

**Town of Lake View @ the Lake View Town Hall - 201 N.Main St.Lake View, SC
Thursday January 15th, 2026 - Public Council Meeting Minutes**

Public Present - Sterling Lee, Toney McDuffie, Mertis Barnett, Martha Jones

1. Welcome – Call meeting to order by Mayor Suggs
2. Pledge of Allegiance with everyone and a Prayer from Mayor Suggs
3. Meeting Minutes – Mayor Suggs requested for motion to approve meeting minutes from December 18th, 2025, 1st motion Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember King all in favor.
4. Citizen Concerns: Mertis Barnett spoke regarding the Black Business Expo which will be held on Saturday February 21st, 2026 at the Community Center, event will be from 11am-4pm and currently have about 15 vendors that Mertis is charging a \$25 vendor fee to each. She is waiting on confirmation from about 7 more vendors. She requested to allow food trucks and Council approved, Councilmember Church stated if she thought she would need the road closed to let the Clerks know and they were instructing SCDOT of such need. Maintenance will assist in setting up and breaking down tables and chairs.; Kenneth Bethea – Recreation Department – was absent
5. Committee Reports:
Events Committee - Clerk Garris spoke regarding the upcoming events for 2026 which will be as follows:

Sat Feb 21	Black Business Expo
Sun Mar 29	Easter Egg Hunt
Sat Apr 11	Cruisin the Blvd Spring Festival Concert
Sat May 2	Breaking Bread
Sat May 23	Fishing Contest
Sat Jun 27	Kids Festival Bounce & Splash
Sun Jun 28	SC Flag Day
Mon Jun 29	Mill Pond Day Fishing Contest
Tue Jun 30	Coloring/Drawing Contest

Wed Jul 1	Patriotic Bingo
Thur Jul 2	Lake View Farmers Market
Fri Jul 3	Unveiling Historic Mill Pond Marker
Sat Jul 4	Golf Cart Parade
Sun Jul 5	Community Recipe Book
Sat Sept 12	Food Truck Rodeo
Sat Oct 24	Harvest Festival & Trunk-or-Treat
Sun Nov 29	Tree Lighting
Sat Dec 5	Christmas on the Boulevard & Concert

6. Financial Reports from Clerk Garris were given regarding the Balance Sheet, Budget vs. Actual, Grant Discussion.

OLD BUSINESS – Mayor Suggs

7. DHEC Building Lease – Mayor Suggs discussed that the Lease would set to start on May 1st 2026 with all other agreements outlined in contract and Council was in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS – Mayor Suggs

8. Community Center Rentals – Discussion regarding bylaws on renters holding revenue-generating events at the Community Center. Discuss was made regarding if charges should be included on rentals and Council requested that the Clerk research area municipality venues to see how they handle the same scenarios. This decision and discussion will be tabled till next meeting.
9. 2026 Holiday Schedule for closures to the Town Hall. Motion to approve 1st motion Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember King all in favor.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>DAY OF WEEK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
NEW YEAR'S DAY	THURSDAY	1/1/26
MLK JR. DAY	MONDAY	1/19/26
PRESIDENT'S DAY	MONDAY	2/16/26
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY	4/3/26
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	5/11/26
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY	5/25/26
JUNETEENTH	FRIDAY	6/19/26

INDEPENDENCE DAY	FRIDAY	7/3/26
LABOR DAY	MONDAY	9/7/26
ELECTION DAY	TUESDAY	11/3/26
VETERANS DAY	WEDNESDAY	11/11/26
THANKSGIVING	THURSDAY	11/26/26
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	FRIDAY	11/27/26
CHRISTMAS EVE	THURSDAY	12/24/26
CHRISTMAS DAY	FRIDAY	12/25/26

10. Budget Meeting Schedule 2026 - Budget Workshop – Wed March 4th @ 530pm; Full Budget Run Thru – Wed April 15th @ 530pm; Budget Changes & Amendments - Thurs May 21st @ 6pm – changes to be made prior to 1st reading at Council Meeting; Final Budget Meeting – Thurs June 18th @ 6pm – final changes prior to 2nd reading & Public Hearing at Council Meeting; All Council in agreement and currently able to attend all dates listed.
11. There were no Council Concerns; Mayors Report from Mayor Suggs was given regarding plumbing & electrical completed at the Town Square and Project Gateway breaking ground this week.
12. Meeting Adjourned - With no other discussions needed, motion to adjourn by Councilmember King 1st motion Councilmember King 2nd motion Councilmember Church all in favor.

David Suggs
Mayor

Ananda Garris
Municipal Clerk