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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Charles Sharpe

Steve Martin  
Building Official

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the August 13, 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)**

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.
- Volunteers needed for the upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Collard & Barbeque Festival.
- Gary gave an update on the town Audit

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

- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Hospitality Tax for prepared food within the town limits of Gaston. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of rezoning property at 324 North Main Street to GC (General Commercial). Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Will be putting up the banners for the festival soon. Fire Extinguishers need to be purchased for area where cookers are. Will have someone check the LED sign near Town Hall to get it working.
- Councilwoman McCombs – New bakery business opening in Gaston on Meadowfield Road.
- Councilman Sharpe – No updates.
- Councilman Cox – Will get with Jennifer about ordering t-shirts to sell for the festival.
- John Hansen with Central Midlands introduced himself to Council and passed out information Central Midlands offers.

**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.