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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, April 7, 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

Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the amended March 3 2026 minutes. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion. Minutes were amended to describe the street poles for Christmas decorations needing to be marked.

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Watkins gave an update on the Police Department activities. The PD needs to purchase another vehicle. Asked if Council would discuss either a Ford Interceptor, Silverado or Mustang. Two of the PD vehicles are having mechanical issues.

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)

Ellen at 110 Oakdale Street is having problems again with the water runoff barrier that was repaired by Mr. Sanchez, but is now down again.

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.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to table the 2nd reading of rezoning property at Hwy 321 (TMS# 010100-2-276) to I (Industrial). Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

- Councilman Cook motioned to approve updates on Land Development Ordinance for page 25, 4:8 sidewalks. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- Council decided not to charge for rides at the 2026 Festival.
- Sherry was absent. The financial update review for February and March, 2026 will be given next month.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – New sign is operating and flags are on the pole. Need more dirt in base of town sign. There is water available also on the property. Jennifer has the keys to electrical pole. Brian, Town Lawn and Landscaper, offered to plant flowers pro bono at the new sign. Town Hall parking lot is lit up now with lights. Painter fixed the flooring in the auditorium and stain.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Town of Gaston's Mothers Day Luncheon will be May 8th at 12:30 and will be held at Crystal Lake Celebration Hall hosted by Carol McCombs.
- Councilman Sharpe – Nothing new to report.
- Councilman Cox – Absent.
- Mayor Bivens announced that Tractor Supply will be coming to Gaston.

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.