

**MINUTES OF THE LYMAN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
LYMAN MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
March 5, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Lyman Town Council was called to order by Mayor Rodney Turner at 6:30 PM. Mayor made a motion to amend the agenda and move item number 7, request to address Council, to before item number 4, reading of minutes. Motion by Chappell, second by Carter, with all in favor.

**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. REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

- a. Terry Morris, CPA, said that with audit for year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>, that his letter report stated that the financial statements are fairly stated. The Town overall was in good financial shape with \$14 million in assets and exceeding the liabilities. Out of the \$12 million, is land, building and have \$2,500,000 in unrestricted cash and investments to carry on the Town. The part due to General Fund, have available \$1,156,000 to spend during the year. The only debt is in the revolving fund and was reduced and at the end of the year was \$662,000. This only outstanding debt lets the Town use money elsewhere. The revenue was a little bit higher, and so were expenses, but if like a business, then there was a \$367,375 increase for both the General and Waste water Funds. The General Fund increase was \$131,205 and Waste Water was \$236,170. The last several years this has been increasing. Chappell asked for a one page summary, and Wyatt added if there is a one page. Morris responded that pages 5 and 6 have these requests. There were no other questions.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. At 6:38PM, Mayor made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of legal advice from the Town's attorney and contract negotiations. Wyatt seconded. At 7:23PM, Mayor made a motion to come out of executive session and that no votes were made during the meeting, it was seconded by Chappell and with no further discussion, no opposed and the motion carried with all in favor 5.

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

Approval of February 6, 2012 minutes, motion by Carter, second by Wetzel, with no additions, corrections or deletions with all in favor the minutes were accepted. Approval of February 27, 2012 minutes, motion by Wetzel, second by Wyatt, with no additions, corrections or deletions with all in favor the minutes were accepted. Wyatt stated that he appreciated the work the Boards

have done, make fair decision, and how these have the citizens help us. The Mayor added that agrees with the work they do.

#### **7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Drozdak's treasurers' report is attached in the permanent file. Wyatt asked if got all the money on property taxes, and if any more Waste water numbers. Drozdak responded that still have some more property taxes and did not any idea for the Waste Water numbers. Motion by Carter, second by Chappell, with all in favor the report was accepted.

#### **8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **Police Department –**

Chief Terry Richards stated that the complete report is attached in the permanent file. Mayor and Chappell liked the idea of accreditation. Richards is interviewing reserve officers. Wyatt asked if accreditation helps the Town on grants, Richards said no but does on insurance liability coverage and the knowledge from other accredited departments. Wyatt asked about liquor law violations and SPM. Richards responded that just a labeling issue SPM stands for Simple Possession of Marijuana. No other questions or comments.

##### **Fire Department –**

Assistant Chief Sean Harter substituted for Chief Redd and presented his monthly report with the complete report attached in the permanent file. It was very busy month with the most serious incident on the 29<sup>th</sup> with a fire loss on Beverly Lane with significant fire loss and the home is not livable. A lot of out of service area calls which were just waiting on call for assistance.

##### **Public Works –**

Alan Johnson presented his monthly report and the complete report summary is attached in the permanent file. He expanded on the expenses from the Treasurer report, that he is doing more things in house, but that anything can happen. There is more preventive maintenance and looking for generators. Johnson showed on the television screen an image of sewer cleaning under a right of way that is not maintained. He stated that according to DHEC guidelines he is not allowed any spills in the 35 miles of lines. Wyatt thought there were more lines, but Johnson responded that this does not include Startex or Duncan. Wyatt asked about the 94% reduction and what is the legal benchmark and Johnson answered that it was 85%. Also said that use BOD numbers and final TSS number, striving for 10 or less and will use polymers when number is 18 to 20. Wyatt asked about the horizontal line on the report and what is the permit number so can tell if it is a good number and trusted that you would tell us of where it should be. Owens asked if he could let homeowners know when they are inspecting right of ways, make them aware of their presence because when they come home and see ribbons around their trees. Wyatt appreciated their objective and Mayor said that they are trying to be proactive on the right of ways that have not seen work for 20 years. The Mayor said that they will do the best to notify homeowners. Owens said that the people do understand, but need communication. The Mayor said that carries around these snapshots and hope to have on the website in 2 months. No other questions.

1. Public Works building=Johnson said that did not have the latest progress report, but all but done with us doing our own painting to cut costs and that we will have an open house next meeting. Mayor added that maybe we would break from the meeting and go down there, that the average person cannot go there and get a snapshot.
2. District 5 parking lot= Letting the grass grow and may need to add more seed. Wetzel said that he has gone by and does need more seed.
3. Storm water= Drozdak stated that bids opening on March 13th.
4. Trails=Drozdak said nothing more to report.

5. City of Wellford=Drozdak said that John Duggan, Town Attorney, has been notified to pursue legal action.
6. Old Library=Nothing to report.
7. Park/Amphitheatre/Market=Nothing to report.
8. LymanFest=Wetzel said that committee is very busy and that Friday night will have Channel 7's Christie Henderson. Emphasis on advertising and that will have the East Coast Band. Saturday will have 4 bands throughout the day, from Jazz to Tom Crabtree at the end. Saturday morning will have Miss LymanFest and separate entity of Lyman Idol at 7pm. The next meeting Monday at 6:30pm but that things are looking good especially expanding with big rides. Wyatt asked about the run, Wetzel responded that will use cross country of District 5 since it is a lot safer. Wetzel said that they are looking at the Town's new parking lot for the layout. The Mayor informed Jay King of the Middle Tyger Times that the media is on notice if several Council members show up for the meeting.

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Mayor asked for a motion on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an ordinance Rescinding and Replacing Ordinance No. 110303-02-2003, requiring annexation as a condition for sewer service. Motion by Chappell, seconded by Wyatt, there was no further discussion, no opposed and the motion for the resolution unanimously carried.

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Mayor asked for a motion on the resolution to purchase a generator for the Startex pump station. Motion by Chappell, seconded by Wyatt, there was no further discussion, no opposed and the motion for the resolution unanimously carried.
- b. Mayor asked for a motion on the resolution accepting the terms of the Mary Black Foundation grant. Motion by Wyatt, seconded by Chappell and in discussion Wyatt said to change word excepting to accepting. He also asked what is the total cost and year to be completed. Drozdak responded about \$305,000 and by June 30, 2013 and there is a schematic, just waiting on the deed. Wyatt if that would be for the next meeting with the Mayor replying just waiting for their lawyer. There was no further discussion, no opposed and the motion for the resolution unanimously carried.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor**

- a. Applications for the regularly scheduled election of Mayor and Council members on June 12, 2012 began noon, Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> and ends noon, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Interest rate reduction on Wastewater loan from 4.25 to 2.25 effective May 1. The Mayor asked for a round of applause for Drozdak's work getting this done.
  - c. Next regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, April 2, 2012.
- Wetzel reminded candidates not to forget to file their ethics statements for this year's office. McIntyre stated that school is out for Spring break the next meeting. Wyatt said that Johnson did entertain his concern on Groce Road crossing on porta johns, cross ties and the spikes. Wyatt added that Johnson does his job and his folks turned over the spikes. Mayor asked Johnson to remind him about this.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:06pm Carter made a motion to adjourn with all in favor.

Submitted by,



Dennis P. Drozdak, Clerk / Treasurer

Approved by,



Rodney D. Turner, Mayor

Date:

04/02/2012