

## **Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026**

Mayor Inez B. Lee called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Inez B. Lee.

Mayor Lee took roll call: Mayor Lee, Councilwoman Jessica Myers, Councilman Daren Lorenzo, and Councilwoman Angele Bradley were all present.

Tim Dargan and Dennis Carter were also in attendance. Christal Altidor and Pamela Johnson appeared via Zoom.

Councilman Lorenzo made a motion to accept the agenda for the April 13, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 9, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

No comments from citizens.

Edith Josey, Egg Scramble Jamboree Chairman, thanked Mayor Lee, the members of council, the Lamar Police Department, the sponsors, and citizens of Lamar for making the 2026 Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree a huge success.

Christal Altidor, of the Pee Dee Coalition, Discussed Sexual Awareness Month. The motto for April 2026 is, "Every Voice Matters, Every Story Counts." They will host events at Coker University on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to honor victims. Denim Day will be observed on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The color teal should be worn for the month of April to highlight Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Councilman Lorenzo read a Town of Lamar Proclamation recognizing the Month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Teresa Jacobs of the Pee Dee Cog submitted a written progress report for the Railroad Ave. Lift Station Project.

Travis Dupree of Davis & Floyd submitted a written progress report for the Railroad Ave. Lift Station Project.

Doug Poston of Douglas R. Poston, Jr. CPA submitted a written Financial Report.

General Fund (February 28, 2026): Receipts - \$151,422.15, Disbursements - \$56,629.07, Increase in cash - \$94,793.08, Ending cash balance - \$535,443.20.

Utility Fund (February 28, 2026): Receipts - \$36,083.54, Disbursements - \$56,410.56, Decrease in cash - \$20,327.02, Ending cash balance - \$28,694.07 (- \$2,693.65 available for operations; \$31,387.72 for restricted grant funds).

Councilman Lorenzo made a motion to receive all three (3) reports as information. Councilman Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley gave the Police Department Report. She thanked the Lamar Police Department, Darlington County Sheriff Department, SLED (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division), and the State

Constables for assisting the Town during the Lamar Egg Scramble Jamboree. She also thanked Governors Run Golf Course for providing golf carts for Law Enforcement Officers.

Councilman Lorenzo gave the Water & Sewer Report. He reported that the leaking water pipe at Pearl & South Darlington, and the sewer issue on Man Street were addressed and repaired. Councilman Lorenzo encouraged citizens to contact him as soon as possible if they notice a water leak or sewer issue.

He reported the following for the water loss report. He cautioned that it may be inaccurate, but will be monitored:

**Purchased: 1,472,300 Billed: 1,684,025 Water Loss: - 211,750**

Councilwoman Myers gave the Business License Report. She reminded merchants and individuals that April 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submitting applications and payments for the FY2027 Business Licenses. A 5 % penalty will be assessed beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>. An additional escalating 5 % will be assessed for each delinquent month. \$4,478.93 was collected in Business License fees for March 2026.

Tim Dargan discussed the upcoming events:

Recreation Bingo (April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 am), Recreation Trip Northlake Mall (April 23<sup>rd</sup>), LHS Silver Foxes Sliding Home (April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm), and Town Council Special Election (April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm).

Mayor Lee gave closing remarks. She applauded the Egg Scramble Jamboree Committee and all others that were involved in making the festival one of the most peaceful in recent memory. She thanked Councilman Lorenzo and Kirk Rouse for the long hours and diligence in addressing sewer issue on Main Street. She also thanked Tim Dargan and others for

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to adjourn the Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan