

cTown of Lake View @ the Lake View Town Hall
201 N. Main St. Lake View, SC 29563
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING – MASC TRAINING SESSION 530p-7p

MASC (Municipal Association of SC) – Charlie Barrineau, Field Services Manager
Municipal Elected Officials Training and Informational Meeting

PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

Public Present – Keisha & Husband Brunson, Toney McDuffie, Sterling Lee, Anthony Ford, Vic Hardin, Lynn Page, Betsy Finklea, Martha Jones, Kim Dawson,

- Welcome – Call meeting to order by **Mayor Suggs**
- Pledge of Allegiance with everyone and a Prayer from **Mayor Suggs**
- Meeting Minutes – Request for motion to approve meeting minutes from August 21st, 1st motion from Councilmember Church 2nd motion from Councilmember King.

- Citizen Concerns: (3 minutes per person) –
 - **Anthony Ford – Hilltop demolition property complaint** – “spoke regarding hurricane season approaching and questioned what is being done regarding the demo property as it sits un attended to with no further work and why isn’t the Town doing anything about it or concerned about it or the residents.”
Councilmembers and Mayors response stated that first and foremost we are always concerned for our Residents. Former Mayor Lee had started this process with this particular property requesting the owner to clean-up and repair or demolish and the property owner choose to demolish. Clerk Garriss has been trying to get back in contact with the owner(s) but her phone number is no longer in service, notices and letters have been sent out notifying owners of the next step in the process. We cannot go onto property and clean it up without speaking with the owner(s) and/or following due process first which is what we are doing. Ms. Martha Jones spoke up and stated that she knows the owner(s) and would reach out to them and find out what can be done to assist. There is a current active permit on the property for demolition and we must follow our ordinance procedures. We will continue to do so as with each nuisance property and monitor the situations accordingly.
 - **Lynn Page & Vic Hardin – Boulevard Tree Project “Gateway Project”** – “spoke regarding removing the crape myrtle trees on Richard Temple Blvd. and replacing them with Bald Cypress. FFA has been growing from seedlings over 230 muhly grass (pink) which Vic has on his property now harvesting for us to plant next spring. We will need to have this plan written out and an encroachment permit requested from the County. Clerk Garriss will sit with Mrs. Page and Mr. Hardin for plans to get the permit and draw up resolution to use Hospitality Tax funds to assist funding. FFA will assist with planting and growing, Mr. Hardin will assist in design and discounts at nurseries.
- Committee Reports: We will now hear from the Events Committee Chair **Councilmember King**
 - Harvest Festival & Trunk or Treat – Bouncy house and obstacle course has been scheduled
 - Tree Lighting & COTB – Bubble Guy & Balloon Guy are scheduled from 11am-2pm, Mr. Lockemy has been scheduled, David Johnson has been spoken with and will be handling the Car Show
- Financial Reports: Treasurer **Clerk Garriss** Balance Sheet, FY25-26 Budget vs. Actual, Grant Discussion – we are rounding up the end of our first quarter and all departments are in line with their budget.

- **OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Suggs**

- Lake View Town Square – “Ground Breaking Ceremony” is scheduled for 9/26 @ 6pm pending weather conditions. Excavator to level ground will be Ayers Backhoe who came in with the lowest quote of \$2300 to breakup concrete and take to shop yard or \$2800 to haul to landfill, Town responsible for Landfill Cost. Landfill Cost - \$38 per ton; Clerk Garriss has spoken with Kevin @ landfill and they have agreed to only charge the Town \$28 per ton to save the Town money.

- **NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Suggs**

- Ordinance 2025-8-21A Amending the Business License Ordinance of the Town of Lake View to update the Class Schedule as required by Act 176 of 2020 required to be adopted by local governments by December 2025. Ms. Martha Jones requested an explanation of this ordinance and Clerk Garriss explained that this ordinance comes directly from MASC and only is giving the schedule of the Codes used for NAIC codes for each category of classes of businesses when obtaining your Business License. It is a requirement to adopt the codes every odd number year. Request for 1st motion to ADOPT on 2nd reading, 1st motion Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember Price, all were in favor.
- Ordinance 155 An ordinance to require the maintenance of building frontages and facades along Main St. and Richard Temple Boulevard in order to preserve the historic character and appearance of the town. Mayor Suggs explained that this is just the 1st reading to put into discussion for Main St. & Richard Temple Blvd. building frontage to remain historically the same as they are. Request for motion to APPROVE by title only on 1st reading, 1st motion Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor.
- Ordinance 154.50 Regulating the Use of Tiny Homes and Storage Buildings as Residences. Request for motion to APPROVE by title only on 1st reading, 1st motion Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember King, all were in favor.
- Asset Purchases:
 - Discussion on inflatables Purchase vs. Rent, Liabilities, Revenue, Fees, etc. was introduced by Clerk Garriss and explained that due to the high liability on the Town we will continue to rent inflatables for events rather than purchase them ourselves.
 - Pickleball Courts Cost was discussed and suggested by Treasurer Garriss to utilize the Hospitality Funds instead of ARPA since the courts fall under the Hospitality categories and ARPA can be used for a larger array of categories we may need to utilize ARPA later in the year towards LVPD Radios. Resolution was handed out to utilized \$27,900 of Hospitality Funds to pay for the Pickleball Courts for Specialized Concrete and approved with 1st motion from Councilmember Church, 2nd motion from Councilmember King, all were in favor.

- **There was NO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- NO Council Concerns
- Mayors Report – Mayor Suggs reported that after numerous discussions with GSWA, Clerk Garriss and Representative Hayes was able to secure grant waiving all fees for a water tap at the Veterans Park in order to handle irrigation for the park landscaping and upkeep, this would have cost the Town a little over \$3k.
- With no other discussions needed, motion to adjourn requested with 1st motion from Councilmember King 2nd motion Councilmember Townsend, all were in favor and meeting was closed.

Mayor David Suggs

Clerk Amanda Garriss