

**MINUTES**  
**Lyman Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Lyman Town Hall, 81 Groce Road, Lyman, S.C.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Lyman Town Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor David Petty.

**FOIA**

Notice of the meeting with an Agenda was publicly posted, published, and forwarded to the media no less than 24 hours prior to adjournment.

**Present:**

David Petty  
Cindy Behm  
Jack Bellaire  
Adam Crisp  
Rebecca Martin  
Phil McIntyre  
Greg Wood

**Reading and Approval of Minutes from the Meetings of Town Council**

- March 23, 2026 – Special Council Meeting
- April 13, 2026 – Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Adam Crisp made a motion to approve the Minutes. Council Member Cindy Behm seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The Minutes from both meetings were approved.

**Announcement of Yard of the Month for May – Mill Village**

- **Council Member Rebecca Martin**  
*David Green, 121 Lawrence Street, Lyman, SC, was the recipient of the Yard of the Month for May. The Yard of the Month sign will be placed in his yard.*
- **Mayor David Petty**  
*Little Steps Early Learning, owner Tamara Eubanks, 303 Goodjoin Road, Lyman, SC, was the recipient of the Business of the Month for May. Mayor Petty will visit Little Steps Early Learning and present Ms. Eubanks with a Certificate and the Business of the Month sign.*

### **Proclamation - Lupus Awareness Month**

Mayor David Petty presented a Proclamation to a representative from “Fight of the Butterfly” on behalf of Mesha McLean, Mrs. Greer Plus America 2024, and Mrs. South Carolina USA Woman 2025.

### **Proclamation – Small Business Month**

Mayor David Petty issued a Proclamation claiming May as Small Business Month and encouraging residents to shop locally, dine locally, use local services, promote local businesses, and recognize the dedication required to own and operate a small business.

### **Mayor David Petty read a statement regarding the procedures established in the Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances, Section 2-36, “Council—Permission to Address.”**

### **Introduction and Remarks by Betty Montgomery, Candidate for Spartanburg County Council District 5**

Ms. Montgomery introduced herself and stated that she is a candidate for the vacant Spartanburg County Council seat formerly held by Bob Walker. She advised Council that she resides in Campobello, South Carolina, and has served on numerous boards, including those for colleges, hospitals, and the Red Cross. Ms. Montgomery stated that South Carolina continues to be number one in growth and emphasized her support for common-sense spending and economic development.

### **Presentation by Abner Solar**

Mr. Daniel Yang, representing Abner Solar, addressed Council regarding the company's plans to establish operations within the Town of Lyman. Council Members asked numerous questions concerning the proposed project, and Mr. Yang, along with other representatives of Abner Solar, provided responses and additional information regarding the company's operations and plans.

### **Updates to Council:**

- **Town Update.**

Council Member Cindy Behm asked how much the banners for the Hometown Banner Program were going to cost. Mayor Petty stated that he did not expect the cost to be more than \$2,000.00.

Council Member Jack Bellaire asked about getting fencing and covered areas for the park.

### **Review of the Treasurer’s Report - Donna Perry**

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Council Member Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

### **Department Reports**

Police Department  
Fire Department

Chief Jay Hayes  
Deputy Chief Shawn Harter

Public Works/Wastewater & Pre-Treatment  
Zoning and Planning/Code Enforcement  
Business License Report

Scott Miller  
Written Report Submitted to Council  
Written Report Submitted to Council

### **Old Business**

#### **Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending Town of Lyman, South Carolina, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Planning, Section 24.2, Members Appointment Terms, Addition of Subsection (E).**

Council Member Adam Crisp made a motion to adopt the second reading of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Planning, Section 24.2, Members Appointment Terms, Addition of Subsection (E). Council Member Rebecca Martin seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of adopting the Ordinance with the exception of Council Member Jack Bellaire, who voted against the amendment. The amendment to the Ordinance passed.

#### **Update to Council regarding the Community Care Committee. (*Council Member Jack Bellaire*)**

Council Member Jack Bellaire informed Council that there was a good turnout for the first workday.

#### **Update to Council regarding the Garden Club. (*Council Member Cindy Behm*)**

Council Member Cindy Behm stated that the Garden Club would be having their first meeting on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m., at Allison Park.

#### **Discussion regarding Ordinance amendment regulation on derelict vehicles. (*Council Member Jack Bellaire*)**

Council Member Jack Bellaire asked Council to consider revising the proposed amendment change for derelict vehicles. After lengthy discussion, no motion was made to make any changes to the proposed Ordinance that will be presented to the Planning Commission.

### **New Business**

#### **First Reading of Budget Ordinance to Raise Revenue and Adopt a Budget for the Town of Lyman for the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027**

Council Member Adam Crisp made a motion to approve the first reading of the Budget Ordinance for the Town of Lyman for Fiscal Year 2026–2027. Prior to the vote, Council Member Jack Bellaire inquired whether additional personnel would be needed within the Public Works Department. Following discussion, Council agreed that the matter would be addressed at a later date. Council Member Cindy Behm seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**A Resolution authorizing the expenditure of Town funds for improvements necessary to install an emergency backup generator at Pacific Place Event Center for Community Emergency Shelter use with costs not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be distributed from the Capital Fund.**

Council Member Jack Bellaire made a motion to authorize the expenditure of Town funds to install an emergency backup generator at Pacific Place Event Center for Community Emergency Shelter use, with costs not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be distributed from the Capital Fund. Prior to the vote, Council engaged in a lengthy discussion regarding the purpose of the Emergency Shelter, its capacity, and operational oversight. Council Member Greg Wood seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Discussion and possible action on vacant Board of Zoning Appeals seat.**

Mayor David Petty announced that applications had been received from Andrew Karas and Jennifer Weber for the vacant seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals and opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Cindy Behm nominated Andrew Karas, and Council Member Rebecca Martin seconded the nomination. Council Member Jack Bellaire nominated Jennifer Weber, and Council Member Phil McIntyre seconded the nomination. Mayor Petty then closed the nomination period.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Andrew Karas. Mayor David Petty and Council Members Cindy Behm, Adam Crisp, Rebecca Martin, and Greg Wood voted in favor of the appointment of Mr. Karas.

A vote was taken on the nomination of Jennifer Weber. Council Members Jack Bellaire and Phil McIntyre voted in favor of the appointment of Ms. Weber.

By a vote of 5–2, Andrew Karas was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**Executive Session**

Mayor David Petty made a motion at 7:34 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purposes of:

- Discussion of matters covered by attorney-client privilege.
- Discussion of matters related to the proposed expansion of industries.
- Discussion related to the proposed location of industry and related service expansion.

Council Member Greg Wood exited Executive Session early.

Council Member Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor David Petty made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:39 p.m. Council Member Cindy Behm seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**No actions or votes were taken during the Executive Session.**

**Mayor David Petty moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Abner Solar as written, leaving room to amend the language regarding commencement dates and to provide specificity as it relates to circumstances that would end the agreement, and more specific language regarding specific rate increases.**

Mayor David Petty made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the specificity stated above. Council Member Adam Crisp seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Mayor David Petty and Council Members Adam Crisp, Rebecca Martin, Phil McIntyre, and Greg Wood voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Cindy Behm and Jack Bellaire voted against the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5–2.

## **Adjournment**

Council Member Adam Crisp made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Council Member Cindy Behm seconded the motion, and all were in favor.