

**MINUTES OF THE LYMAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
LYMAN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
June 2, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Rodney D. Turner announced that have 6:33 PM and call the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lyman Town Council to order.

**2. FOIA:**

Turner asked Dennis P. Drozdak, Clerk/Treasurer, if 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 and he responded yes.

**ROLL CALL:**

Conducted by Dennis P. Drozdak.

Present: Rodney D. Turner, Mayor  
Tony Wyatt, Mayor Pro tem  
Daisy Carter  
Larry Chappell  
Rita M. Owens  
Teresa Shuler  
Donnie Wetzel

Not present: None

**3. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the May 5, 2014 regularly scheduled called meeting minutes, motion by Carter, seconded by Owens. With no other additions, corrections or deletions with all present in favor, the minutes were accepted. Approval of the May 19, 2014 specially called meeting minutes, motion by Wyatt, seconded by Wetzel. With no other additions, corrections or deletions with all present in favor, the minutes were accepted

**4. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

- a. Mayor asked Wyatt to present check to Boy Scout Troop 24. Wyatt said as previously announced to the Boy Scout Council and Troop 24 \$ 500. Wyatt said this some of what grants can do, and thanked Council.
- b. Jeff Shacker of the Municipal Association South Carolina said it was pleasure to be here, and expressed greetings from the MASC. Said it was excellent opportunity and had 12 years as manager of Newberry and his role is to provide technical assistance, bring resources to you, be a resource for you and give information as you need, and will give each of you my business card.

**5. TREASURERS REPORT:**

Drozdak's treasurers' report is attached in the permanent file. Motion by Wyatt, seconded by Shuler, with all present in favor, the report was accepted.

**6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Police Department –**

Chief Richards said have my report before you, and change word to complication. Wetzel said personally want to thank you for LymanFest, for your assistance. Richards announced that Hart was promoted to sergeant.

**Fire –**

Chief Jim Redd announced that you have my report through the 29<sup>th</sup>, 90 calls, 3 building fires, with no significant damage, and see my response time.

**Public Works –**

Alan Johnson said that you have report summary attached and will answer any questions.

Wyatt asked about the Mill Village project, any idea of a timetable. Johnson replied is at DHEC and they can give definite date. Wyatt then asked about the PCB's, Johnson answered wanted mention cleans out old basin, not expect above toxic levels, and confident nothing to Alabama.

Wetzel said that whole less then hauling.

**7. PROJECTS:**

- a. Streetscape=Drozdak said should finish by June 30th.
- b. Trails enhancement= bids opened and again too high, DOT weighing options.
- c. Lyman Event Center
- d. Farmers Market=Chappell= still trying to get mobile truck to come here, will have to go to Spartanburg.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:47 PM a Mayor said make a motion to go into executive session for the specific purpose of discussions of personnel, Owens seconded the motion. At 7:18 PM, Mayor said make a motion to come out of executive session announced that no votes were made during the meeting; it was seconded by Wyatt and with no further discussion, no opposed and the motion carried with all in favor.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance annexation 12999 E.Wade Hampton Blvd. Motion by Wyatt, seconded by Chappell, and Mayor asked for discussion, none. With no more discussion, Mayor asked if all in favor, of those voting all hands up, any opposed, none, the Ordinance unanimously passed.
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance to form Council Standing Committee for Policy and Personnel Matters. Motion by Wyatt, seconded by Owens, and Mayor asked for discussion, Wyatt responded nothing new. With no more discussion, Mayor asked if all in favor, of those voting all hands up, any opposed, none, the Ordinance unanimously passed.
- c. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Ordinance amending code of Ordinance 1997-Chapter 7, article II, Garbage and Trash section 7-20, removal of tree limbs. Motion by Chappell, seconded by Wyatt, and Mayor asked for discussion, Chappell said in last meet was to contact landfill, they are willing to talk to Council and if over 6' it goes to C&D. Mayor said that charge is \$25 a ton, Wyatt added that understand that. Chappell asked help me understand if have too big stuff charge C&D, and what is a log? Wyatt said does not think a lot about putting burden on taxpayers, Town cut occasional logs may not be much of a problem. Chappell added noticed on Ridge Road person cut a crepe myrtle and still not picked up cause over 6'. Mayor responded that is day to day stuff, asked Johnson and Maurice to answer. They said Mrs. Bradley at landfill said any part of load can't go through grinder charged \$25 per ton. Wetzel asked if it is a huge problem, Maurice said 3 or 4 a week and contact the customer and always said will be done. Wyatt said OK with communicating, especially if person not have the physical means. Maurice said that the grapple truck has nowhere to carry a chainsaw, and cannot find one who has refused. . Wetzel asked in reference to crepe myrtles, Maurice said tried for 3 weeks; Chappell said he will talk to them. Maurice added that Town is considered a large waste hauler, we charged not like a resident. Mayor said in opinion, problem is stay

focus on landfill needs and abide by them. Wyatt said we do everything can communicate to citizens. Chappell asked is it any limb or log over 6'. Maurice responded 3 to 4 inch diameter, chipper up to 4 to 5". Owens said her concern is always needed to put out flyer, let citizens know what doing. Wyatt told Chappell to take a run at it and introduce as a 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Wetzel asked about bagging, Maurice replied it is a leaf machine, not meant to pick up grass, suck it up only ½ in trucks and half blows on cars and said Lyman farms HOA requires bagging. Chappell said never seen us use vacuum truck. Mayor said storm water issue taken twice as much man power, will re-visit this, start all over, send me your thoughts.


10. **NEW BUSINESS: Mayor asked**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance amending Employee Handbook Chapter 11.6 defining the use of Town vehicles. Motion by Wyatt, seconded by Chappell, and Mayor asked for discussion, Wyatt said not one authored seems to make sense that once shifts over is straight forward. Mayor replied that most these in directives and mark all of them with some waiver on use vehicle especially have snow event and respond in our vehicles, and Wyatt said envision that when inclement weather and emergency. Wetzel agreed if inclement weather and certain distance allowed to drive. Chappell said will amend that next meet. Mayor said since a utility, some supervisors take home. Wetzel asked if maintenance printed off, look at inspection daily and keep track mileage. Mayor answered that Police do that, asked Johnson to correct me but do daily use too. Wetzel responded kudos to you, Johnson said keep these 4 years.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance to change Organizational Structure by eliminating Public Works department and establishing Infrastructure Development Department. Motion by Chappell, seconded by Wyatt, and Mayor asked for discussion. Chappell said think good move going into Waste Water treatment to have Alan to just focus on that and sidewalks. Wyatt said separate operations from development to focus on long term because Brian, Maurice doing good job, top heavy and need planning with overload of management. Wetzel said know talk about future, pretty straight forward.
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance to adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Wyatt said first think cameras and tasers. Wyatt asked Richards to come forward, said 3 cameras companies out there. Mayor said want to buy the best, encourage best. Wetzel said trying to rationally think \$4,000 more. Hayes said cameras fines, audio fine, Wyatt said essentially one time catch up, not get cheap sake. Richards said 3 tazer companies out there, 2 of them are obsolete equipment, not allowed to take home tasers. Shuler said has some personal experience, son in law. Chappell said talked to officer who said I minute a long time, Mayor said it is an intimidation factor too.
- d. 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance to set a referendum on the question of change in form of Municipal Government. Mayor said I make the motion, seconded by Shuler, and Mayor then said I made the motion and will start that we shouldn't change to Council but to City Administrator, he continued by saying that he has worked very hard for six years getting business in the town doing things that has been to the best interest of the town. "And that's not really good enough because he can't be here every day, if we had a City Manager here that was here every day to meet with developers and investors and that would be in best interest of Town." He stated that if we could change the form of government to City Manager it would change the direction of this town. Mayor then said Shuler seconded and said she agreed. She stated that a lot of good things were happening and that she agreed that we needed to change the form of government. The Mayor then stated continued to do the citizen's justice we need a city manager to run the Town. I encourage you to change the form to City Manager. Wyatt said that "this is the ordinance that I submitted and this is the ordinance that I am making a motion to pass and I do believe and do believe that we need to change the form of government and to that council form gives us the best opportunity going forward cause of its

adaptability can do a combination of all 3 forms.” Council form is local ordinance control over how it gets structure, it puts council in the driver’s seat and will give us the opportunity to be more collaborative and work together better. The most important point is that we get this in front of the citizens and let them decide. The Mayor stated it does need to go before the voters but it needs to be the right form that they decide from and best interest needs to be a city manager to run the town. Wyatt responded Council form gives us the ability to do all. Mayor asked Shacker to approach, and he said 3 forms of government, Mayor-Council which is currently before you, Mayor is the quarterback, Council-Manager the Manager is the quarterback. Council form is responsible for policy and legislative manager and administration, under this form it does give the ability to delegate by ordinance; they employ administration and individual not a sitting member of Council. However in a Council-Manager form the manager is hired to assist the Mayor and ultimately reports to the Mayor. Mayor said my point is that someone needs to here every day. Wyatt said this gives us the ability to hire a manager, but under the direction of our collective selves not like it is currently but where we as a whole can mode and shape, I submitted this ordinance, this is what I have put before us to vote on and as a matter of order and this is the ordinance we should vote on. Shuler asked Shacker what lose in Council-Manager, he responded not in legislatively, primary that you must hire a manger, who manages employees, appoints them and removes them. Council has more control over under Council Form. Mayor said question, if this passes, can use a petition. Shacker added that is question to your attorney. Mayor then offered that this is 1<sup>st</sup> reading; in any event, according to the information I have received there probably will be both on the ballot, lets vote asked if all in favor, none opposed.

- 11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor said**
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Budget Ordinance, Monday, June 30, 2014.
  - b. Next regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, July 7, 2014.
  
- 12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn:
  - a. At 8:20 PM Carter made a motion to adjourn, with all in favor.

Submitted by,



Dennis P. Drozdak, Clerk / Treasurer

Approved by,



Rodney D. Turner, Mayor

Date: 07/07/2014