

TOWN OF LAKE VIEW COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 15th, 2024 @ 7pm - Council Chambers

Lake View Community Center - Richard Temple Blvd. Lake View, SC 29563

1. Welcome – call meeting to order by Mayor Lee
2. Pledge of Allegiance by all and Prayer by Councilmember Townsend
3. Mayor requested amendment to agenda to include the following:
 - a. Add Lisa Moody from City of Dillon as Citizen Concern
 - b. Add Darius Leonard as Citizen Concern
 - c. Add meeting minutes for approval from 8/7/24Motioned first by Mayor Lee and 2nd Motion from Councilmember Church, all were in favor.
4. Motion to approve meeting minutes from 7/18 & 7/26 & 8/7 was made by the Mayor with 1st motion from Councilmember Church and 2nd motion from Councilmember Kitchens, all were in favor with no changes.
5. Citizen Concerns: Mayor Lee gave each member listed on citizen concerns 5-10 minutes to speak. Mayor Lee also stated that after the regular Public Council meeting has closed we will then have an open forum Habitat for Humanity meeting where the public can ask questions and state concerns.
 - a. Habitat for Humanity (Jim Kirkland) – HFH from Marion Dillon County spoke first and stated the following:
 - Built 48 homes since 1994 in Marion County
 - Funded thru donations, grants and resale store
 - All land has been donated
 - Built thru subcontractors and volunteers
 - The 1st home in Dillon County will be located in the town limits of Lake View
 - Maniac Cares donated the land on Waverly/Cedar Street
 - Area churches were asked to volunteer for the build
 - Monthly mortgages average less than \$500 per month
 - 0% interest rate on mortgage and owners are required to escrow Insurance and Taxes
 - Owners must live in the home for the life of the mortgage
 - These homes on Waverly/Cedar St will only be given to those in Lake View that are currently living in substandard housing and meet all the requirements for income levels, debt to income ratio and character background checks
 - HFH would like to build 5 homes if they can get a variance from the planning board otherwise they will be building 4 homes
 - Typically, it takes about 1yr from the time of application approval till the home is completed
 - b. Dillon County Building Official - Tony Price was unable to attend and Dillon County Councilmember Dennis Townsend spoke in his place. Councilmember Church asked what the process is for permits and code enforcement since there seems to be some confusion. She continued to state that Clerk Garris is doing her job enforcing ordinances for Business Licenses and permitting and we just need to clarify for the record what those processes look like. Councilmember Dennis Townsend responded that Dillon County provides Lake View a Code Enforcement Office for permits at no charge to Lake View. Building permits are

required from the county and does not need plans unless you are changing the facility from original commercial to a different industry or if you are moving or changing any load-bearing walls. Code Officer can do periodic inspections. You are not required to pay for a permit or insurance to work on your own facility but if you bring any additional help of contractors in then you will need a Business License for Lake View and a permit from Dillon County. Zoning requirement need to be met and contractors must present permits when requested. Clerk Garriss is in her rights to code enforce for Business Licenses for the Town of Lake View and to make sure that businesses and owners are following ordinances for zoning and permitting.

- c. Lisa Moody, Coordinator from the City of Dillon – requested the Council to review items to include in the Dillon County Informational Pamphlet of 100 Things to Do in Dillon County. These pamphlets will be placed at all Visitor Centers and stops on I-95. Further she requested approval for advertisement at the cost of \$250.00, Mayor Lee motioned to approved with 2nd motion by Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor. Ms. Moody will forward invoice to Clerk Garriss and Clerk Garriss will in turn forward advertisement mock up for the pamphlets by 8/23/24.
 - d. Darius Leonard – thanked the Council & Mayor for the opportunity to speak and stated the following “Everything I do for Lake View is from my heart, how can I help the people, I was blessed to play NFL so how can I help Lake View, for Lake View to change we need Lake View to pull together. Sometimes I feel that it can be a race war or a political war. We can make this town better if we come together as one. I only want Lake View citizens to get the homes from HFH and request that everyone stands beside me to come together and stop blocking blessing, I’m here to make Lake View the best place to live”. He also stated that there is a black box on the lot beside the Tiger Mart if anyone has any suggestions and would like to place them in the box.
- 6. Committee Reports: no committee reports
 - 7. Financial Report: no questions on financial report

Old Business

- 8. 2nd reading of Ordinance #2024-7-25 for sale of Parcel #111-00-00-160 for \$45k to GSWSA. Motion to ADOPT Ordinance 2024-7-25 under 2nd reading Motions 1st was done by Councilmember Kitchens with 2nd motion by Councilmember Church, all were in favor and Ordinance was signed by Mayor Lee and Clerk Garriss.

New Business

- 9. No new business at this time
- 10. Mayor’s Report:
 - Mayor Lee reported that Mitchell Page from the Pharmacy in Timmons ville, SC will be reopening the Pharmacy in Lake View
 - Mayor Lee reported that Trading Post owner Khusali has stated that all receipts for any purchases at the Trading Post except gas that are turned in to the Town Hall or any of the Schools, the Trading Post will write a check to the Town of Lake View for an

additional 2% above the 2% Hospitality Tax for revenue to the town for as long as they own the Trading Post.

- Mayor Lee and Chief Temple presented Assistant Chief of Police Smith with a Life Saving Certificate for his fast acting bravery and CPR skills during an off-duty incident
 - Mayor Lee then thanked Kenny King, Toney McDuffie, Chief Temple, Assistant Chief Smith, Officer Spivey and Darrell Dawkins for their hard work during Storm Debby
11. Council Concerns: Councilmember Church stated that she wanted to direct a rebuttal to Darius Leonards' citizen concern and stated that at no time did any of us, meaning Council, Mayor, Clerks, ever say that we did not want HFH to come and build homes, we just wanted further information about the process and procedures so when asked by citizens we could informatively give a response.
12. 1st Motion from Councilmember King to close meeting with 2nd Motion from Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor with no other discussion public meeting was closed.

Habitat for Humanity question and answer session followed the regular public meeting.

Present at the public meeting and question/answer session were the following members:

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| 1. Mayor Lee | 18. Michael Paige |
| 2. Councilmember Church | 19. Raymond Foxworth |
| 3. Councilmember Townsend | 20. Mitchell Page |
| 4. Councilmember King | 21. Gerlene Brigman |
| 5. Councilmember Kitchens | 22. Sandra Brown |
| 6. Clerk Garris | 23. Jasper Nance |
| 7. Lynn Page | 24. Turhabell Nance |
| 8. Zachary Odon | 25. Pat Laird |
| 9. Austin Lewis | 26. Kindra Brewton |
| 10. Lisa Moody | 27. Ann Johnson |
| 11. Toney McDuffie | 28. Ethel Thompson |
| 12. Johnnie Leurs | 29. Loretta Nichols |
| 13. Terry Thompson | 30. Lauren Rogers |
| 14. Julie F. | 31. Jalena Borders |
| 15. Dennis Townsend | 32. Darius Leonard |
| 16. Day C. | 33. Ricky Hardee |
| 17. Camryn Church | 34. Jim Kirkland |

Stanley M. Lee, MAYOR

Amanda Garris, Municipal Clerk & Treasurer