

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes August 10, 2026

Mayor Inez B. Lee called the Lamar Town Council Meeting to order at 6:18 PM. Mayor Lee noted that Councilwoman Angele Bradley was unable to get the livestream devices to function properly

Invocation was given by Mayor Inez B. Lee.

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

Doug Poston and Yolandis Peoples appeared via Zoom.

Councilman Lorenzo made a motion to accept the agenda for the August 10, 2026, Lamar Town Council Meeting with the addition of a Lamar Fun Day Report from Yolandis Peoples and a Streets & Sanitation Report from Councilman Keion Mack. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Myers made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 13, 2026, Lamar Town Council meeting. Councilman Lorenzo seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from citizens.

Teresa Jacobs of Pee Dee Cog submitted a written monthly progress report for the Railroad Avenue Lift Station Project. Councilman Lorenzo made a motion to accept the report as information. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

General Fund (June 30, 2026): Receipts - \$339,203.96 Disbursements - \$30,078.55, Increase in cash - \$309,125.41, Ending cash balance - \$876,731.09

Mr. Poston noted that payments of approximately \$90,000.00+ and \$200,000.00+ were received from insurance premiums tax payments to the Town.

Utility Fund (June 30, 2026): Receipts - \$37,340.22, Disbursements - \$18,872.30, Increase in cash - \$18,872.30, Ending cash balance - \$80,408.12 (\$48,987.21 available for operations; \$31,420.91 for restricted grant funds).

Councilwoman Myers made a motion to accept the financial report. Councilman Mack seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Angele Bradley gave the Police Department Report. In the absence of Chief Dennis Carter, Councilwoman Bradley read a letter thanking the following businesses and individuals: Jefferson Insurance Agency, Belk Funeral Home, Todd & Jenny Hardee of Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home, Representative Cody Mitchell, Barrier Reef Pools, Don King of King Industrial, Old South Cabinetry, Haris Mechanical, Twice the Ice, and various business and individuals.

Yolandis Peoples thanked Mayor Lee, the Lamar Town Council, The Darlington County Sheriff's Department, and the Lamar Community for their support. She thanked the following organizations and individuals for their contributions and donations: Cleveland Howard, Quincy Walker of Nucor donated 150 book bags, John Wesley UMC donated 115 drawstring book bags, and David Temple Lodge cooked hot dogs and hamburgers. Edith Josey, James Hudson, and Jacqueline Mack gave monetary donations. Ms. Peoples said the water slides were very popular; they will look to get two water slides for next year's Fun Day event.

Councilwoman Jessica Myers gave the Business License Report. The Town collected \$3,914.94 in fees and issued nine (9) new business licenses for the month of July 2026. The previous year to date amount collected in July 2025 was \$29,595.46. The year-to-date amount collected in July 2026 was \$29,456.44. A difference of - \$139.02

Councilwoman stated that four businesses have not renewed their licenses as urged them to do so soon.

Councilman Daren Lorenzo gave the Water & Sewer Report. Councilman Lorenzo stated that out of four (4) of the last five (5) months, there has been a significant water billing discrepancy. He said that this was physically impossible. A potential problem with the DCWSA (Darlington County Water & Sewer Authority) metering device has been identified. Councilman Lorenzo will investigate the watering metering discrepancy by comparing bills with the system data to identify the source of the error over the next few weeks. Councilman Lorenzo gave the Water Loss Report:

Gallons Purchased: **1,669,500** Gallons Billed: **1,813,744** Gallons Loss: **-144,244**

Councilman Keion Mack gave the Streets & Sanitation Report. He reported that citizens are improperly disposing of trash in the flowerpots that are in front of the businesses on Main Street. The department is reviewing options, such as swapping the locations of the flowerpots and trash cans. Mayor Lee and Councilwoman Myers are looking into options to improve the appearance of the Town's trashcans flowerpots. A recent widespread power outage was confirmed not to be from a damaged light pole and was resolved within approximately two hours. Streetlights on Pettigrew Avenue and Pearl Street have been repaired. Councilman Mack encouraged citizens to call Duke Energy or Lamar Town Hall to report outages. Citizens are asked to contact Councilman Mack or Lamar Town Hall to report potholes that need repair. A pothole on Pearl Street has been identified for repair.

Mayor Lee read the Second Reading of the ordinance to amend Town of Lamar Ordinance 10.309. The amendment states: "The maximum width and length for limbs will be 3" (width) x 6" (length). The debris should be placed 4 feet from the road, but not near water and sewer lines. In addition, leaves, pine straw, and clippings must be placed in garbage bags near the debris pile; not in the trash roll carts."

Mayor Lee asked citizens to watch for children walking to and from school. Residents and businesses were asked to keep streets and sidewalks clean. Grass clippings should be blown away from the sidewalk area, not onto them.

Council encouraged community support for the Lamar area schools sport teams, including the cross-country track teams. In addition, they asked the community to football team August 21, 2026, Lamar High School football game. cross-country team.

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 6:50 pm.

Notes taken by Councilman Daren Lorenzo and Councilwoman Jessica Myers. Compiled by Timothy L. Dargan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy L Dargan