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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 6, 2025
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cox motioned to approve the April 1, 2025 minutes. Councilman Cook 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.

V. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM (Town Citizens can speak up to 3 minutes)

Ellen Moles asked for an update on the property being cleared at 356 North Main Street near her property.
Michelle Cox asked Council what can be done about all the stray cats 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.**
- Financial Update Review for March, 2025 – Sherry was absent**
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept annexation of property located at Hunter Woods Drive, Lot 8 (TMS# 010000-02-400). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.**

- Discussion of Termite Control at Town Hall office was tabled until the next meeting.
- Councilman Cook motioned to accept the quote of \$2200 to put up a fence on the property at 121 South Main Street where the future Town of Gaston sign will be placed. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Dirt Cheap will be putting grass seed out soon on the property at 121 South Main Street.
- Councilwoman McCombs – New truck stop coming by Bojangles on Hwy 321. Pamie's Bakery hours are now Tuesday thru Saturday from 9:00 until 5:00.
- Councilman Sharpe – Nothing new to report.
- Councilman Cox – Asked who pays for the crepe myrtles on Hwy 321 when they are destroyed. Insurance of the person who hit the trees usually pays for replacement of the trees.

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.