

Town of Lake View @ the Lake View Town Hall
201 N. Main St. Lake View, SC 29563
Thursday December 18th, 2025
Public Council Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Toney McDuffie, Gwendolyn Hayes, Lynn Page, Vic Hardin

1. Welcome – Call meeting to order by Mayor Suggs
2. Pledge of Allegiance with everyone and a Prayer from Councilmember Townsend
3. Meeting Minutes Request for motion to approve meeting minutes from November 20th & November 26th, 2025, 1st motion from Councilmember Church 2nd motion from Councilmember Price all in favor.
4. Citizen Concerns: (3 minutes per person) Lynn Page & Vic Hardin – Project Gateway and that the Lake View Beautification Committee has also joined forces with them in creating a project where anyone can sponsor the Gateway and Town Square projects by donating and in return will have a plaque placed in their recognition based on their sponsorship tier. Fundraiser was voted on by all of Council and approved by motion for the Beautification Committee to hit the ground running, 1st motion from Councilmember Townsend, 2nd motion from Councilmember Church, all were in favor. Municipal Clerk Garriss also submitted a timeline that was drawn up for maintenance to be involved with getting the land ready for planting in the springtime she included the finalized report from SCDOT along with her approved Permit request and SCDOT's requirements.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. COTB – Profit/Loss statement was given by Municipal Clerk Garriss. COTB brought in \$13,895.00 and there was \$8,638.00 expensed out. The remainder of \$5,257.00 will be transferred over to the Spring Festival event.
 - b. New Year's Day Prayer Service was scheduled with Municipal Clerk Garriss as part of her participation with the Palmetto Leadership Group. Services will be held at 11am at the Mill Pond on New Year's Day and led by Dr. James Orr of the Pee Dee Baptist Association.
 - c. Spring Festival was discussed and Municipal Clerk Garriss stated that after speaking with the Palmetto Car Show and finding out when area towns will be having their events that Saturday, April 11th 2026 would be the best date for Lake Views Spring Festival. Further discussion will follow.
 - d. SC250 Plans – Municipal Clerk Garriss stated that she had attended the monthly meeting with the SC250 Revolutionary War Commission to discuss the 2026 events and stated the followed ideas for the week long celebration: further discussion to follow:
 - Saturday June 27 - Lake View SC250 Festival - Festival to kick off - food trucks/vendors or just food trucks and activities/entertainment
 - Sunday June 28 - SC Flag Day - Fly SC Flag - maybe have smaller flags to give out
 - Monday June 29 - Explore Historic Mill Pond - Highlight the Mill Pond, hiking, Boating, Biking, Fishing, Explain the historical significance of the Mill Pond, make social media posts, could have fishing worms available or free lure per person, could get kayaks and/or paddle boats and do 30 minute rentals free or charge
 - Tuesday June 30 - Lake View Kids Day - Lake View Library drawing/coloring contest, get people to go to the library, contest around the Revolutionary War; In-House I can print off Revolutionary Coloring Pages for kids and adult individuals can hand in their own personal drawings
 - Wednesday July 1 - Lake View Arts Day - Art, Music or Performance about or around History at the Park or at the Community Center - Can either be a free event to the public or a small charge
 - Thursday July 2 - Lake View Farmers Market - Farmers Market of area farmers and sellers from the Carolinas
 - Friday July 3 - Honoring Mill Pond - Unveil a NEW historical marker at the Mill Pond, get a new marker for the park and unveil it
 - Saturday July 4 - Independence Day Celebration – Golf Cart Parade and free hamburger/hot dog lunch
 - Sunday July 5 - Lake View Community Recipe Book (America's Pot Luck Day) - Have people submit recipes, make a Lake View Recipe book that can be handed out at local churches, retirements, businesses

6. Financial Reports from Clerk Garriss: Balance Sheet, Budget vs. Actual, Grant Discussion – We are at the 50% mark. Mrs. Garriss stated to please keep in mind when reviewing Budget vs. Actual we have only received 35% of our revenue thus far. Clerk feels we are still on track for our budget with keeping an eye on a few key lines as noted in **RED** on the packet charts. Our total Expense is under budget by 5% holding currently at 45%. Clerk Garriss requested from Council to state what new projects and needs there are in order of importance for her to work on. Council agreed as a whole that Parking at the Mill Pond is a number one priority to keep people off the lawn, 2nd priority will be new zero-turns for the street department needing 2- 72" and 1- 60" ride on zero-turn lawn mowers, 3rd will be resubmission of the boat w/motor request to Duke Energy for maintenance at the Mill Pond. From there she will work on Batting Cages, Dugouts and Lights for the Rec. Fields, Dump Truck for the Street Dept. and a large golf cart for shuttle and emergency services as well as currently working on reimbursement for Pickleball Courts.

OLD BUSINESS

6. ORDINANCE NO. 91.04 - An Ordinance designating Lake View Ford Cemetery located on South Smith Street as a Non-Perpetual Care Cemetery and amending Chapter 91 of the Town Code, request to ADOPT 1st motion from Councilmember Church 2nd motion Councilmember Townsend all in favor. Clerk Garriss stated that the required sign per state requirements was ordered and would be placed on the front gate to the cemetery this coming week.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Contract DHEC Building to be leased – Discussion was made with all Council in agreement on a rent-free lease of 18 months, no security deposit, 19th month starts a \$500.00 monthly lease rental fee, the property/structure will NOT be sold NOR open for lease with option to purchase, renter MUST make all the required repaired included but not limited to replacing the roof. Motion to approve contract to move to forward from Councilmember Townsend with 2nd motion from Councilmember Price, all were in favor.
8. Contract – Grass Cutting Discussion – Pastor McGill does NOT carry Workers Compensation insurance. Council will need to choose an option on Section 6 of contract. Council chooses that it is in the best interest of the Town to have coverage fee included in contract so as to not be charged the fee by the state at the end of the year, Clerk Garriss and Mayor Suggs will discuss further with Pastor McGill and finalize contract, all were in favor.
9. Town Square – Brick Campaign Discussion was dismissed by Councilmember Townsend as being repetitive since we now have the Project Gateway sponsor program underway.
10. LVPD Radios – Clerk Garriss spoke with Motorola directly and was able to find out that we can hold off on purchasing and flashing the Police Radios as they will still work in 2026 as is, this will give us the time for Congress to release funds to the state for the already approved grant.
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION was not needed.
12. Council Concerns – Councilmember Townsend would like to ask Chief Smith for the Police Schedule and when 24/7 block shift will be put into place.
13. Mayors Report – Mayor Suggs stated that the bathrooms at the parks will now need to be locked on a nightly basis as we have had them be vandalized and destroyed during the evening/nighttime hours; he also stated that there are some kids that are throwing rocks and items at the cement and breaking it up at the Mill Pond which is not only destroying public property, historical property but can erode our foundation and cause further destruction to our Mill House. If anyone sees this happening to please contact the Police, Town Hall or the Mayor immediately.
14. Meeting Adjourned - With no other discussions needed, motion to adjourn Councilmember King 1st motion and 2nd motion from Councilmember Townsend all in favor.

Mayor David Suggs

Attested By: Amanda Garriss
Municipal Clerk / Treasurer