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**Jimmy Cox**  
**Charles Sharpe**

**Steve Martin**  
**Building Official**

**TOWN MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Cook called the meeting to order. Councilwoman McCombs opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Pro Tem Cook initiated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Bivens was absent.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the April 2, 2024 minutes. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.

**III. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Watkins gave an update on the Police Department activities.

**IV. BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT**

An update on open permits and business licenses were given to Council.

**V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM (Town Citizens can speak up to 3 minutes)**

Claudette Lucas spoke to Council concerning the need to install a street light on Fiddlers Lane. Council agreed.

**VI. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM**

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to close the public forum. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

**VII. OPENING STATEMENT (Information from Mayor and Council)**

- Agendas and sign up sheets were located at the front door.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of rezoning property from (R2) Rural Residential to (R1) Single Family Residential at 112 Ashby Drive. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Council made a recommendation to Planning Committee on rezoning property at 122 Hunter

Woods for future annexation into the Town Limits of Gaston.

- Financial update reports – Sherry was absent.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – The metal doors for the cooker addition were installed. Brick mason will be installing a step inside the kitchen to the cooker addition.

- Councilwoman McCombs – Gaston Library has new hours. Ribbon cutting for the Waffle House will be delayed until a 2<sup>nd</sup> shift is hired. Sugarbaker's buffet will be open the first week of June. Will have a Back to School bash for school kids with Chief Watkins on July 31 and Santa in December.

- Councilman Cox – Discussed the need to have a street light installed at Fiddlers Lane.

- Councilman Sharpe – Nothing new to report.

**VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT**

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to close the opening statement. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.

**XI. ADJOURN**

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to adjourn. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.