

**MINUTES OF THE LYMAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
LYMAN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
Special Called Meeting  
April 10, 2012**

**1. Call to Order:**

The special called meeting of the Lyman Town Council was called to order by Mayor Rodney Turner at 6:00 PM.

**2. FOIA:**

Ashley Sweatt, (standing in for Town Clerk) responded to Mayor Turner's question that written notice of this meeting with an agenda was publicly posted, published and forwarded to the local newspapers no less than 24 hours prior to adjournment.

**3. Roll Call: Conducted by Ashley Sweatt.**

Present: Rodney D. Turner, Mayor  
Daisy Carter, Mayor Pro-tem  
Larry Chappell  
Phil McIntyre  
Rita Owens  
Donnie Wetzel  
Tony Wyatt (arrived after roll call)

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Turner asked for a Motion to accept Resolution 40102012A granting \$1000.00 to the PALMETTO COUNCIL OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA'S "FRIENDS OF SCOUTING" FUNDRAISER as discussed in the last council meeting. Councilman Chappell made the motion, Council woman Owens, seconded, with all in favor the motion carried.

Mayor Turner asked for a Motion to accept Resolution 04102012B APPROVING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ANY CONTRACTOR'S NECESSARY FOR THE CRITICAL REPAIR OF A COLLAPSED SEWER LINE. Councilman Wyatt made the motion, Councilman Chappell seconded. Mayor Turner then asked Alan Johnson, Public Works Director to explain the situation to Council.

Alan stated that about 370 ft of sewer line from Crest St towards Lawrence had areas that needed to be repaired. He is hoping to be able to do point repairs to be able to get the camera in to view the rest and possibly line the sewer line with a sealant. At this time he showed a video from inside the sewer line in question. Wyatt asked about the previous version of the resolution council had received and Mayor Turner noted that the only change from the original to the version to be voted on was the exclusion of a specific contractor. He stated that this has come before Council tonight because there is a large sink hole on Crest St that poses a safety hazard. He noted that it is continuing to get worse.

Alan stated that there was roughly 270ft of line that they are unable to view because of the damage and that this would have to be repaired before they could view the rest and determine what other damage there may be. He pointed out to Council that these concrete pipes were installed in 1924. Wyatt asked if the pipes were re-lined would they be structurally sound enough and Alan replied that the holes in the line that he was showing them would have to be opened up and replaced and then lined and packed with better dirt to provide structural support. He then showed them what a portion of the line looked like after being

cleaned by the new equipment Council purchased. He stated that he feels that lining the pipe may be a viable option. Wyatt asked about the lining and Alan stated that it was an epoxy that cures in place and forms a hard shell with only about 5% of flow lost. Councilman McIntyre asked if the lining would just seal it and not reinforce it wouldn't there be a possibility that this would happen elsewhere. Alan stated that the long term plan was to clean out all the pipes, especially in the mill village, then use the video equipment to see where the "bad" spots are and repair, line with the epoxy or replace as necessary. Councilman McIntyre then asked what creates a sink hole. Alan responded that leaks in the lines allow water to infiltrate the ground and undermine the structure. Councilman Wyatt asked if the sink hole was in the street or the yard and it was noted that it was in the street. He then asked if the reason for not having a specific contractor on the resolution to allowed flexibility to the Town to repair some lines themselves or piece it out. Mayor Turner confirmed that this would allow the department to do what was best for the Town financially and for future of the lines. He noted that the worst case scenario would be to spend the \$34,000.00 requested in the Resolution, to replace the lines. With no further discussion and all in favor, the motion carried.

##### **5. OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor asked for a Motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance No. 04102012-2012 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to include Temporary Signs. Councilman McIntyre made the motion with Councilman Wetzel seconding, Mayor Turner opened the floor for discussion. Mayor stated that Ashley Sweatt was here serving as a clerk tonight and would also be able to help answer any questions about the sign ordinance. He noted that the first question raised at last month's meeting was in reference to the fee. He stated that the fee was not intended to be used as a revenue source but a means to cover the cost of processing the applications. He asked Ashley to explain the process. She stated that the fee would cover the review of the application, and a vinyl weatherproof sticker that would be issued to allow for enforcement. It would also include extra gas required of our codes enforcement officer and also if the need should arrive for extra hours for him to enforce the time restrictions. She stated that after checking with several municipalities that a fee of the suggested amount of \$15.00-\$25.00 was well below most permit fees due in part because the other municipalities have full time zoning staff, so it is a revenue source for them and it would not be in our case. She noted that if each business were to take advantage of every possible opportunity to permit a sign at \$25.00/each, the total amount spent would be a maximum of \$200.00 per year. Councilman Wyatt stated that since the actual fee was not included in the ordinance it wasn't necessary to decide on a fee, but he felt it needed to be decided anyway. He suggested starting on the low side of \$20.00 and that it can be adjusted later if the need arose. Mayor Turner stated that he felt that \$25.00 was very reasonable and that with the gas alone for the codes officer has spent on trips for the signs alone would make the fee necessary. He stated again that he did not want it to be a revenue source, but to at least cover the actual costs of the permitting process and enforcement. It was agreed upon that the fee would be \$25.00 and that no fee would be collected until January 2013. Council member Wyatt agreed to the \$25.00 fee. Councilman Wyatt mentioned that he was concerned about the lack of requirements placed on the inflatable signs. Mayor Turner noted that he was concerned about the inflatable's being so large that they blocked law enforcement views into the premises but that if it was placed improperly we could ask them to move it to a better location. Councilman Wyatt stated while that was a concern his thought was that he didn't understand why all of the other signs had size requirements. He wanted to make sure that the size was in proportion to the size of the building. Ashley Sweatt explained the reason the size requirements were left out of that section is because the size and shape of the inflatable's vary greatly and that typically the most common inflatable's that businesses in Lyman would utilize were a minimum of 16-18ft and that the ordinance requires that all signs be placed in a manner that will not block access to ingress and egresses or other businesses signage and that will eliminate most of the need for size requirements. Mayor Turner noted that he is afraid that we would be limiting businesses by placing set requirements on the inflatables. Councilman Wyatt stated that he could

see how the lack of restrictions could lead to future problems especially with blocking motorist's views and sidewalk blockages as well. Ashley then stated that there were restrictions in place elsewhere in the ordinance that would eliminate those issues. Councilman Wyatt agreed to proceed with the ordinance as written but with some monitoring of the issues that come up. Councilman McIntyre asked about the possibility of storm damage and the signs being blown around. Ashley stated that they were regulated to be structurally sound and fastened properly in other sections of the sign ordinance to prevent loss or injury. With no further discussion, with all in favor, the motion passed.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENT:**

- a. Council is invited to a reception held on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at the Walnut Lane Bed and Breakfast for Representative Rita Allison.
- b. Councilman McIntyre stated that he was very pleased by the decision made at last council meeting to set the annual Christmas Parade on a Thursday. He stated that a Thursday parade was much better for the local bands.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:27pm Council woman Carter made a motion to adjourn with all in favor.

Submitted by,

  
Ashley Sweatt

Approved by,

  
Rodney D. Turner, Mayor

5/7/12

Date