

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes June 10, 2024

Mayor James Howell called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Deacon Tim Dargan gave the invocation.

Mayor Howell took roll call: Mayor Howell, Councilwoman Angele White- Bradley, Councilman Tyler Cook, Councilwoman Mary Ann Mack, and Councilwoman Inez B. Lee were all present.

Others in attendance: Tim Dargan and Carl Scott.

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the agenda for the June 10, 2024, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Mack made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 13, 2024, Lamar Town Council Meeting and May 28, 2024, Lamar Town Council Called Meeting (First Reading of Municipal Budget). Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Doug Poston of Douglas R. Poston, Jr. CPA gave the financial Report:

General Fund (April 2024): Receipts - \$69,977.12, Disbursements - \$39,480.21, Increase in cash - \$30,496.91, Ending cash balance - \$518,224.45 (\$205,503.85 of these funds are from the American Rescue Funds).

Utility Fund (April 2024): Receipts - \$33,115.36, Disbursements - \$36,921.93, Decrease in cash -\$3,806.57, Ending cash balance - \$84,392.107 (\$27,224.51 available for operations; \$57,167.59 for restricted grant funds).

Mr. Poston explained that he split the audit cost between the Administrative Account and the Utility Account for the Town of Lamar Municipal Audit.

Councilman Cook read the Second Reading of the Town of Lamar Municipal Budget for FYE 2025. Councilman Cook made a motion that the council adopt the amount of \$1,075,000.00 for revenues, and \$1,075,000.00 for expenditures. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Jacobs of the Pee Council of Government (COG) submitted the SCIIP Grant Report:

Activities Currently On-Going/Completed:

- May 13, 2024, Lindse Privette (Pee Dee COG) and Preston Watson (Davis & Floyd) attended the Town of Lamar Council Meeting.
 - Davis & Floyd requested an engineering increase/modification to cover rescoping and rebidding of project.
 - No additional money from RIA/SCIIP to fund project rescope.
 - Need to find additional funding.

Upcoming Activities:

- Rebid of project – To Be Announced (TBA)
- Bid opening – (TBA)

Preston Watson of Davis & Floyd submitted an update:

- Davis & Floyd is on hold for rescoping R/R Ave pending the Town's agreement modification.
- The SSES is still in progress. Field work is roughly 90% complete. We anticipate completing the fieldwork and subsequent report in the next 6 weeks.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to receive both reports as information. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley gave the Codes and Business Report. As of June 5, 2024:

- 121 business license renewal letters were mailed out.
- 85 business licenses were renewed.
- 39 new business licenses were issued.
- 36 business Licenses are pending renewal Councilwoman Bradley encouraged business to obtain their business license before the deadline to avoid costly penalties.

Councilwoman Lee Beautification Commission Report:

Councilwoman Mack discussed the banners that the Egg Scramble Jamboree Committee put on the light poles on Railroad Avenue. She shared that the Christmas on Main Committee asked if the banner/banner holders could be relocated to Main Street. Councilman Mack said that although there may be further discussions, she pointed out that the banner holders were custom-made for the poles that they are currently on.

Councilwoman Lee gave the Water & Sewer Report:

Water Loss Report for the Month of May 2024:

Gallons Purchased: 2,741,130 Gallons Billed: 2,072,897 Gallons Loss: 668,233

Councilwoman Mack gave the Streets and Sanitation Report:

- Councilwoman Mack thanked the Town of Lamar Police Officers for helping with the reporting of streetlights outage.
- The order for the municipal trash cans has been placed; there were a few changes made to the order.

Councilman Cook gave the Lamar Police Department Report:

- Lamar Fun Day is July 20, 2024, from 11 am – 2 pm at 400 Cartersville Highway.
- The Lamar Police Department has a new part-time, certified officer, Officer Calip Floyd.
- Reminded citizens to watch their speed when driving around town.
- Please contact the Animal Shelter if you need a trap in your area at 843-398-4011.
- Encourage residents to call the Anonymous Tip Line at 843-326-1449 (non-emergency calls).

Councilman Cook did a recap of the proposed Chicken Amendment to the Town of Lamar Ordinances. No votes were taken.

Tim Dargan discussed the upcoming events:

- First Step's Men Health Month Event (June 22nd, 11:00 am -5:00 pm).
- Harvest Hope Food Giveaway (June 27th, 12:00 pm – Until).
- Christmas in July Raffle Tickets Event (Drawing daily throughout the month of July).

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

Mayor Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan