

Lamar Town Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2021

The Lamar Town Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Darnell Byrd-McPherson at 6:17 PM.

Invocation was given by Councilwoman Inez B. Lee.

Mayor McPherson led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bradley that the agenda be accepted. Councilwoman Lee seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Mack to accept the minutes from the August 9, 2021, Lamar Town Council Meeting as read. Councilwoman Bradley seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Public Works Report was given by Mike Lloyd:

- Mr. Lloyd reported that there was over a 40 % water loss for the month of July.

The Financial Report was given by Doug Poston of Douglas R. Poston, Jr. CPA.:

General Fund:

Receipts - \$81,971.77, Disbursements - \$75, 919.06 (Including \$41,596.38 transfer to Utility Fund), Increase in cash - \$6,052.71, Ending cash balance - \$70,361.95

Utility Fund:

Receipts - \$73,653.50, Disbursements - \$53,314.97, Increase in cash -\$20,338.53, Ending cash balance - \$108,282.15 (\$20, 727.11 available for operations; remainder is grant funds)

The Lamar Police Department Report was given by Chief Carl Scott:

Fun Day:

- Estimated that 125 back packs were given out to children and youth
- Fun Day tee shirts will soon be available for purchase.
- Special thanks to Representative Robert Williams, Darlington County Sherriff Department, and Darlington County Fire Department.
- Special thanks to merchants, vendors, and individuals for their donations.

Chief Scott said that he appreciates the anonymous tips that the Lamar Police Department has been receiving and he encourages the public to continue calling in tips.

Councilman Tyler Cook talked about the Lamar Neighborhood Watch sponsored kid's Racing League.

Councilwoman Bradley and Mayor McPherson discussed the upcoming Lamar Health and Wellness Day Event.

Mayor McPherson thanked the Lamar Neighborhood Watch for all of their activities, The Lamar UMC for hosting a well-received Community Vacation Bible School, Ladies Divine (Shakeita Price) for hosting a successful school supplies giveaway.

Mayor McPherson read an announcement from Chris Weaver of the Lamar Recreation Department. Anyone interested in attending the football or cheerleading camp should meet at the practice field from Monday through Thursday. The cost for flag football is \$40, the cost for cheering is \$35. Flag baseball and softball sign up is from the 16th of August through the 1st of September; the cost is \$35. Please contact Chris Weaver for more information.

Councilwoman Mack spoke about the council planning a short work session. One of the things that needs to be discussed is the receiving and use of the American Rescue Funds (ARF); she listed some of the things that the funds could be used for and could not be used for.

Mayor McPherson said that she would get Mr. Dargan to schedule the work sessions upon his return.

Councilwoman Bradley made a motion that the Lamar Town Council Meeting be adjourned. Councilwoman Mack seconded the motion. Mayor McPherson adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:48 pm

Footnote: Council Members in attendance were Mayor McPherson, Councilman Tyler Cook, Councilwoman Angele White-Bradley, Councilwoman Mary Ann Mack, and Councilwoman Inez Lee.

Others in attendance were Chief Carl Scott, Mike Lloyd, and Elijha Enoch-Smith. Doug Poston participated via zoom.

Timothy L. Dargan, Administrative Manager