilman Brian Weltch. All in favor, no opposition. Motion Carries
 - Councilman Josh Knight abstained from voting due to not being present at the meeting on April 8, 2026.
- **General Funds Account Statement**
 - Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight and seconded by Councilman Brian Weltch. Approved unanimously.
- **Funds Available Statement**
 - Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight and seconded by Councilman Brian Weltch. Approved unanimously.
- **Accounts Payable for March 2026**
 - Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight and seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Approved unanimously.

Fire Report: Included in packet

- **Chief Brian Weltch**
 - Total number of calls answered- 101. 2 missed in 1st due area due to staffing shortage.

- In town 12; In 1st due area (not including in-town or state)- 24; State facilities- 29; Mutual aid- 36; EMS and EMS assists- 66; Fire related- 15; Motor Vehicle crashes- 5; Cancelled enroute and false alarms- 16.
- Hours:
 - Paid- 1276.00
 - Volunteer- 341.9 = \$11,624.60 savings to taxpayers.
- Average response time is slightly up due to increased distances for responses.
- There have been 3 new employees hired, all of which are new EMTs, and 2 of which are cross trained in fire and EMS. Aiming to have these employees cleared on June 1, 2026.
- Mayor Smith asks Chief Brian Weltch what his goal is for staffing and volunteers.
 - Chief Brian Weltch states that the goal is 100%. Have recently had 1 full time employee

Police Report: Included in packet

- **Chief Jake Herlong**
 - Would like to thank all Councilmembers for all of their work and expresses how appreciative he is to the Town of Burkeville.
- Mayor Smith expresses his appreciation to Chief Herlong and that he has turned around the impressions that the community had toward officers. He would like to schedule a farewell get together to honor Chief Herlong for his service to the Town of Burkeville.

Public Hearing

- **Amending Utility Tax ordinance 2-4**
- Mayor Smith asks Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne to speak on what the amendment to the Ordinance is.
 - Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne
 - Citizens in Burkeville pay a “consumption tax” on their Dominion bill. This is completely separate from the “Nottoway County Utility Tax” that covers the landfill costs. Previously, the Town was receiving a monthly payment for these taxes. However in May of 2023, Dominion changed their system and/or regulations. Our ordinance was not updated at that time, therefore the monthly consumption taxes have been sent to Nottoway County instead of the Town of Burkeville. The way that the current ordinance is set up, is more of a business license type tax, this amendment would be updating it to be in line with their current requirements. This would not charge the citizens any more, since they are currently paying this tax on their utility bill, but it would change to where the Town is receiving those funds instead of the county.
- Councilman Josh Knight made a motion to go into the public hearing regarding amending Utility Tax Ordinance 2-4. Councilwoman Debbie Weltch seconded motion. Approved unanimously.
 - Time in Public hearing: 7:09 p.m.
 - Councilman Brian Weltch asked if the county had been advised of this potential change. He does not want the county to budget for those funds, if the funds were being sent to Burkeville with the updated ordinance.
 - Clerk Treasurer Jamie Osborne informed him that Logan at the county had been contacted asking about the consumption tax, but they had not been formally advised about the potential change of the ordinance.
 - Mayor Smith asks if any citizens have any questions or comments. No citizen comments on this matter.

- Councilman Josh Knight made a motion to go into the public hearing regarding amending Utility Tax Ordinance 2-4. Councilwoman Debbie Weltch seconded motion. Approved unanimously.
 - Time out of public hearing: 7:10 p.m.

Guest Speakers: None

Committee Reports:

- **Emergency Services (Knight, Cummings)**
 - **Councilman Josh Knight**
 - Would like to thank Chief Herlong for his service to the Town of Burkeville for the last 5 years, as well as Chief Brian Weltch and all of the other Fire Department representatives for the smooth transition for paid staff.
- **Water & Sewer (B. Weltch- Simmons)**
 - **Councilman Brian Weltch**
 - Does not have a report. States that the report that he was given last month was different from what was presented by Mike Gentry last month.
 - Asks if the waterline going to the Animal Shelter was completed.
 - Mayor Smith advises that it was supposed to be completed. Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne advised that the county does have a current water bill for that location.
 - Councilman Brian Weltch states that he was supposed to be informed when the water was completed so that the Fire Department and pump it to make sure that it was working correctly.
- **Buildings (Oliver, Jones)**
 - **Councilwoman Ivory Oliver**
 - Would like to go ahead and see if we could post a request for proposal for the municipal building, but that is on later on the agenda.
 - No report
- **Personnel (Oliver, Simmons)**
 - **Councilwoman Ivory Oliver**
 - Asks if there are any applicants for the Police Chief Position
 - Mayor Smith informs her that there are 2 application currently and that the applications will close on April 22, 2026.
 - Councilwoman Debbie Weltch states that she has a personnel thing to bring up, but will discuss it in the closed session meeting.
- **Parks & Grounds (D. Weltch- Knight)**
 - **Councilwoman Debbie Weltch**
 - Would like a schedule of when the park is rented so that she can make sure that someone is checking behind the renters to make sure it is cleaned.
 - Mayor Smith states that the crack in the sidewalk is able to be fixed with porcelain cement and that it will cover the crack. Will not require the current cement to be lifted to fix.
- **Finance & Purchasing (Simmons-B. Weltch)**
 - **Councilman Lee Simmons**
 - Propose budget changes
 - A sheet of proposed budget changes were given to each council member.

- These are changes compared to what council is use to seeing on the Budget vs. Actual. There is nothing actionable on the sheet, only changes that are being proposed with the new budget, and he wanted to make council aware.
- States that if anyone has any questions, that the finance committee will hear them.
- Budget update
 - At this point in the budget, we have a good idea of where we are at. Committee anticipates that without any changes to our revenue, that there will be an approximate \$42,980 short fall. There will be another review of all revenues and expenses to make sure nothing is missing, however the drafted budget as of right now is bare bones. There will be no excess to allow for any issues, expensive repairs, etc. that may come up, however it is a proactive budget. It is not currently budgeting for any water line replacements, sewer line replacements, facility enhancements, or raises.
 - With ordinances that may pass tonight, we predict that that will be an additional \$20,000 in revenue, which is a conservative estimate since it is a new revenue stream.
 - Even with the additional revenue, we are still at a shortfall. If council wants to give employee raises or other projects, there will have to be added revenue found to cover them. A month ago, the budget was a lot better, however with certain circumstances that have arose since the last meeting, revenue was decreased.
- Asks for suggestions on revenue increases
 - Councilman Josh Knight states that it is his belief and understanding that water should cover water and sewer should cover sewer. If there are pumps breaking and water issues, if water bills aren't paying for it, which it appears that it isn't.
- Councilman Lee Simmons states that Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne does a good job at producing graphs that show the shortfall that we have in water/sewer every month. We have been able to make up that shortfall with the General Fund, but that is not how its supposed to be. That's not how you run a business.
- Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne states that sewer is just slightly lower for revenue than expenses, but water is only half revenue compared to expenses.
- Mayor Smith states that we do not want to raises too many fees too fast, because it would tax people out of town.
 - Councilman Lee Simmons states that there are no plans to increase taxes.
 - Councilman Josh Knight states that a small increase in water bills, would still be cheaper than surrounding towns.
- Councilman Brandon Cummings states that it sounds like overhead needs to be cut else where and asks why the utility bills for the library are so expensive.
 - Councilman Brian Weltch advises that there have been many times where lights have been left on when no one is using the building. Suggests potentially putting in motion light switches to where the lights would automatically turn off if no one is in the building.
- Councilman Lee Simmons states that no matter where the shortfall is covered, it will be an unpopular decision for sure. The finance committee values each of your opinions will matter. If there are any ideas from council, asks that they send them to the finance committee.
- Councilman Josh Knight thanks Councilman Simmons, Councilman Weltch and Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne for all of the work put into the budget.

- Councilman Kevin Jones asks how much is being spent on the Municipal Building
 - Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne states that the breakdown of the insurance would need to be checked, and that the utility bill last month was much higher than normal months. The utility bill last month was \$185.86, which is substantially higher than previous months.
 - Concerns were brought up about someone potentially running a drop cord or something and using the electricity. There will be someone that will check to see if the breakers are cut off,
- **Planning Committee (Simmons, Cummings)**
 - **Councilman Lee Simmons**
 - No report
- **Cemetery (D. Weltch-Oliver)**
 - **Councilwoman Debbie Weltch**
 - Asks if there were responses to letters that were sent to funeral homes regarding the burial fee.
 - Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne states that there were no responses but letters were sent to all local funeral homes and phone calls were made as well.
 - States that the approval was not given when the permit was approved to add the revenue line item for Burial permit.
 - Councilman Brian Weltch makes a motion to add “Burial Permit Fee” as a revenue for the cemetery. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Unanimous approval. No opposition. Motion carries.
 - Clarity by Councilman Lee Simmons that the fee is \$25.
 - States that she drove through the cemetery recently and grass cutting season is starting and decorations that have blown around need to be picked up.
 - **Mayor Smith**
 - Brings up issue with the cemetery and asks Councilman Brian Weltch to elaborate on it.
 - Councilman Brian Weltch
 - There was a grave site purchased for an unexpected death. There was supposed to be only 1 grave site purchased, but it was processed in a 4 parcel plot. There was only partial payment received for 1 grave site. The location of the headstone is not centered in the grave site, so it does not allow for a 2nd grave stone to be placed. When the issue was brought to him a few months ago, he recommended splitting the 4 parcel plot in half, and allowing the family to have ownership of A,B (The top 2 portions) and having C and D (Bottom 2 portions) for sale. There was some opposition from someone in town about this, but without going into details that is his recommendation. If the individual wants all 4 grave sites, give them a time frame to pay for the remaining, even if it is with payments.
 - Councilman Josh Knight agrees with giving a set time to purchase the plots.
 - Councilwoman Debbie Weltch states that she would not allow more than 60 days.
 - Confirms that if the person does not want to purchase the other 2 parcels, then he will need to move the corner markers.
 - Councilwoman Debbie Weltch makes a motion that the person has 30 days to either pay for the additional 2 plots, or come up with a payment plan, based on the price of when the initial plots were purchased, to resolve the issue. If they do not want to purchase the additional 2 plots, then

plots A & B will have ownership transferred to them and plots C and D will be sold. Councilman Josh Knight seconds the motion. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

• **Streets & Town Signage (Jones-D. Welch)**

○ **Councilman Kevin Jones**

- No report

○ Mayor Smith states that there was a pole that was down, but it was fixed today.

○ Councilman Brian Welch states that he was asked if the Corrections work crew would be able to put down mulch. If the town wants to purchase the mulch, he does not mind taking the work crew up and getting them to put the mulch down.

• **Zoning Committee (Knight, Cummings)**

○ **Councilman Josh Knight**

- No report

• **Treasurer Report (Treasurer-Jamie Osborne)**

○ Business licenses were due March 31, there are currently a couple of businesses who have not submitted theirs.

○ Updates Councilwoman Ivory Oliver that her request to change the photo on the webpage has been completed, and once the mulching is done for the Welcome sign, another photo will be taken to update the website.

○ Waiting for the auditor to send the request list for the 23-24 fiscal year audit.

○ Direct Deposit for the Fire Department account has been set up.

○ Still working on catching up the bank reconciliations for the General Fund, however the bank reconciliations for the Small Business account and the Fire Department account are up to date.

New Business:

• **Welcoming new Council member**

○ **Councilman Brandon Cummings**

- Introduces himself as a relatively new citizen in town. He purchased a home on Dimmick St in July and had a lot of remodeling to do. They officially started living in the home January 1. He is retired from the Coast Guard, spent 10 years in civilian law enforcement for Richmond City and Prince Edward County. He looks forward to being on council and helping the town.

• **Cigarette Tax Ordinance**

○ Councilman Brian Welch makes a motion to approve the Cigarette Tax Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Welch. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

Aye	7	Nay	0	Absent	0	Abstain	0
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- States that he does not smoke, however with the proposal for the stamps, he would like the zip code to be on the stamp, to limit any confusion.
- Tax is to be implemented as of July 1, 2026.

• **Utility Consumption Tax Ordinance**

○ Councilman Josh Knight makes a motion to approve the Utility Consumption Tax Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Welch. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

Aye	7	Nay	0	Absent	0	Abstain	0
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- **Municipal Building Surplus**

- Councilwoman Ivory Oliver makes a motion to sell the municipal building, motion was seconded by Councilman Brandon Cummings.
 - Motion did not carry, as there was a request for discussion prior to voting by Council members.
- Councilwoman Debbie Weltch asks that if the Municipal Building is sold, if the Town Council would have say in who the building is sold to.
 - It has been discussed in posting an RFP (Request for proposals) instead of auctioning the building off. This would give council the ability to approve of the intentions of the buyer.
- Discussion of what could potentially be included in the resolution, no definitive stipulations were agreed upon.
- Councilwoman Ivory Oliver rescinds her initial motion to sell the municipal building.
- Councilwoman Ivory Oliver makes a motion to create a resolution to surplus the Municipal Building, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Unanimous approval, no opposition.

Aye	7	Nay	0	Absent	0	Abstain	0
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Old Business

- **Birdsong Property**

- This property has a lien from the town for \$10,000. The owner sent a letter to Mayor Smith expressing that she would like to forfeit the property, with hopes that the Town would sell the property to Macedonia Baptist Church. The letter was presented to the Town Attorney, and is waiting for the approval to do the Title search.
 - After discussion, it was decided by Council to have the homeowner talk with Macedonia Baptist Church and coordinate selling the property with them and satisfy the lien without transferring the ownership to the Town. This would eliminate potential liabilities with the town.

- **Grant committee**

- Discussion in beginning of meeting of forming a grant committee to help obtain grants for town improvements.

- **Dimmick St.**

- Approval is needed due to not having enough square footage to meet current zoning regulations. Owner of property has agreed to place the house that was approved by council on the property.
- Councilman Josh Knight makes a motion to give the Owner of 123 Dimmick St. a special use permit, based on the house that was approved, and that the front door of the home faces Dimmick St., to satisfy the square footage of the property, as she already had a house there previously. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Weltch. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

Aye	7	Nay	0	Absent	0	Abstain	0
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- **26-27 Budget Preparation**

- Discussed during Finance Committee Report

- **Boundary Adjustment**
 - Public hearing will be held at the Board of supervisor meeting on April 16th. Mayor Smith advises that he intends to be there.

Update:

- **Library Broken Pipe**
 - Mike reports that the pipe has been permanently fixed.
- **Animal Shelter**
 - Grand opening date is tentative.
- **Water/Sewer Update**
 - Councilman Brian Weltch asks for an update of when the generators that were bought years ago are going to be picked up.
 - Mayor Smith said he has spoken to Mike and that he would be getting a trailer to go and pick up the generators.
 - Concerns voiced of the generators having been out in the weather and potential “storage fees.”
- **Simmons Monument**
 - Mayor Smith states that he has flagged an area for the stones to be placed in front of the Town Hall.

Citizens Comments to the Council: No Comments

Council members Comments:

- **Councilman Brian Weltch**
 - **Thanks council for their support and for moving Fire Department employees over to Town Employees. There were significantly more applications during this recent job posting than previous ones and believes that it has a lot to do with the benefits and retirement.**
- **Councilman Josh Knight**
 - **No comment**
- **Councilman Brandon Cummings**
 - **Is happy to be a part of council.**
- **Councilman Lee Simmons**
 - **No comment**
- **Councilwoman Ivory Oliver**
 - **No comment**
- **Councilman Kevin Jones**
 - **No Comment**
- **Councilwoman Debbie Weltch.**
 - **No comment**

Economic Development Committee Representative Comments: None

Mayor Comments:

- **Spring Clean up**
 - Yard debris must be placed out prior to April 27.
 - Dumpster will be set at the convenience site for citizens to take bulk items between April 25 and May 3.
- **Pool Filling Permit**
 - Pool filling is starting to affect our water system. Town attorney was contacted and advised that we are able to implement a permit fee and penalty if town issued water meter is not used to fill the pool.
 - Councilman Brandon Cummings asked if there is a permit required to have a pool in town.
 - If the pool is over 5000 gallons, there is supposed to be a building and zoning permit obtained.
 - Councilman Lee Simmons states that there is a lot within our water ordinance that needs to be rewritten. He thinks that there should be something in the ordinance that says that the meters should be used to fill the pools.
 - There is not currently an ordinance for pool filling. Water/Sewer and Finance had started working on a water ordinance with Clerk/Treasurer Jamie Osborne. However it was not completed.
 - Mayor Smith employs the Ordinance committee (Councilman Josh Knight and Councilman Kevin Jones) with coming up with an ordinance.

Council will be going into closed session, in regard to personnel matters.

Pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 Public bodies may hold closed meetings only for the following purposes: 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; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.

Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight to go into closed session in regard to personnel matters. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Unanimous approval, no opposition.

Time in closed session: 8:37 p.m.

****CLOSED SESSION****

Motion was made by Councilman Brian Weltch to come out of closed session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Josh Knight. Unanimous approval, no opposition.

Each councilmember certifies that to the best of their knowledge, only public business matters that are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and only personnel matters were heard, discussed or considered.

Roll call: Brian Weltch, Josh Knight, Lee Simmons, Ivory Oliver, Kevin Jones, Debbie Weltch, Brandon Cummings

Time out of closed session: 9:36 p.m.

After Closed Session Comments:

- Councilman Lee Simmons makes the motion to suspend the Public Works Supervisor for 1 week without pay. Motion as seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Unanimous approval with one abstention. Councilman Brandon Cummings abstained due to being new on council and not having any previous knowledge of the employee.

Aye	6	Nay	0	Absent	0	Abstain	1
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- Council requests advice from Town Attorney regarding next steps.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion was made by Councilman Brian Weltch and seconded by Councilman Josh Knight. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

End of meeting: 10:06 p.m.

Jamie L Osborne

 Jamie L. Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer

May 12, 2026

 Date approved by council

**Town of Burkeville
Council Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026
7:00 p.m., Train Station**

Present: Josh Knight, Brandon Cummings, Jamie Osborne, Gerald Smith, Ivory Oliver, Kevin Jones, Debbie Weltch, Lee Simmons

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Gerald Smith lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

- Councilman Josh Knight opened the meeting with prayer.

Welcome of Visitors

Approval of:

- **Agenda for April 16, 2026 Council Meeting**
 - Motion made by Councilman Josh Knight and was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Approved unanimously.

Council will be going into closed session, in regard to personnel matters.

Pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 Public bodies may hold closed meetings only for the following purposes: 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; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.

Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight that the Town of Burkeville convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of Discussion, consideration, or interviews for prospective candidates for employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees, namely public works supervisor Artie Seamster, to discuss performance. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Approved unanimously.

Time in closed session: 7:01 p.m.

****CLOSED SESSION****

Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight to come out of closed session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Debbie Weltch. Unanimous approval, no opposition.

Each councilmember certifies that to the best of their knowledge, only public business matters that are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and only personnel matters were heard, discussed or considered.

Roll call: Josh Knight, Lee Simmons, Ivory Oliver, Kevin Jones, Debbie Weltch.

Time out of closed session: 7:45 p.m.

After Closed Session Comments:

- Councilwoman Debbie Weltch makes a motion to terminate employee Artie Seamster for cause. Motion was seconded by Councilman Lee Simmons. Motion Carries. Councilman Brandon Cummings abstained due to not having prior knowledge of the employee.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Weltch				x
Josh Knight	x			
Brandon Cummings			x	
Lee Simmons	x			
Ivory Oliver		x		
Kevin Jones	x			
Debbie Weltch	x			

Aye	4	Nay	1	Absent	1	Abstain	1
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Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Councilman Lee Simmons and seconded by Councilman Josh Knight. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

End of meeting: 7:53 p.m.

Jamie L. Osborne

Jamie L. Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer

May 12, 2026

Date approved by council

**Town of Burkeville
Council Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2026
7:00 p.m., Train Station**

Present: Josh Knight, Brandon Cummings, Jamie Osborne, Gerald Smith, Ivory Oliver, Kevin Jones, Lee Simmons

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Mayor Gerald Smith lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

- Councilman Josh Knight opened the meeting with prayer.

Welcome of Visitors

Approval of:

- **Agenda for April 30, 2026 Council Meeting**
 - Motion made by Councilman Josh Knight and was seconded by Councilwoman Lee Simmons. Approved unanimously.

Council will be going into closed session, in regard to personnel matters.

Pursuant to VA code 2.2-3711 Public bodies may hold closed meetings only for the following purposes: 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; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals.

Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight that the Town of Burkeville convene in a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1) Motion was seconded by Councilman Lee Simmons. Approved unanimously.

Time in closed session: 7:00 p.m.

****CLOSED SESSION****

Motion was made by Councilman Josh Knight to come out of closed session. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ivory Oliver. Unanimous approval, no opposition.

Each councilmember certifies that to the best of their knowledge, only public business matters that are lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements, and only personnel matters were heard, discussed or considered.

Roll call: Josh Knight, Lee Simmons, Ivory Oliver, Kevin Jones, Brandon Cummings

Time out of closed session: 7:21 p.m.

After Closed Session Comments:

- Councilman Lee Simmons made the motion to rescind the motion made on April 16, 2026 special meeting to terminate Artie due to emergence of new information. Motion was seconded by Councilman Josh Knight. Motion carries. Councilman Brandon Cummings abstained due to not having prior knowledge of the employee.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Brian Weltch				x
Josh Knight	x			
Brandon Cummings			x	
Lee Simmons	x			
Ivory Oliver	x			
Kevin Jones	x			
Debbie Weltch				x

Aye	4	Nay	0	Absent	2	Abstain	1
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Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Councilwoman Ivory Oliver and seconded by Councilman Josh Knight. Unanimous approval, no opposition. Motion carries.

End of meeting: 7:24 p.m.

Jamie L Osborne

 Jamie L. Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer

May 12, 2026

 Date approved by council