

## Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2025

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

Councilwoman Inez Lee gave the invocation.

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

Others that were in attendance: Tim Dargan, Jessica Myers, Daren Lorenzo, Dennis Carter, Charles Cusack, and Andrew Stewart.

Councilman Cook made a motion to accept the agenda for the December 8, 2025, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Lee and Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 10, 2025, Lamar Town Council Meeting. Councilwoman Mack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

No comments from citizens.

Jessica Myers and Daren Lorenzo formally introduced themselves as newly elected council members for the Town of Lamar. Also, Andrew Stewart and Charles Cusack formally introduced themselves as police officers for the Town of Lamar.

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 Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund (October 31, 2025): Receipts - \$8,334.45, Disbursements - \$25,089.5270.24, Decrease in cash - \$16,755.07, Ending cash balance - \$549,089.49.

Utility Fund (October 31, 2025): Receipts - \$31,816.93, Disbursements - \$36,774.98, Decrease in cash - \$4,958.05, Ending cash balance - \$40,760.91 (\$9,405.76 available for operations; \$31,355.15 for restricted grant funds).

Councilwoman Angele Bradley stated she had no report this month for the Business & License Report.

Beautification Commission Report – Councilwoman Inez Lee

Councilwoman Lee reported that the Beautification Commission met to close out the year. She stated that the commission must choose a new leader (due to her position as town mayor), and that they are accepting new volunteers.

Councilwoman Inez Lee presented the Water & Sewer Report.

- Councilwoman Lee submitted a written report. She noted that several damaged water lines have been repaired. The site at Main & Pearl (Spaulding Middle School) must have more dirt hauled to that location.
- Water Purchased from DCWSA: **3,015,600** Billed: **1,438,543** Water Loss: **1,577.057 (\$12,050.99)**
- End of Year Purchase: **31,908,500** Billed: **18,468,409** Water Loss: **13,439,782**
- DES (formerly DHEC) will visit Lamar in December 2025 for a water survey.

Councilwoman Mary Ann Mack reported the Streets and Sanitation Report.

- Councilwoman Mack said there needed to be new street signs at East Main & Pearl.
- Reminded citizens to report street light outages. The mayor asked the police officers to monitor the streetlights on their evening shifts.

Councilman Cook presented the Police Department Report.

Councilman Cook submitted a written report; however, he highlighted the stray animal issue. He addressed a citizen who complained about stray dogs in the area. He advised her to contact Darlington County Animal Control.

Town Administrator Tim Dargan presented the Town of Lamar Municipal Calendar for Calendar Year 2026. The 2026 calendar mirrors most of the days from 2025 calendar. Further discussion to take place concerning the 2026 Christmas and New Year season.

Tim Dargan discussed the upcoming events:

- Congratulated the Lamar Silver Foxes on winning the Class A Upper State Football Championship. They will play in the state championship game on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at South Carolina State in Orangeburg.
- The Lamar Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to the Alabama Theatre in North Myrtle Beach on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas on Main will host A New Year's Eve Gala at the Governor's Run Country Club on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 pm – 12:30 pm.

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 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan