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Jimmy Cox
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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 1, 2025
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Cox opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Pro Tem Cook initiated the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Bivens was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Cox motioned to approve the June 3, 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. Six new houses at Indiana Drive area have been completed.

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.**
- Sherry presented the financial update review for May, 2025.**
- Councilman Cox motioned to accept the 2nd reading of Sewer Rate increase from .00637 to .00656 per gallon and to increase the Maintenance fee from \$12.48 to \$14.00. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.**

- Councilman Sharpe motioned to increase the cash prizes of the Gaston Beauty Pageant winners up to \$500 per category. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to sponsor the Gaston DYB. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Working on renovations at Town Hall in the office area.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Attended the grand opening of the doctor office in Gaston. Not a successful turnout.
- Councilman Sharpe – Nothing new to report.
- Councilman Cox – Nothing new to report.

VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT

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

IX. ADJOURN

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