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**TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 4, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bivens opened the meeting with prayer and initiated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the March 4, 2025 minutes. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Sgt. Marzol 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)

No one signed up to speak. Michael Bishop updated Council on current activities going on in the area.

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.
- Councilman Cook motioned to accept the 2nd reading for rezoning property at 1210 Mack Street from R1 Single Family Residential to GC General Commercial. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the 1st reading to rezone property located at 227 Oakey Springs from R2 Rural Residential to R1 Single Family Residential. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

- Councilman Cook motioned to approve the 1st reading of amended Business License Ordinance required by Standardization Act. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.
- Council reviewed potential Planning & Zoning new member applications. Councilman Cook motioned to accept all new applications for Planning & Zoning committees. Tony Kelly, Brian Johnson and Efrain Sanchez to add as Planning Committee members. Scott Hill and Shawn Thornton to add as Zoning Committee members. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.

- Financial update reports – Sherry Doan was absent.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Spoke with the owner of property joining the property the Town just purchased for a new Town Sign. The owner gave his consent that the town could cut trees on the fence line and replace the adjoining fence. Council agreed to go ahead with clearing the lot for the quote from Dirt Cheap at no cost to the Town. The Mayor’s office will be updated with paint, crown molding, side rails and base boards.
- Councilwoman McCombs – There will be a meeting for the “Friends of the Gaston Library” on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3pm.
- Councilman Sharpe – Spoke to someone about replacing the cameras at Town Hall. Will get more information.
- Councilman Cox – Councilman Cox was absent.

VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT

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

IX. ADJOURN

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