

Town of Lake View - Public Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 15th, 2025 @ 7:00pm @ the Lake View Town Hall
201 N. Main St. Lake View, SC 29563

ABSENT: Councilmember King

1. Welcome – call meeting to order by Mayor Suggs
2. Pledge of Allegiance with everyone and Prayer from Mayor Suggs
3. Motion to approve meeting minutes from April 17th and May 1st from Councilmember Church, 2nd motion from Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor.
4. Council meetings for July and September were requested to be rescheduled.
REMINDER for the June meeting is on June 26th, 2025 @ 7pm. After discussion it was agreed that the July 2025 Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday July 15th and September 2025 Council Meeting will be held on Thursday September 25th to allow for all attendance.
5. Citizen Concerns, Mertis Barnett was present to discuss the Food Truck Rodeo which will take place on August 16th. Council requested that the sponsors be named on the flyer and not the Town as to give them the credit for running, organizing and sponsoring the event. Merits will also be handling, organizing and gathering sponsors to run the BBE in February 2026 on her own. She requested that the Town branch out and have more events throughout the year such as Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Suggs mentioned that there will be an upcoming event partnered with Chief Smith and Sheriff Hamilton called Coffee with a Cop with more details to follow.
6. Committee Reports: Events Committee Councilmember King was absent, next event will be Trunk or Treat – Saturday October 25th is booked, open dates available are Friday October 17th, Saturday October 18th or Friday October 24th.... Discussion was postponed to discuss when the Committee Chair is present.
7. Financial Reports: Bank Balance Sheet, Grant Report Analysis and Budget VS. Actual for current FY24-25 was presented by Treasurer Garris with all departments under budget.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

8. Ordinance Amendments Discussions, Clerk notified Council that these will need 2 readings and to please remember to place the copies of the ordinances attached in their binders at home in place as the new ordinances once they are approved.
 - a. Chapter 153 – Signs: After discussion by Council this ordinance will stay in place and businesses will be required to fill out applications with the Clerks and pay the \$10 fee per temporary sign.
 - b. Chapter 92 Vacant Building after discussion this ordinance will be removed. 1st reading Motion to approve by title only ordinance no 2025-9210A which will remove the Vacant Buildings Ordinance Chapter 92.10 1st Motion from Councilmember Townsend & 2nd Motion Councilmember Church All in favor.
 - c. Chapter 31 – Fire Protection as we no longer have a LV Fire Department this ordinance chapter is null and void. We kept the fine portions but removed the LV Fire Dept. portions and names Dillon County as the responding Fire Department. Motion to approve by title only ordinance no 2025-31A with 1st reading to amend and repeal

portions of Chapter 31 Lake View Fire Department 1st Motion from Councilmember Church & 2nd Motion Councilmember Townsend All in favor.

- d. Chapter 51 – Water Service & Chapter 52 Sewer Use: As GSWSA now has control over these utilities this ordinance has become null and void. Motion to approve by title only ordinance no 2025-51A-52A to repeal chapter 51 & chapter 52 as Lake View no longer operated the water service and sewer use. 1st Motion from Councilmember Townsend & 2nd Motion Councilmember Price All in favor.
- e. Chapter 151.37 – Building Code Fee Schedule: Motion to approve by title only with 1st reading ordinance no 2025-151.37 to amend chapter 151 to include a fee schedule for building permits that are completed in house and paid to the Town of Lake View utilizing the in house Inspector. 1st Motion Councilmember Townsend & 2nd Motion Councilmember Price All in favor. Councilmember Church recused herself from this vote.
- f. Treasurer Garris discussed budget changes, with no change to the bottom line all were in agreement to salary on non-certified starting at \$18, graduation moved to \$19, Chiefs decision to move to \$20, certified to start at \$19 and Chiefs decision to move to \$20, starting July 1st budget 1st motion from Councilmember Townsend, 2nd motion from Councilmember Price, all are in favor. Ordinance No 2025-07-01 motion to adopt on 1st reading a budget by title only for fiscal year 7/1/25-6/30/26 in the amount of \$1,145,997.79 with millage rate of 154 mills. Public Hearing will be held on June 26th, prior to final reading and adoption of the budget, 1st Motion Councilmember Townsend & 2nd Motion Councilmember Church All in favor.
9. Lake View Town square we will be discussing further with the church in order to get property where we are placing items for the town square donated. 1st Baptist Church would like to meet with the Council on May 21st @ 7pm.
10. Local Government Investment Pool Bank Acct was introduced to Council by Treasurer Garris and Council approved to invest \$50k from the First Bank by all in favor.
11. Street Department - Grey Truck – needs motor – Fred quoted @ \$5,350 includes labor with 98K miles on it OR Kenny King got a quote from Swamp Fox in Marion for \$1,750 for the motor and Fred will install it for \$1,500 and will take 1-2 days to complete – Motion to approve to move forward with Swamp Fox motor and Councilmember Price will contact Fred 1st Motion from Councilmember Church & 2nd Motion from Councilmember Townsend All in favor

Task Board was discussed including the following:

- a. Grey Truck repairs (Street Dept.)
- b. Cameras for the gas pump (Street Dept.)
- c. Water tank for watering at the Parks (Street Dept.)
- d. Electrical repairs @ Rec. Snack Shack
- e. Roof @ LVPD
- f. Rec. Dept. - District 4 playground equipment donation
- g. Silver Truck repairs (Street Dept.)
- h. White Truck repairs (Street Dept.)
- i. Fire extinguisher list (Street Dept.)
- j. Sign for Hilltop Park (Street Dept.)

- k. Thinning ditch @ Mill Pond (Street Dept.)
- l. Shop debris pile (Street Dept.)
- m. Welcome sign clean up (Street Dept.)
- n. Community Center painting (Street Dept.)
- o. Old Mayor photos (Street Dept.)
- p. Old Snowflakes (Street Dept.)
- q. Community Center Inventory (Street Dept.)
- r. Polycarts - Council approved to order 20 stock (Street Dept.)
- s. 4-wheeler (Street Dept.)
- t. Gator Signs (Street Dept.)
- u. TOLV T-Shirts (Street Dept.)

12. The Town needs to fill seats - Planning Commission (5 seats) / Zoning Board of Appeals (3 seats)

Planning Commission

- a. Victor Hardin confirmed he will stay no new nomination needed
- b. John Page resigns as of June 30, 2025 need new nomination
- c. Brenda Arnette confirmed he will stay no new nomination needed
- d. Lawrence Suggs resign as of June 30, 2025 need new nomination
- e. VACANT SEAT need new nomination

Zoning Board of Appeals

- f. Mertis Barnett confirmed she will stay no new nomination needed
- g. Dougie Church resigns as of June 30, 2025 need new nomination
- h. Teresa Johnson confirmed she will stay no new nomination needed

The clerk requested to bring nominations to the next meeting.

- 13. Mayors Reports - Mayor Suggs stated we need a BBQ restaurant and has been speaking with a few people regarding one, also would like to complete a financial and asset inventory audit on the Town.
- 14. Council Concerns - Councilmember Price requested the Clerk to make a Police Week Announcement and order a battery for 4-wheeler.
- 15. Motion to close this meeting 1st Motion Councilmember Church & 2nd Motion Townsend all in favor.

MAYOR
DAVID SUGGS



MUNICIPAL CLERK
AMANDA GARRIS

