

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

Mayor James Howell called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

Councilwoman Inez B. Lee gave the invocation.

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

Others in attendance: Tim Dargan. Doug Poston participated via Zoom.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the agenda for the February 10, 2025, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cook a motion to accept the minutes from the January 13, 2025, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from citizens during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Doug Poston of Douglas R. Poston, Jr. CPA submitted the Financial Report:

General Fund (January 2025): Receipts - \$28,196.33, Disbursements - \$79,676.83, Decrease in cash - \$51,480.50, Ending cash balance - \$478,631.10 (\$98,619.08 of these funds are from the American Rescue Funds).

Utility Fund (January 2025): Receipts - \$81,920.23, Disbursements - \$70,463.71, Increase in cash- \$11,456.52, Ending cash balance - \$64,380.49 (- \$7,138.72 available for operations; \$57,241.77 for restricted grant funds).

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to receive the Financial Report. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Jacobs of the Pee Dee Cog submitted a Status Report on the Lamar Railroad Lift Station Project. Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to receive the Financial Report. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Preston Watson of Davis & Floyd submitted a Status Report on The Lamar Railroad Avenue Lift Station Project. Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to receive the Financial Report. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley gave the Business License Report.

Councilwoman Lee gave the Beautification Commission Report. The Commission will not meet again until the weather warms up.

Councilwoman Lee gave the Water & Sewer Report. There was no Water Loss Report for January 2024 due to incompatible data.

Councilwoman Mack gave the Street & Sanitation Report. Several faulty street lights have been reported.

Councilman Cook gave the Lamar Police Department Report. The Town is still searching for a new Chief of Police. Councilwoman Bradley asked for contact information for the Darlington County Sheriff's Department.

The Councilman Cook made a motion to allow Darlington County to enter a contract with Davis& Floyd to conduct an efficiency study on the Town of Lamar's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). Councilwoman Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dargan gave an update on upcoming events: (Recreation Trip, Bingo & Lunch, February 18, 2025).

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

Mayor Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan