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**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Mike Cook**  
**Carol McCombs**  
**Jimmy Cox**  
**Charles Sharpe**

**Steve Martin**  
**Building Official**

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**TOWN MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 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 May 6, 2025 minutes. Councilwoman McCombs 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)**

**Rachel Moore asked what could be done about the property next to hers that is a health hazard.**

**Celia Pauline with Brisk MD informed Council of the Grand Opening on June 7th at the Gaston Pharmacy location and in the park beside Town Hall.**

**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.**
- Sherry presented the financial update review for March, 2025 and April, 2025**
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of annexation property located at Hunter Wood Drive, Lot 8 (TMS# 010000-02-400). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.**

- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for rezoning property located at 1442 Mack Street from R-2 (Rural Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cook motioned to pay \$2000 for the cost of steel tables for the cooking area at the back of the kitchen. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- Bids for Lawn Care were reviewed. Councilman Cook motioned to accept the lawn care bid from Patriot Timber and Land in the amount of \$23,400 for the year. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.
- Bids for Cleaning were reviewed. Councilman Cox motioned to accept the cleaning bid from Jan Pro in the amount of \$800 per month. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

**- Assignments for Council (Updates):**

- Councilman Cook – Steel tables and gate look good that were installed in the cooking area Outside the Kitchen. Cameras for Town Hall building are being worked on. Have a design idea for the new town sign along that would include a flag pole and Honorary Mayors and Council members plaque.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Thanked Councilman Cook for visiting the new bakery. Gaston Library has the summer reading kick-off on Monday, June 9. Councilwoman McCombs asked if Council would donate \$350 to the Friends of the Library to help with the Library activities. Councilman Cook motioned to donate \$350. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- Councilman Sharpe – Asked when the Town of Gaston was founded.
- Councilman Cox – Wanted to make PD aware that someone is driving a 4-wheeler late at night disturbing the peace around Indiana Drive.

**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.