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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 6, 2026
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 Cook motioned to approve the December 2, 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. Completed new housing development at Indiana and Evans Streets.

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 Sharpe seconded the motion.

VII. OPENING STATEMENT (Information from Mayor and Council)

- Agendas and sign up sheets were located at the front door.**
- Todd Cocca was sworn in by Mayor Bivens as a new Planning Committee member.**
- Councilman Cook motioned to approve the 2026 Holiday and Meeting schedules. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.**
- Sherry presented the financial update review for November, 2025.**
- Hospitality spreadsheets were given to Council.**

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Flag pole will be installed next week.**
- Councilwoman McCombs – Pamie’s Bakery is closing. Would like to have a festival meeting. The festival meeting will be January 15, 2026 in the kitchen at 6:00 p.m.**
- Councilman Sharpe – Need new Christmas Light Fixtures for poles along Hwy 321 and Mack Street.**
- Councilman Cox – Nothing new to report.**

VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT

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

IX. ADJOURN

Councilman Cook motioned to adjourn. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.