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**TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 1, 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

Chief Watkins 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. Five new houses are being constructed.

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.
- Tony Kelly and Brian Johnson were sworn in by Mayor Bivens as Planning Committee members. Scott Hill and Shawn Thornton were sworn in as Zoning Committee members.
- Gary Bailey presented the 2024 Audit to Council.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 2nd reading for rezoning property at 227 Oakey Springs from R2 Rural Residential to R1 Single Family Residential. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the 2nd reading of amended Business License Ordinance required by Standardization Act. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- A Festival meeting will be held April 8th at 6pm in the Kitchen at Town Hall.
- Financial update reports – Sherry Doan reviewed the financials for January and February, 2025. Council asked for a breakdown of Hospitality Funds.
- Assignments for Council (Updates):
 - Councilman Cook – Will get a price on the fence for the new property located at 121 South Main Street. Thank you to Dirt Cheap for clearing the property at no cost to the Town. Renovations being done in the Mayor’s office. Need picnic tables and a gate at the cooking area behind the Kitchen. Car Show people would like to use the field behind Town Hall for a show in April. They will also be at this year’s festival.
 - Councilwoman McCombs – Would like to discuss compensating people that volunteer to help in the Kitchen at the festival.
 - Councilman Sharpe – Having problems with dump trucks are running the stop sign on North Carlisle and Mack Street.
 - 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.