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Mike Cook
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TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, July 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

Councilman Cook motioned to approve the June 2, 2026 minutes. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.

III. CHIEF'S REPORT

Major Marzol 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.
- The 2026-2027 Budget is complete.
- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the 1st Reading for changing the General Election from January to November in order to vote on the same day along with all other Municipalities in Lexington County. Councilman Sharpe seconded the motion.
- Sherry reviewed the financial updates for May, 2026.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Getting another quote on painting the Town Hall building. Converting bathroom at Town Hall to handicap accessible. Working on electrical panel under the mirror in the hallway at Town Hall for pageants.**
- Councilwoman McCombs – Asked about business and residential properties having their addresses posted on their property.**
- Councilman Sharpe – Back to School Bash is August 3rd at the Gaston Library.**
- Councilman Cox – Was Absent.**

VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT

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

IX. ADJOURN

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