

**Town of Lake View
Public Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 @ 7:00pm
Town Hall – Council Chambers
201 N. Main St. Lake View, SC 29563**

1. Present: Mayor, Councilmembers Townsend, Church & King, County Councilmember Townsend, Chief Smith, Clerk Garris and Toney McDuffie. Absent Councilmember Kitchens.
2. Welcome – call meeting to order by Mayor Lee.
3. Pledge of Allegiance with ALL, Prayer from County Councilmen Townsend
4. Clerk Garris requested to amend agenda to include Public Hearing prior to line 9, motion to approve Councilmember Church and 2nd motion from Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor.
5. Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 16th & 21st, 2025 1st motion from Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember Townsend, with Mayors correction to the 21st minutes that there were 3 votes for James Smith, Mayor did not vote during that election process, with no other changes all were in favor.
6. Citizen Concern: No citizen present but Councilmember King relayed a message from resident to Toney McDuffie asking to make sure the guys please place the garbage cans back on the side of the roads on resident's property and not in their driveway or in way of their mailboxes and to also have the lids closed and cans fully emptied. Mr. McDuffie stated that he has already explained to his team along with Mayor.
7. Committee Reports: Councilmember King asked if we are still continuing with the Breaking Bread event and Mayor said yes.
8. Financial Statements – Budget VS Actual, Grant Report, Balance Sheet – all reports were handed out and all % marks are currently below budget per Clerk Garris.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

9. FY23-24 Audit Report: Audit report has been handed out to everyone in their packet. Motion to adopt the Basic Financial Statements and Supplemental Information for FY23-24 as written by Kenneth Cobb & Company was made by Councilmember Church with 2nd motion from Councilmember King, all were in favor.
10. Budget Line Transfers - Transfers require per state law (SC Code 5-21-110) to be approved by council by ordinance or resolution. Motion to approve and adopt resolution 2-20-25 to amend ordinance # 30.009 to include the following provision "All requests to transfer funds between line items within the approved budget must be presented to and approved by the Town Council during a regular or special meeting. Not funds shall be transferred without an affirmative vote by a majority of the Town Council." Was made by Councilmember Church with 2nd motion from Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor.
11. Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Lee regarding the Comprehensive Plan, with no public comment hearing was closed. Comprehensive Plan was emailed to everyone and hard copy kept @ Town Hall. Motion to adopt by Ordinance No 2-4-2025A the 2025 Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Lake View written by Studio Main LLC and approved by Lake View Planning Commission was made by Councilmember Church with 2nd motion from Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor.
12. Police Department Policies and Procedures – Motion to adopt the following policies and procedures into the Lake View Police Department Handbook for minimum standard requirements associated with SLED:
 - a. Use of Force LVPD-0081
 - b. Vehicle Pursuits LVPD-0082

- c. Recruit Training LVPD-0083
- d. Executing Search Warrant LVPD-0084
- e. Internal Affairs LVPD-0085
- f. Hiring and Termination LVPD-0086
- g. Early Warning System LVPD-0087
- h. Duty to Intervene LVPD-0088
- i. Body Worn Cameras LVPD-0089

Mayor Lee requested that the Hiring & Termination Policy be emailed to him for further review. 1st motion was made to adopt the aforementioned policies from Councilmember Townsend and 2nd motion from Councilmember Church, all were in favor. These are all needed in order to pass our SLED / Criminal Justice Academy Audit for 2025.

13. Department Concerns:

a. Police Dept. (Speaker Chief Smith)

Mayor Lee asked if there was a plan to get more officers in the department to which Chief Smith replied that he already has lined up 2 more interviews on top of the 5 that he previously has completed, 2 of them are already certified. The Audit is #1 priority right now because if the Audit fails then the Police Dept. is closed down until further notice. He also stated that if he hires someone now that all of that employees' paperwork and everything that goes along with hiring is then subjected to the Audit as well and can cause further delay and other areas for chances to fail. His plan is to fully complete the audit and then focus on hiring. During this time, he is still interviewing as applications come in. Mr. McDuffie stated "If something don't change something is going to happen." Chief Smith assured everyone that he is still actively working by stating "The little bit of crime that has happened here I have handled, I have one arrest for tomorrow and 2 warrants in my hand ready for to go to the sheriff's office. The Chainsaw and License Plate that was stolen has already been recovered and the person will be arrested tomorrow."

b. Street Dept. (Speaker Toney McDuffie)

Jerry Page is requesting to have his tractor tire fixed by the town from running over a board from the fence that was broken off and thrown into his field. County Councilmen Townsend stated the fence was originally placed there to keep the children safe walking by so they would touch Mr. Page's electric fence, it was installed by SCDOT and was to be maintained by the Town. Council said no to repairing his tire but yes to fixing the fence and requested Mr. McDuffie to get quotes on repairing the fence. Mayor Lee stated he would talk with Mr. Page as well.

Alligators have been spotted at the Mill Pond and Mr. McDuffie stated that he reached out to DNR because it's scary and should be removed. Council stated they have always been there and suggested to place signs for liability which Councilwoman Church said she would look into making them.

The vicious dog that was posted on the Little Town FB page has been caught and JJ also commented that he will be taking it to the Dillon Dog pound tomorrow.

White truck still working on repairs, needed to have new keys cut, now will need a fuel pump or a starter, already replaced the batter, Mr. McDuffie said his brother can fix it.

Boy Scout needs an A/C, Council was told Simon put in an A/C and Mr. McDuffie said he took it back, Clerk Garris stated that you can get an 8k BTU for around \$200 that would work for that size building and Mr. McDuffie said no you can't he will handle it, he was approved to get but for less than \$500.

Pressure washer still needs to be purchased.

Roof on the Police Dept. still leaking, Mr. McDuffie didn't understand why Clerk Garris was involved so Councilmember Church told him to call Floyds every week until it is repaired, Mr. McDuffie stated that Clerk Garris doesn't know people from here and shouldn't have chosen the roofers and Council stated that Clerk Garris was not part of the decision making and did not have a vote, 5 quotes were submitted to Council and Council/Mayor voted to choose the roofer, Mr. McDuffie said he's done with it.

Awning on Town Hall was hit by the Hyman delivery truck and needs repair, Clerk Garris contacted Rainwater whom she was directed to contact thru Council/Mayor chat. Mayor stated he wants 3 quotes and Mr. McDuffie said he would give Clerk Garris additional names of contractors.

c. Administration Dept. (Speaker Clerk Garris)

Clerk asked if Council would like to donate to the Care House for victim advocacy as done in the past and requested a motion. Councilmember Church motioned to give \$1k out of the victim advocacy funds and Councilmember King 2nd motion with all in favor.

Regarding the CAP205 program with the Army Corp of Engineers, Clerk Garris read an email from the Phoenix Group. Council requested in writing that there will be no cost share to the town regarding the new technology pilot program to mitigate flooding. Mayor stated they would put sensors up for water rising and update the flood gate system at the Mill Pond. Also requested to get the guidelines that the town would need to follow for the pilot program.

Clerk Garris asked if they have rescheduled the meeting to make the purchases for the Christmas lights from the holiday décor appropriation and Councilmember Townsend stated they would be meeting this week and requested from Mr. McDuffie a count of all the poles for lights.

14. Mayors Report: Mayor stated everything was previously covered in discussion.
15. Council Concerns: Councilmember Church asked Mayor about stocking fish and Mayor stated that it is free, DNR will do another fish study and then stock in fall and spring but will need to shut down fishing for 6 months to 1 year in order for fish to grow. She then stated that the Deacons at the church across the street will be voting with their congregation regarding donating the empty lot to the town to be used solely for the Town Square and if it is not then it will revert back to the Church. Councilmember Church also stated that Victor Hardin had requested a spigot to be placed at the Centennial Park in order to take care of the flower beds at the Vet Park. It was discussed and in mean time Mr. McDuffie will handle the flowers and watering and will look into purchasing a portable water tank for the parks. She then went on to state the prior Chief Simon has had some walls knocked out of the old town hall without Council knowledge that will need to be repaired. Clerk Garris stated that we are still awaiting the appropriation funding for renovations with Congressman Fry, due to all new administration in Congress appropriation request had to be resubmitted as no appropriations from Fry's office were completed last year.
16. Motion to close this meeting 1st motion Councilmember King 2nd motion Councilmember Townsend all were in favor and meeting adjourned.

After Meeting Workshop - FY25-26 Budget Review of Revenue ONLY



Mayor Sterling Lee



Clerk / Treasurer Amanda Garris