

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026

Mayor Inez B. Lee called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:17 PM.

Invocation was given by Rev. Emma Jones of Newman Swamp UMC Church.

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

Tim Dargan, Dennis Carter, and Doug Poston were also in attendance.

Mayor Lee officially welcomed Councilman Keion Mack to the Lamar Town Council.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the agenda for the May 11, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Myers made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 13, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from citizens.

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

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

Councilman Lorenzo made a motion that both Railroad Avenue Lift Station Reports be accepted as information. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund (March 31, 2026): Receipts - \$43,975.16, Disbursements - \$31,178.71, Increase in cash - \$12,796.45, Ending cash balance - \$548,239.65.

Utility Fund (March 31, 2026): Receipts - \$339,085.12, Disbursements - \$318,486.71, Increase in cash - \$20,598.41, Ending cash balance - \$49,292.48 (- \$17,896.33 available for operations; \$31,396.15 for restricted grant funds).

Mr. Poston pointed out that the \$295,200.00 received in grant funds was immediately disbursed,

Councilwoman Myers made a motion to receive the financial report. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Dargan read the First Reading of the Town of Lamar Fiscal Year 2027 Municipal Budget. Councilman Lorenzo made a motion to accept the budget. Councilwoman Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley acknowledged receiving information concerning Lamar Recreation.

Councilwoman Bradley gave the Police Department Report. She and Chief Dennis Carter spoke about the ongoing stray animal issue.

Councilman Lorenzo gave the Water & Sewer Report. He reported the following for the water loss report. He cautioned that it may be inaccurate, but he will monitor it going forward:

Purchased: 1,544,200 Billed: 2,366,109 Water Loss: - 211,750

Councilwoman Myers gave the Business License Report. The Town collected \$11,617.36 collected in business license fees for the month of April 2026.

Tim Dargan discussed the upcoming events:

Recreation Bingo (May 19th @ 10:00 am), Recreation Trip Westwood BBQ, Hartsville & McLeod Farms, McBee (May 21st), Darlington County High School Graduations (May 28th & May 29th), Town of Lamar FY2027 Budget Reading Schedule.

Mayor Lee gave closing remarks. She thanked various groups and individuals for their assistance and donations to the Town. Mayor Lee said that she welcomes assistance from citizens and organizations but asked that they run ideas by her before beginning projects.

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

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan