Lamar Town Council Called Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2024

Mayor James Howell called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

Councilwoman Inez B. Lee gave the invocation.

Mayor Howell took roll call: Mayor Howell, Councilman Tyler Cook, Councilwoman Mary Ann Mack, and Councilwoman Inez B. Lee were all present. Councilwoman Bradley called in on the telephone.

Others in attendance: Tim Dargan (Town Administrator) and Carl Scott (Chief of Police).

Councilwoman Mack made a motion to accept the agenda for the May 2, 2024, Lamar Town Council Called Meeting. Councilman cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dargan suggested that the council set a budget schedule. The council set the following schedule:
May 20th – Budget Workshop
May 28th - First Reading of Budget for FYE 2025
June 10th – Second reading of Budget for FYE 2025

Council discussed Lamar Town Ordinance 3.108 (Animals: Unlawful to pen. Certain). Councilman Cook read the ordinance and then stated that he thinks the ordinance should be modified to allow citizens to have chickens in the Town limit. He cited the fact that Columbia, South Carolina is much larger than the Town of Lamar and they allow their residents to own chickens. He said that there should be a limit on how many chickens a household can own and that the chicken must be properly penned.

Mayor Howell stated the rising cost of eggs as a reason to consider modifying the ordinance.

Councilwoman Lee was concern about chickens getting out and chicken droppings. She asked which area of Columbia allowed the chickens.

Councilwoman Bradley agreed with keeping the chicken penned up and with a number's restriction. She asked that each council member do research on their own and discuss it at the May council meeting. They agreed.

Councilwoman Mack made a motion for council to enter Executive Session to discuss a contract for the Town Administrator. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cook made a motion to re-enter General Session. Councilwoman lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Howell and Council have agreed to keep Tim Dargan on as the Town Administrator. Mr. Dargan's status will change from full-time to part-time.

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

Mayor Howell adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L. Dargan