

MINUTES

Lyman Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
Lyman Town Hall, 81 Groce Road, Lyman, S.C.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Lyman Town Council was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Glenn Greer.

FOIA

Notice of the meeting with an Agenda was publicly posted, published, and forwarded to the media no less than 24 hours prior to adjournment.

ROLL CALL

Conducted by the Town Clerk and a quorum was present.

Present:

Glenn Greer, II
Jack Bellaire
Adam Crisp
Rick Hellams
Rebecca Martin
Phil McIntyre
David Petty

Reading and approval of Minutes from the Meeting on March 11, 2024

Adam Crisp made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Rebecca Martin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Requests to appear before Council:

Patricia Diaz, 18 N. Main Street, Startex, SC 29377

Ms. Diaz spoke with Council regarding a refund from the Sewer Department and clarification of the amount due. Ms. Diaz stated that she was not aware that she was not connected to the sewer system until the sewer started backing up in her house and she had to have extensive work done. She is requesting reimbursement for payment of 41 months of sewer payments that she paid. The Town refunded Ms. Diaz the amount of \$891.47 but she says the Town still owes her \$145.54 as reimbursement. Ms. Diaz provided the Town with copies of the payments she paid to SJWD showing the sewer payments.

Andrew Karas, 32 Crescent Street, Lyman, SC 29365

Mr. Karas spoke with Council about Lyman's current trash Ordinance. He presented the Council with copies of a statement and pictures about issues he was concerned with around the Town

regarding the trash. Mr. Karas said that after the Council made changes to the Town's trash pick-up policy, there have been numerous problems with trash. Mr. Karas says that there are many homes that leave the trash cans out all the time, and it is unsightly, cans are overflowing with trash, the trash is piled high, and the lids cannot be closed causing the trash to overflow onto the street. This has caused an increase in the rat and rodent population, as well as cats and dogs rummaging through the trash. Mr. Karas says that this is a health and safety problem with the rodent population growing. The overflowing of trash is blowing into the yards of neighbors. He says that the Town has no ramifications in their current trash Ordinance for not complying with it and should consider updating the Ordinance. Mr. Karas feels that the unsightly mess that the garbage situation causes does not pose a good first impression for the Town. Mr. Karas encourages Council to consider update the trash Ordinance. The packet presented by Mr. Karas will be made a part of Council's packet for this meeting.

Presentation of Town of Lyman's 2022 – 2023 Audit by Greene Finney Cauley, LLP

David Phillips, CPA, presented Council with a favorable Audit for the FY 2022 - 2023

Treasurer's Report

Rebecca Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Department Reports

Police Department (Given by Chief Jay Hayes)
Fire Department (Given by Deputy Chief Harter)
Public Works/Wastewater & Pre-Treatment (Given by Scott Miller)
Zoning and Planning/Code Enforcement (Given by Madison Workman)
Business License Report

Old Business

Resolution approving the repaving of Birchbark Lane, Harvard Court, Meadowseed Court, Valley Road, and Wamsutta Drive in the Town of Lyman, in the amount of \$160,000.00, said funds will be distributed 50/50, \$80,000.00 from CTC Funds and \$80,000.00 from the General Fund.

Mayor Greer made a motion to approve the Resolution. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

New Business

Review of proposed Budgets for Police, Victims Assistance, Events, Wastewater, and Administration for FY 2024 / 2025

Donna Perry provided Council with a review of the proposed budget for all departments for the fiscal year 2024 / 2025.

Resolution approving Christmas lights and decorations from Brite Lite Décor for Holiday beautification throughout the Town for the 2024 Holiday Season with costs not to exceed a total of \$43,010.00, to be distributed from the Hospitality Fund.

Adam Crisp made a motion to approve the Resolution. Rebecca Martin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Resolution approving the emergency repair of the sewer line beginning at 24 Meadow Street and located behind three (3) properties at 14 Piedmont Street, 12 Piedmont Street, and 10 Piedmont Street, with costs not to exceed \$50,000.00, to be distributed from the Wastewater Fund.

Rebecca Martin made a motion to approve the Resolution. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Ordinance accepting Re-Zoning of 1.6 acres of property, Tax Map No. 1-52-00-002.01, 1375 Lyman Road, from R-15 Single Family Low Density Residential District to GBD1 General Business District 1, Zoning Classification

Rebecca Martin made a motion accepting the first reading of the Ordinance. Jack Bellaire seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Ordinance accepting Re-Zoning of 1.37 acres of property, Tax Map No. 5-14-00-018.02, 12916 E. Wade Hampton, from GI General Industrial District to GBD1 General Business District 1, Zoning Classification

Adam Crisp made a motion accepting the first reading of the Ordinance. Jack Bellaire seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Discussion and possible action pertaining to a proposed Draft Ordinance as it pertains to garbage can placement. (Council Member David Petty)

Ordinance Amending Article II (“Residential Solid Waste Collection”) Section 16-23 of the Town Code pertaining to Residential Garbage Container Storage

The Council discussed the proposed Draft Ordinance at length with opposing opinions. The Council proposed several suggestions for changes to the Ordinance.

Rick Hellams made a motion to include the fine in the Ordinance, and then withdrew his motion prior to a second, and a vote.

David Petty made a motion to table this item. Adam Crisp seconded the motion. Council Members Rebecca Martin, Rick Hellams, Phil McIntyre, David Petty, and Adam Crisp voted in favor of tabling this item, with Mayor Greer and Council Member Jack Bellaire voting in opposition. The motion passes.

Discussion and possible action pertaining to Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances and SC Code

Adam Crisp made a motion that the Town of Lyman would enforce the Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances and SC Code. Mayor Greer seconded the motion. Council Members Jack Bellaire, Adam Crisp, Mayor Greer, and Phil McIntyre voted in favor of the motion, with David Petty, Rick Hellams, and Rebecca Martin voting in opposition. At this time, Council Member David Petty

withdrew his opposition vote and voted in favor, as well as Rebecca Martin and Rick Hellams voting in favor. Mayor Greer then called for another vote, and all voted in favor.

Executive Session

Mayor Glenn Greer made a motion at 8:00 p.m. to go into executive session for the purposes of:

- Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed sale of town property.
- Discussion of compensation of employees regulated by a public body.

Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor Greer made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor. No actions or votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Discussion and possible action in follow up to Executive Session items and any other items listed on this agenda as action items.

In open session, Mayor Greer discussed with Council the action taken on **Item G - Discussion and possible action pertaining to the Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances and SC Code.**

The vote on this item was confusing; therefore, it was verified that everyone's vote was correct, and the Council agreed with the all-in favor final vote on the matter.

Adam Crisp made a motion that the Town would not accept any offers received to date on Town owned property Parcel Number 5-20-00-042.07, 83.71 acres located on Groce Road, including but not limited to any offers received prior to the Town's RFP for purchase of said property, any offers received as a result of said RFP, and any offers received after the close of the RFP to date. Jack Bellaire seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Adjournment

Adam Crisp made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Rebecca Martin seconded the motion, and all were in favor.