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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 5, 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

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the July 1, 2025 minutes. Councilman Cox 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. Planning & Zoning meeting for a training session will be held August 18, 2025.

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

Sabrina Free - Asked Council what can be done about homeless people trespassing on her property.

Ellen Moles – barrier that Mr. Sanchez put at the back of his property joining her property is not keeping water from running onto her property.

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 June, 2025.**

- Councilman Cox motioned to accept the 1st reading of a request by the owner for rezoning property from (RD) Rural Development to (R3) General Residential at 898 Mack Street. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cox motioned to accept the 1st reading of a request by the owner for rezoning property from (RD) Rural Development to (R3) General Residential at 904 Mack Street. Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cox motioned to accept the 1st reading of a request by the owner for rezoning property from (RD) Rural Development to (GC) General Commercial at 900 Mack Street. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cox motioned to accept the 1st reading of a request by the owner for rezoning property from (RD) Rural Development to (R3) General Residential at 1300' of the intersection of Woodtrail Drive and E/S Boy Scout Road (TMS 010000-01-011). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cook motioned to accept the 1st reading of a request by the owner for rezoning property from (RD) Rural Development to (R1) Single Family Residential at Irvin Jumper Street (TMS 010100-04-088). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.
- Councilman Cook motioned to accept the 1st reading of a request by the owner for rezoning property from (R1) Single Family Residential to (GC) General Commercial at 1121 Mack Street. Councilman Cox seconded the motion.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Special thanks to the PD for hosting the Back to School Bash. Working on getting Town sign erected soon. Had the picnic tables by the kitchen stained. The office at Town Hall is being painted. Outside stage looks like it is leaning. Thank you Jennifer for having the flag replaced at Town Hall. Window screens in kitchen need to be replaced.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Increase amount of flyers being mailed out to cover more of the local areas. Working on getting sponsors for the festival. Mayor Bivens – Festival meeting will be August 14th at 6pm.
- Councilman Sharpe – Was absent.
- 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.