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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Mike Cook**  
**Carol McCombs**  
**Jimmy Cox**  
**Charles Sharpe**

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

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**TOWN MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 4, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Cox motioned to accept the June 4, 2024 minutes. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.

**III. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Watkins gave an update on the Police Department activities. The Back to School Bash will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**IV. BUILDING OFFICIAL'S REPORT**

An update on open permits and business licenses were given to Council. Steve Martin was absent.

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

No one signed up to speak.

**VI. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM**

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

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

- Agendas and sign up sheets were located at the front door.
- Representatives of Ripple Fiber Inc. presented information to Council concerning a fiber broadband construction project in portions of Gaston.

- Councilman Sharpe motioned to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of The Event Ordinance. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.
- Councilman Sharpe motioned to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the amended Lexington County Animal Control Ordinance 24-03. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Financial update reports – Sherry presented financials for May, 2024.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 2nd Annexation reading of property at 122 Hunter Woods Drive (Zoned R3). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading property located at 116 Hunter Woods Drive for Annexation. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- Assignments for Council (Updates):
- Councilman Cook – Clyde Nettles repaired the roof at Town Hall. The floor in the cook room has been painted.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Suggested to move forward with a 2% Hospitality Tax on Commercial prepared foods within the town limits. Two Council members agreed. One Council member opposed. The 1<sup>st</sup> reading will be August 6, 2024.
- Councilman Cox – Nothing new to report.
- Councilman Sharpe – Nothing new to report.

**VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT**

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

**XI. ADJOURN**

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