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Mike Cook
Carol McCombs
Jimmy Cox
Charles Sharpe

Steve Martin
Building Official

TOWN MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 6, 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 July 7, 2026 minutes. Councilman Cox 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. Steve Martin reported Contractor is breaking ground where the office and coffee shop will be on Hwy 321. Tractor Supply has pulled permits.

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 Cook seconded the motion.

VII. OPENING STATEMENT (Information from Mayor and Council)

- Agendas and sign up sheets were located at the front door.
- Councilwoman motioned to approve the 1st Reading for rezoning property located at 216 Oakey Springs Drive (TMS # 010000-01-094) from (RD) Rural Development to (R1) General Residential. Councilman Cook seconded the motion.

Mayor Bivens asked the owners of 216 Oakey Springs Drive if Council needed to have a 2nd

reading on rezoning the property sooner than the next Council meeting. 2nd reading will be scheduled for August 20, 2026.

- Councilwoman McCombs motioned to approve the 2nd 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 Cook seconded the motion.
- Sherry reviewed the financial updates for June, 2026.

- Assignments for Council (Updates):

- Councilman Cook – Electrical complete along with mirrors in hallway at Town Hall. New ceiling fans were installed in the Kitchen. Will get bathrooms ADA compliant.
- Councilwoman McCombs – Would like to pursue the issue of businesses and residential properties having their addresses posted on their property.
- Councilman Sharpe – Was absent
- Councilman Cox – Nothing new to report.

VIII. CLOSE STATEMENT

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

IX. ADJOURN

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