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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bivens called the meeting to order. Councilman Cox opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Bivens initiated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the September 3, 2024 minutes. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Watkins gave an update on the Police Department activities. Boo Bash will be October 26. Will have a trunk or treat behind Town Hall.

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)

Pamela Sterner with Pamie's Bakery & More introduced herself and had samples of products she will be selling at her Bakery when it opens in November, 2024.

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.
- Volunteers needed for the upcoming 40th Annual Collard & Barbeque Festival.

- Financial update reports – Sherry presented financials for August, 2024

- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 2nd Reading of the Hospitality Tax for prepared food within the town limits of Gaston. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cox motioned to accept the 2nd reading of rezoning property at 324 North Main Street to GC (General Commercial). Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Will be having the car show at the festival. Windows, doors and sidewalks at Town Hall were pressure washed. Golf cart was taken to Charles shop to be charged.
- Councilwoman McCombs – New bakery business opening in Gaston on Meadowfield Road. Gaston Librarian updated Council on plants they are planting for the winter.
- Councilman Sharpe – Absent.
- Councilman Cox – T-shirts will be for sale at the festival for \$15.00.

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.