

**MINUTES OF THE LYMAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
LYMAN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
May 7, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lyman Town Council was called to order by Mayor Rodney Turner at 6:33 PM.

2. **FOIA:**

Dennis P. Drozdak, Clerk/Treasurer responded to Mayor Turner's question 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 responded yes.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Conducted by Dennis P. Drozdak

Present: Rodney D. Turner, Mayor

Daisy Carter

Larry Chappell

C. Phil McIntyre

Rita M. Owens

Donnie Wetzel

Tony Wyatt

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

Approval of April 2, 2012 minutes, motion by Chappell, second by Owens, with no additions, corrections or deletions with all in favor the minutes were accepted. Approval of April 10, 2012 minutes, motion by Wyatt, second by Carter, with no additions, corrections or deletions with all in favor the minutes were accepted.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Drozdak's treasurers' report is attached in the permanent file. Wyatt liked adding the hospitality line to reports. Motion by Wyatt, second by Chappell, with all in favor the report was accepted.

6. **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Police Department –**

Chief Terry Richards stated that the complete report is attached in the permanent file.

**Fire Department –**

Sean Harter represented Chief Redd and presented his monthly report with the complete report attached in the permanent file. There were 50 calls, down 30 from previous month. On back of report is response time of 5 minutes in Town. No dollar loss from fires and assisted the streets department with flares on the rails removal. Also, continuing the business inspections.

**Public Works –**

Alan Johnson presented his monthly report and the complete report summary is attached in the permanent file. Chappel asked how soon hope to have sewer inspections. Johnson responded next month. Wyatt asked that when that is finished if can have a summary. Johnson said yes and that fixed manholes as a whole and will not be piecemeal. McIntyre asked if they have fixed the

repairs mentioned last month. Johnson said yes and just waiting to pave. Wyatt said there was an oddity on the landfill with a huge spike. Johnson replied that it was from storms in February and early spring, but sometimes just no rhyme or reason. Also, Wyatt asked if the bottom line was the total charges and Johnson said yes. Mayor asked when the replacement line on Crest would be done and Johnson said that they are waiting for settling.

1. Storm water=Drozdak stated that construction should start this month;
2. Trails=Drozdak said nothing more to report.
3. City of Wellford=Drozdak said that John Duggan, Town Attorney, has been notified to pursue legal action.
4. Park/Amphitheatre/Market=Farmers Market to start May 30<sup>th</sup>. Wyatt said that citizens are disappointed on not being in market, and can we have neighborhood gardens. Mayor said that Wednesday and Thursday were for the commercial farmers, Saturday for the backyard. Owens asked if there were any controls on what is sold.
5. LymanFest=Wetzel gave out schedule and said has 54 vendors including crafts. Thanked Johnson on banners and yard signs. Wetzel said that due to local contributions, the large adult rides will be free event. Mayor said welcome ceremony will start at 6PM Friday, Saturday evening District 5.

**7. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

- a. Kevin Parris, Spartanburg Community College's Horticulture department presented the master landscape design for the downtown area. He mentioned that Jimmy Walters of the South Carolina Forestry Commission told him about our project and our need for a landscape design plan. The students were told to envision the next 2 or 4 generations and not what is here now. Started aerial photographs, then progressed to paper using the Milone park design plan. They worked all semester, taking real world measurements down to scale. A veteran did the monument area and created a path of honor with names in the bricks of the Town veterans. The plan design will include removing Pacific Street, reducing the asphalt and its runoff, adding playgrounds and connecting with the amphitheater and Farmers Market. An advance class will continue the design this summer. Also, we wanted to slow down Groce, so will have 5 greenway medians with trident maples and 9" curbs. The sidewalks will not be adjacent to the road, at 5 to 6 feet wide and 3 feet from the curb. Mayor asked for a copy of presentation to be placed on the website. Owens asked for the island dimensions, Parris said 100 feet long, by 10 feet wide. Wyatt said that he liked the medians. A student presented the plan for the electric substation that will have a green wall attached to the fence. Also, the playground will be a net zero park with all water collected and recycled. Pacific Street area will have a reflecting pond for irrigation in the park. The bathrooms will have solar and heat panels. The amphitheater will have porous concrete with an eco classroom for demonstrating the different plantings. Their goal is to have people find Lyman.
- b. Dana Ballew spoke to Council and said that she and her husband have been in business 15 years. The last couple of months they have been harassed about the portable sign at Custom Auto. 10 days later was told to take it down. Salter said they needed to take it down, they didn't and he gave her a permit to apply, her husband told her to get the permit. When she came to Town Hall she was told the sign ordinance did not allow for temporary signs but she noticed other portable signs not taken down like Verizon. They decided they would leave the sign up and would not renew the sign once the month ran out. Husband rode by and noticed the sign had been taken down. When Ballew called the sign company regarding her sign the owner said that Mr. Salter had called and told him they had several complaints about the sign and that it was against the town ordinance and if he didn't take it down, the Town would. The owner came and picked his sign up. This gentleman still owns several signs that are in the area and those signs were not taken down. For 5 years catering van has been parked in same spot against wall with tag on but the sticker is not current due to tag being stolen before. Gentleman came in and told my husband he needed to put the tag on the van. Tag is on the van but we carry the sticker with us and the only

way he could of known that is for the gentleman to get out of his car and walk up to the van and look due to the way it has been parked. Mayor said he did not know about the van, but Council passed last month a temporary sign ordinance and can now use a portable sign. He continued that the Police did not have the manpower to enforce this before and feels he is not picking on you. For now till January 1 can have sign and almost confident still have temporary signs on your premises. Ballew said she was not here for the new ordinance, ours was taken down and no other signs were and to this day there are portable signs out there that have not been taken down. Mayor responded it was a coincidence not taken down. Mayor added that it was about business and tired of people saying Town employees told not to eat at café and she should submit in writing

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

a. None

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

a. None

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. None

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. Owens asked where the budget workshop will be, Mayor said Town Hall. Wyatt asked if can get information prior to the meeting.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:33pm Carter made a motion to adjourn with all in favor.

Submitted by,

Approved by,

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Dennis P. Drozdak, Clerk / Treasurer

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Rodney D. Turner, Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_