

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes June 8, 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 Keion Mack, and Councilwoman Angele Bradley were present. Councilman Daren Lorenzo was not present.

Tim Dargan, Dennis Carter, and Danielle Wilkes were also in attendance.

Councilman Keion Mack made a motion to accept the agenda for the June 8, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Jessica Myers made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 11, 2026, Lamar Town Council meeting, the May 18, 2026, Lamar Town Council Called Budget Workshop Meeting, and the May 26, 2026, Lamar Town Council Called Meeting. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from citizens.

Danielle Wilkes addressed the council on behalf of the Christmas on Main Committee. Ms. Wilkes said that the committee wanted to have 18 electrical receptacles installed on light poles located on Davis Street and Warren Avenue. This would allow them to have pole hanger decorations on the poles coming into town from both welcome signs. The cost of the receptacles would be \$75.78 per month for a 10-year period or a one-time payment of \$7,578.00. Ms. Wilkes stated that she contacted Mayor Lee and asked how much the Town would be willing to spend on this project but never got an answer. Ms. Wilkes then read a list of some of the purchases and projects that the Christmas on Main Committee has contributed to the Town for the Christmas Season. She asked Mayor Lee to give the Christmas on Main Committee an answer by June 10th. Mayor Lee asked Ms. Wilkes when they could meet to further discuss this issue. Ms. Wilkes replied that she would let her know, but requested the mayor
Gives an answer by Wednesday, June 10th.

Darnell McPherson, Executive Director of Darlington County, submitted a Men's Health Proclamation to honor Men's Health Month which is celebrated in the month of June. The proclamation was read by Councilwoman Angele Bradley.

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

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

General Fund (April 30, 2026): Receipts - \$15,599.55, Disbursements - \$42,204.93, Increase in cash - \$26,605.39, Ending cash balance - \$521,634.27.

Utility Fund (April 30, 2026): Receipts - \$34,161.68, Disbursements - \$32,952.21, Increase in cash- \$1,209.47, Ending cash balance - \$50,501.95 (\$19,097.64 available for operations; \$31,404.31 for restricted grant funds).

Mayor Lee accepted the Railroad Avenue Lift Station Project Report and the financial report as information.

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

Councilwoman Angele Bradley gave the Police Department Report. She implored citizens to stop speeding when they drive through town. Chief Dennis Carter said that the new Golf Cart Law states that drivers must have a driver's license, insurance, and wear a seat belt. They also can't drive after dark. Chief Carter said that an upcoming law for UTV's will allow them to be driven on main roads. There will be an engine size restriction. Councilwoman Myers gave the Business License Report. The Town collected \$9,044.71 in fees and renewed 21 business licenses in the month of May 2026. The previous year to date amount collected in May 2025 was \$28,192.68. The year-to-date amount collected in May 2026 was \$25,579.90. A difference of - \$2,612.78.

Tim Dargan discussed the upcoming events: Primary Elections (June 9th) Bright Star Summer Camp (June 8 – 19th), Lamar American Legion Post 94 Yard Sale & Chicken Bog Sale (June 13th), Fireworks on Main (July 3rd), and Christmas on Main Committee's "Christmas in July" (Month of July).

Councilwoman Myers spoke about the upcoming Harvest Hope Packing Event (June 24th) and the harvest Hope Food Box Giveaway (June 25th).

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 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan