

TOWN OF LAKE VIEW COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 18th, 2024 @ 7pm - Council Chambers
201 N. Main Street, Lake View, SC 29563

MEETING MINUTES

- Welcome – call meeting to order: Mayor Lee
- Pledge of Allegiance: ALL Prayer by Mayor Lee
- Attendance: Councilmembers Church, King, Townsend, (Councilmember Kitchens was absent) Public present was Jay Currie, Lynn Page, Martha Jones, Steven Sutton (& Jackie), Bobby Elvington, Chief Temple and Officer Smith.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/21/24 1st Motion by Mayor Lee 2nd Motion Councilmember Church with 1 edit requested to add that The Town of Lake View posted thank you in the Dillon Herald to Dennis Townsend and to Dillon County Council for their assistance and donation to the Lake View Rec. Dept. to help with costs associated with travel for championship tournaments.
- Mayor Lee requested to adjourn to Executive Session, 2nd motion by Councilmember Church, all in favor and everyone left the room. 1st motion by Mayor Lee to adjourn Executive Session and return to regular council meeting, 2nd motion by Councilmember Church all in favor and the public returned to the room.
- Citizen Concerns: (each citizen has three (3) minutes to speak)
 - Kim Chapman from Faith Outreach Ministries spoke out about getting a Blessing Station for the Town of Lake View. The one located in Nichols is being frequently visited by Lake View residents in need of food and they are needing to refill theirs 3x weekly. Her suggestion was an old double door stainless steel fridge to be placed behind the Town Hall for residents to be able to visit.
 - Jay Currie spoke regarding nuisance properties and derelict buildings, he also presented a signed petition from Lake View residents requesting that the town get on track with having them up kept. Council responded stating the ordinance reads as long as they do something to try and maintain property the 30days starts all over. The town is looking into further ways to perform these ordinance reviews of nuisance properties.
 - Martha Jones from 203 4th Ave spoke regarding her nuisance property and that she has been slowly working on it but that she is also the victim of contact vandalism and her property be defaced. She stated that she has made official and unofficial reports of such events. She will be moving forward with construction but also stated she has received constant online social media harassment as well due to the property and is doing her best at rectifying the situation.
 - Lynn Page requests that community come together and help each other with these nuisance properties rather than try and tear each other down.
- Committee Reports from Councilmember Paula King that Lynn Page will be providing desserts for the Breaking Bread event and requested to set up a table for new business owners at the event as well. Council approved. Tablecloths are still needed, drinks will be donated, everything will be inside.
- Financial Report – We will be going over the budget so no report this month; Budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday April 25th @ 6pm.

Old Business

- Mill Pond Spraying Contract – DNR came out on 4/9/24 and went around the pond in their boat. They will definitely approve the Cost-Share Grant Program and will send cost analysis for Council approval, they will hand the contractors and supervise them. Cost share will cost \$5481.20 for 2 treatments and the TOLV share will be \$2740.60. DNR will handle the contractors and supervision.

- Parcels 111-07-06-002 & 111-03-08-007 – Andrea Jordan – W 7th Ave & 4th Ave/Cedar St. Donation of properties waiting on Town Attorney. Table till next mtg.
- Old Town Hall – Waiting to hear back on funding from Rep. Hayes regarding the roof only Table till next mtg.
- Parcel # 111-00-00-160 – sale of TOLV Property, we have a \$500 deposit holding the sale of the property waiting on the buyers to confirm with GSWSA right of way. Table till next mtg.
- Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan adopt resolution: - 2nd reading is motion to ADOPT - Motion to ADOPT - 1st Motion Mayor Lee 2nd Motion Councilmember Church.
- Studio Main – Comprehensive Plan required by the SC per the Planning Enabling Act of 1994 – \$17,500 contract has been signed. Blake will be in touch with Municipal Clerk to set up and confirm Planning Commission members and Council Members that will be involved in the process as well as start compiling data from the county, previous comprehensive plans, etc. Municipal Clerk will keep Council updated. Those wishing to be involved are Tracy Townsend, Lynn Page and Julie Hatcher.

New Business

- Digital Sign Form – Council approved the digital sign form with the following fees to be assessed:
 - Birthday Messages \$10
 - Event Announcements \$10 per week or \$30 per month
 - Business Advertisements \$35 per month
 - Clerk will advertise this as revenue for the town of the website, FB and sign. 1st Motion to approve Mayor Lee 2nd Motion Councilmember Townsend
- Request for a wedding ceremony on the Mill Pond by the water, Saturday June 1st from 3-3:30pm about 100 people, this will be a standing only short ceremony with a little music. There will be no chairs, tents, tables or anything else. They just wanted to be married by the water and are having their reception elsewhere. Approval with fee of \$40.00
- Request for Birthday Bash at the Centennial Park for Jerriek Gilchrist, cooking stations will have fire extinguishers, maybe an inflatable, about 50 people on Sat. April 27th, approved with fee of \$140.00.
- Request for Columbus Heritage on 6/8 from 12p-6p @ Rec Field for 150 people approved with fee of \$240.00.
- Request for Philip Moses 6/15 8a-8p @ Hilltop 100 people Juneteenth Celebration approved with fee of \$632.50.
- Recreation Department – Will need to have Rec. Director Kenny Bethea review the Recreation Department Code of Conduct and Rules & Regulations along with Violation of Code that has been drafted by Municipal Clerk.
- On the application for the Community Center and the Special Event Permit for rentals will be added “Town of Lake View respectfully requests NO WEAPONS during your event while on town property”. Schools still need to pay for rentals unless it is during the day for field trip.
- TOLV Gun Policy “Anti-Workplace Violence Policy” Handbook – need to review policy with the Maintenance Dept. Supervisor before implementing. Table till next mtg.

- Ordinance #92.10 Vacant Buildings – clerk will check with Town Attorney on laws and council will discuss further at next meeting. Table till next mtg.
- Page's Millhouse & Pond – Municipal Clerk submitted to have inducted into the State Historic Preservation Society. This has become a very tedious task. A 40-page report was submitted but seems to still need further information. A consultant would be about \$5k to have them come and complete the applications and work with the Historical Society directly. Municipal Clerk has accomplished getting the Millhouse and Pond marked as eligible but is proving to be difficult in getting it approved on the registry. Blake from Studio Main said he would take a look at it and give me pointers. She will continue working on this. In the meantime, we need to find out how the gate can be fixed under the millhouse as we cannot move the house if we want it inducted into the Historic Society.
- Surety Bond – Per discussion with the Municipal Clerk and MASC (Charlie) the MASC has section regarding Surety Bonds and he stated that most municipalities have an ordinance that states "The Municipal Clerk shall have a bond to ensure the faithful performance of their duties. The bond premium shall be paid by the Town." After further review of this policy it states that Council Members, Mayor and Police Chief would also be in best interest to have Surety Bonds. This covers them if the Town were to get sued and then intern any of the previously mentioned position holders can be sued individually and the surety bond would take effect. Cost of surety bond is about \$700-1k each for a recommended \$100k limit. Council requests that the Clerk find out what the area municipalities are doing regarding surety bonds for their employees. Table till next mtg.
- Rec. Department resealing the Walking Track balance left from grant \$6,453.98; quote received from Blacktop Sealcoating, LLC = \$6,331.25 Municipal Clerk negotiated down to \$6k even. They will be in contact next week with schedule so that we can block off time for 2 days of nobody on the track. Additional from grant will go towards flowers at the Hilltop Park.
- Angel Armor – quote for 2 vests for Chief & Assistant Chief \$2058.01, there is \$1,745.28 left (\$312.73 above grant funds available) from grant funds towards them and there has been an addition grant request made for the additional cost as well as further costs this coming FY with hiring any new officers. Mayor has prior approved this and check was already sent. 1st Motion Mayor Lee 2nd Motion Councilmember Church.
- South Carolina Arts Commission Grant APPROVED for funding towards Breaking Bread event on May 4th, 2024. This is a 50/50 grant towards entertainment. After we submit our receipts to SCAC they will reimburse the town 50% up to \$4k. Ex: TOLV responsible for \$2k and SCAC will reimburse up to \$2k.
- Mayor's Report that there will be a barber shop, coffee shop and a 24-hour gym coming to town. Also a buyer purchased the property by the water tower and will be putting in 4 businesses.
- Council Concerns: Chief Temple requested the council to review information regarding have an event called "National Night Out", he will send everyone the information. Councilmember Church requested that the minutes and agendas be posted on the FB Page, Website and Town Hall wall. Job postings will always need to be posted on all as well since the cost of the newspaper has increased. There have been 2 new accounts set up at the bank for TOLV Grants and LVPD Grants. Hospitality Tax is still not received from the old Trading Post owners, they will have till end of business on Monday April 22,'24 to comply before the clerk will move to the next step in the process of collecting funds.
- Meeting Closed Time: 915pm - 1st Motion Councilmember King 2nd Motion Councilmember Church.

