

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026

Mayor Inez B. Lee called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Rev. Emma Jones, Pastor of Newman Swamp UMC, gave the invocation.

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

Others that were in attendance: Tim Dargan & Dennis Carter.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the agenda for the January 12, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes from the December 8, 2025, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilman Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

No comments from citizens.

Teresa Jacobs of the Pee Dee Cog submitted a progress report for the Railroad Ave. Lift Station Project. Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the report as information. Councilwoman Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund (November 30, 2025): Receipts - \$25,652.97, Disbursements - \$39,132.64, Decrease in cash - \$13,479.67, Ending cash balance - \$535,609.82.

Utility Fund (November 30, 2025): Receipts - \$29,969.85, Disbursements - \$33,368.07, Decrease in cash - \$3,398.22, Ending cash balance - \$37,362.69 (\$5,999.40 available for operations; \$31,363.29 for restricted grant funds).

Councilwoman Myers made a motion to accept the financial report as information. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tim Dargan presented a list of signatories that needed to be removed, added, or remain on the Town of Lamar's Carolina Bank Accounts. He listed each account by their last four digits. The bank account numbers and the authority given to each signer will be listed in an attachment to be given to Carolina Bank:

- James Howell, Mary Ann Mack, and Tyler Cook are to be removed as signatories from all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Operation and Grant Accounts.
- Angele White-Bradley is to remain a signatory on all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Operation and Grant Accounts.
- Inez B. Lee is to be removed as a signatory from all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Grant Accounts. Inez B. Lee to be added as a signatory on all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Operation Accounts.
- Jessica Myers is to be added as a signatory on all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Grant Accounts.
- Daren Lorenzo is to be added as a signatory on all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Grant Accounts.

- Tim Dargan is to remain as the control person on all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Operation and Grant Accounts.
- Doug Poston is to remain an online user on all Town of Lamar Carolina Bank Operation and Grant Accounts.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to update the Town of Lamar's Carolina Bank Operation and Grant Accounts as read by Mr. Dargan. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lee introduced the commissioner for each Town of Lamar Town Hall Department. Councilwoman Bradley is the Police Department Commissioner. Councilwoman Myers is the Business & License Commissioner. Councilman Lorenzo is the Water & Sewer Commissioner.

Tim Dargan discussed the Town of Lamar 2026 Municipal Calendar. The council discussed the calendar at the December 8, 2025, Lamar Town Council Meeting; the only unresolved issue was the 2026 Christmas Holiday schedule for Lamar Town Hall. Councilman Cook stated in the December meeting that town hall should be closed following the precedent of previous years. Therefore, Lamar Town Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas (to be observed on the following Monday). The trash collection schedule must be worked out.

Mr. Dargan asked Councilwoman Meyers to discuss the upcoming Harvest Hope Food Box Giveaway. Councilwoman Myers said that one of the packing dates changed due to an emergency with the driver. The Harvest Hope packing dates will be Thursday, January 15th at 9:00 am, and Wednesday, January 21st at 10:00 am. The food dispersal will be on Thursday, January 22nd at noon.

Mr. Dargan said that Town Lamar Hall will be closed on January 19th in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday. He also said that there would be a Martin Luther King Community Service at Bethany Baptist Church on January 19th at 9:00 am.

Mayor Lee acknowledged the 100th birthday of Lamar Citizen, Lucille Dukes Virgil. Mayor Lee stated that a celebration was held in Ms. Virgil's honor, and that there will be more to come.

Mayor Lee listed some of her goals as the Mayor of Lamar. The goals included having clean streets, a smooth-running water system, improved infrastructure, and highlighting activities for the youth and senior citizens. She also wants Lamar to be safer, stronger, and more resilient. Mayor Lee wants every citizen to be a partner for growth and that the Town will be a place that all Lamar citizens are proud of.

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

Mayor Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan