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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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**TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 3, 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 November 5, 2024 minutes. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.

**III. CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Watkins gave an update on the Police Department activities. He asked for Council's approval on the purchase of two 2015 Caprice vehicles for the total amount of \$10,989 for both. Councilman Sharpe motioned to approve. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.

**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)**

Mr. Morgan asked about placing a turn signal at Mack and Carlisle Street, by the Bi-Rite.

**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.
- A representative with Signs Unlimited gave information on the different types of Town signs for Council to review along with a sign demonstration outside after the meeting.

- A representative with Ripple Fiber gave Council information on which roads would be under construction with Ripple Fiber potential future installations. Council asked for more information on specific roads they would cover before a decision could be made.
- Gaston Christmas parade is December 14, 2024.
- Financial update reports – Sherry presented financials for October, 2024
- Assignments for Council (Updates):
  - Councilman Cook – Proposed installing a retractable screen with a ceiling projector in the Courtroom at the PD.
  - Councilwoman McCombs announced she was filing for re-election.
  - Councilman Sharpe – Limbs need to be cut on Boy Scout and South Carlisle Streets.
  - Councilman Cox – Fiddlers Lane and North Carlisle Streets limbs also need to be cut.

**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.