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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, May 5, 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 Sharpe motioned to approve the amended April 7, 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.**
- Mayor Bivens motioned to table the 2nd reading of rezoning property at Hwy 321 (TMS# 010100-2-276) to I (Industrial) to the June meeting. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.**

- Sherry reviewed the financial updates for February and March, 2026..

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Thank you Jennifer for contacting Carolina Fire Safety to update the fire extinguishers at Town Hall. There is still a leak in the field near the cemetery behind Town Hall. Thank you to Brian for planting the flowers at the new sign. Ceiling fans in the kitchen are not working.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Went to visit the property at Jimmy Jones. Was impressed with what is going on there. They are having a grand opening in June. Will be having the first Ladies Luncheon sponsored by the Town on May 8th.
- Councilman Sharpe – Nothing new to report.
- Councilman Cox – Someone needs to clean up the trash behind Food Lion.

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.