

Town of Lake View - Public Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday June 26th, 2025 @ 7:00pm @ the Lake View Town Hall
201 N. Main St. Lake View, SC 29563

PRESENT: Mayor Suggs. Councilmembers Church, Price, King, Clerk Garris

ABSENT: Councilmember Townsend was absent from the meeting

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: Shameeka McKoy, Amy Bass, Pam King & Husband, Chief Smith, Sergeant Kabacevic

1. Welcome - Called meeting to order by **Mayor Suggs**; Pledge of Allegiance with everyone and a Prayer from **Mayor Suggs**
2. Meeting Minutes - Motion to approve meeting minutes from May 15th, 1st motion from Councilmember Church, 2nd motion from Councilmember Price, all were in favor.
3. Citizen Concerns: (3 minutes per person) **Public Input**
 - a. Amy Bass - Music Bldg break-in - spoke regarding the windows being broken into at the old music store before Christmas on the Boulevard 2024 and the fact that she had called 911 and then-Officer Jessie Spivey had responded, she also spoke with the then-Chief Simon Temple and never received a response or a report from them. Current Chief JJ Smith spoke and stated that they never created a report in the system and thus he is unable to give her one now. She stated that there was a witness and Chief Smith asked if she could have that witness come into the Police Station and give a statement he can then create a report for an investigation. She was satisfied.
 - b. Shameeka McKoy from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program was present and spoke regarding services and program funding that they offer, the Clerk and Ms. McKoy will be in touch with each other moving forward to gather information on funding available for flooding resources for the Town.
 - c. Not on the agenda but Mayor Suggs allowed resident Pam King and her husband to speak regarding an alleged dog incident that had taken place during the week. Chief Smith stated that he would be investigating the situation and Council and Mayor and the Clerk will be reviewing the Town Ordinances regarding animals.
4. Committee Reports: Events Committee Chair **Councilmember King** - Trunk or Treat Harvest Festival was discussed and tabled as Committee chair is still working out logistics on securing a date for the event; Trick or Treating in the Town will be from 630pm-830pm on Halloween. Christmas Tree Lighting - Fri Dec 5th 6.30pm. COTB - Sat Dec 6th Time 9am-5pm. Discussion about the Food Truck Rodeo that is being handled by Mertis Barnett and Council requested that the Mayor ask her if she would be willing to move her event to Richard Temple Blvd and merge it with National Night Out to make it a larger event for a Town wide festival in August.
5. Financial Report: Open Public Hearing Any citizen with comments on the budget announcement was asked by the Mayor. Hearing no comments, Budget Hearing closed by the Mayor. Clerk Garris spoke about the Balance Sheet, Grant Report, FY24-25 Budget vs. Actual was handed out with no discussion or questions, all departments were under budget. FY25-26 Budget was handed out with no discussion and no questions. Mayor Suggs stated Ordinance No 2025-07-01 motion to ADOPT on 2nd reading a budget for fiscal year 7/1/25-6/30/26 in the amount of \$1,145,997.79 with millage rate of 154 mills and requested Clerk Garris to read the Budget: Department budgets are as follows: INCOME = \$1,145,997.79; EXPENSES = ADMIN DEPT. \$184,413.43; STREET DEPT. \$349,840.00; REC. DEPT \$76,192.81; POLICE DEPT. \$326,820.00; COMM.CTR. \$20,454.00; EVENTS \$16,447.32; GRANTS \$117,186.23; PAYROLL TAX \$49,644.00; MILL POND \$5,000.00; 1st Motion to ADOPT from Church, 2nd motion from Councilmember King all in favor., At a previous Executive Session the Council discussed employee raises as part of the adopted budget for the new fiscal year. In accordance with the Town's at-will employment policy and South Carolina law, raises were granted to employees based on performance, job duties, and departmental needs. It was noted that the Town is not legally required to provide raises to all employees, and salary adjustments are made at Council's discretion within budgetary limits. Adjustments to salaries will be made on July 1st for the new budget year.

OLD BUSINESS - Mayor Suggs

7. Chapter 92 Vacant Building after discussion this ordinance will be removed. 2nd reading Motion to ADOPT ordinance no 2025-9210A which will remove the Vacant Buildings Ordinance Chapter 92.10 1st Motion from Councilmember Price & 2nd Motion from Councilmember Church, All in favor.
8. 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 ADOPT ordinance no 2025-31A with 2nd reading to amend and repeal portions of Chapter 31 Lake View Fire Department 1st Motion from Councilmember King & 2nd Motion from Councilmember Price All in favor.

9. 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 ADOPT 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 Church & 2nd Motion Councilmember King All in favor.
10. Chapter 151.37 – Building Code Fee Schedule (Councilmember Church please recuse yourself from this vote) Motion to ADOPT with 2nd reading ordinance 2025-151.37 to amend chapter 151 to include fee schedule for building permits that are completed in house and paid to the Town of Lake View utilizing in house Inspector, includes naming said house Inspector as the Nuisance Code Enforcement Officer and the adoption to follow ICC 2021 Standards for Building Code Inspections; (same as county) 1st Motion from Councilmember Price & 2nd Motion Councilmember King All in favor.
11. Planning & Zoning Board of Appeals Nominations requested from Mayor Suggs and Council suggested for Planning Commissions Stacy Jackson, Marvin Suggs and Tommy Hayes, Jr. and for Zoning Board of Appeals Steve Elvington and instructed the Clerk to send them all nomination letters.
12. Task Board Updates **Clerk** spoke regarding the projects around the Town and tasks needing to be completed which included: fence around splash pad (completed), electrical work @ boy scout hut, electrical work @ snack shack @ rec. field, fence repair by the elementary school, ditch cleaning around Town, DES/DNR cleaning Mill Pond, water tank/GSWSA tap @ Centennial Park for watering plants, and playground equipment from Dillon County.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Mulch Quotes for Playgrounds was discussed and a quote from Webbs Irrigation was approved with 1st motion from Councilmember King and 2nd motion from Councilmember Price, all were in favor. Cost = \$2950 for mulch, delivery and labor for Centennial Park.
14. A Decking Quote for Clubhouse was discussed and a quote from Ray Garris and Sons Construction was approved with 1st motion from Councilmember Church and 2nd motion from Councilmember King, all were in favor. Cost = \$5679.62 for materials, \$4800 for labor, Clerk stated that she will be deducting the cost of Workers Compensation from his payment and funds will come from the insurance claim for the Mill Pond Clubhouse from damages during Storm Debby.
15. FY24-25 Audit Contract was discussed and approved for Kenneth Cobb & Company @ 12k annual cost with 1st motion from Councilmember Price and 2nd motion from Councilmember King, all were in favor.
16. Ice Machine Repair was discussed and Mayor Suggs stated that he will be discussing this with Richie Church as he was the last person that worked on repairing the machine when it was removed from the Community Center during Covid.
17. GovDeals Sales was discussed regarding the Commodore20 Floor Machine and the Old Snowflakes & Angels and Council instructed the Clerk that it was approved to be sold at auction.
18. Quote for drainage ditch @ Walking Track was discussed and approved with 1st motion from Councilmember Church and 2nd motion from Councilmember Price for Moody Construction to clean ditch, repair washes and add 20-ton rip rat for \$7200, Clerk stated that she will be deducting the cost for Workers Compensation and Business License fees.
19. Planning Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals discussion was made regarding a quote to replat the parcel for the DHEC & Rescue Squad Buildings so that each parcel has 1 building on each lot. Town Council Resolution Authorizing Re-Survey and Setback Exemption Request and a Survey = \$ 600 Adam Garris - Garris Land Surveying Lake View. Motion to approve survey cost, request for setback exemption and acceptance of zoning approval on parcel #s 111-03-17-001 and 111-03-17-004, 1st motion from Councilmember King, 2nd motion from Councilmember Price, all in favor.
20. FY25-26 Public Council Meeting Schedule: 2025 = July 15, (Tuesday), August 21, September 25, October 16, November 20, December 18. 2026 = January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18,
21. Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer nomination of Chief JJ Smith was made, 1st motion to appoint from Councilmember Price and 2nd motion from Councilmember Church, all were in favor. Nuisance Property Report - was handed out and will be followed thru with by the Municipal Clerk.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - "Council reserves the right to take action in open session following Executive Session."

22. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Compensation 1st Motion Councilmember Price & 2nd Motion from Councilmember Church, all in favor and everyone was requested to leave the room except for Council and Mayor.
23. Motion to return to Open Public Session 1st Motion from Councilmember King & 2nd Motion. Councilmember Price, all in favor
24. Discussion / Determination from Executive Session - Forms related to personnel compensation will be handed in to the Clerk for processing and signed off on by the Mayor after Council/Mayor approval.
25. With no further discussion needed, motion to close meeting 1st Motion Councilmember King & 2nd Motion from Councilmember Church, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

David Suggs

Amanda Garris