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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Sharpe motioned to approve the February 3, 2026 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)

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.**
- Gary Bailey reviewed the 2025 Audit with Council.**
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the 2nd Reading of Business License Ordinance updated by MASC. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.**
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to table the 2nd reading of rezoning property at Hwy 321 (TMS# 010100-2-276) to I (Industrial). Councilman Cox seconded the motion.**

- Councilman Cook motioned to approve the 2nd reading for rezoning property from (RD) Rural Development to GC (General Commercial) Hwy 321 (TMS# 010100-03-033). Councilwoman McCombs seconded the motion.
- Sherry presented the financial update review for January, 2026.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – New sign should have power by next week. Thank Kevin Miller for dropping soil at the base of town sign. Installed lighting at Town Hall parking lot.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Library celebrates its 30th year with Birthday on March 5th.
- Councilman Sharpe – Light Poles on Hwy 321 need to be marked for Christmas fixtures to be placed on them but at least 200 feet from poles with transformers on them.
- 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.