

**MINUTES**  
**Lyman Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, March 9, 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

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

- **February 9, 2026**

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

**Oath of Office given by Police Chief Jay Hayes**

- Council Member Elect Greg Wood

The Oaths of Office were administered to Council Member Elect Greg Wood by Chief Jay Hayes. Council Member Greg Wood took his seat and joined the other members of Town Council, and the meeting resumed.

**Announcement of Yard of the Month for March**

- **Council Members Phil McIntyre and Greg Wood**  
*Eddie and Lori Vinson, 220 Woodland Street, Lyman, SC, were the recipients of the Yard of the Month for March. Mr. and Mrs. Vinson were not present, and the Yard of the Month sign will be placed in their yard by Council Member Greg Wood.*

**Announcement of Business of the Month for March**

- **Mayor David Petty**  
*Lyman Drug, Inc., owner Addison Sloan, 204 Spartanburg Highway, Lyman, SC, was the recipient of the March Business of the Month. Mayor Petty presented*

*Addison Sloan with a Certificate and will deliver the Business of the Month sign to his business.*

### **Introduction and Overview of CC&I Services by Brian Rackley**

Mr. Rackley introduced himself to the Town Council and spoke briefly about his business, CC&I Services, which has been contracted by the Town of Lyman for permitting services since September 2021.

### **Updates to Council:**

- **Town Update**

Council Member Phil McIntyre addressed the Mayor, stating that the “State of the Town” event hosted by Mayor David Petty was well done and highly informative. Mayor Petty reported that he had received numerous positive comments regarding the event.

### **Request to Appear Before Council**

Prior to residents addressing Council, 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.”

**A. Andrew Karas, 32 Crescent Street, Lyman, S. C.**

**Mr. Karas would like an update and clarification of infrastructure issues.**

*Prior to the meeting, the Town Clerk advised Council of a misunderstanding regarding the agenda item for Mr. Karas. The item was clarified to reflect that Mr. Karas wished to address Council on “Update and Clarification of Infrastructure Issues.”*

Mr. Karas provided Council with an update on the progress he has made with SJWD regarding his aging water line and related water quality concerns. He also expressed hope that since Mayor Petty has met with SJWD management, he will continue to engage with them to address aging infrastructure issues in Lyman. Mr. Karas asks that his letter be made a part of the Minutes.

**B. Ron Freier, 895 Fort Prince Boulevard, Wellford, S. C.**

**Mr. Freier would like to address the Council about the proposed and current Resolutions.**

Mr. Freier addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Section 24.2, amendments (D) and (E). He expressed concern that the amendments are discriminatory and questioned who authorized or proposed the Agenda item. Mr. Freier requested that his letter be made a part of the minutes.

**C. Dillon Lindsay, 16 Upland Street, Lyman, S. C.**

**Mr. Lindsay is presenting and requesting assistance with the alley between Upland Street and the Rail Trail.**

Mr. Lindsey was absent from the meeting.

**D. Misty Dunn, 268 Springlakes Estates Drive, Lyman, S. C.**

**Ms. Dunn would like to address the Council about the solicitation Ordinance.**

Ms. Dunn addressed Council regarding door-to-door solicitation and peddlers. She urged Council to consider revising the Peddlers/Soliciting Ordinance to prevent door-to-door solicitation in neighborhoods. She suggested that Council review Greer's Ordinance and use its language as a guide to update the Town of Lyman's Ordinance.

**E. David Travis Fowler, 2247 Highway 357, Lyman, S. C.**

**Mr. Fowler would like to speak to the Council about the overreach and abuse of power within the Town Council following an event that occurred on February 21, 2026, at 41 Groce Road.**

Mr. Fowler addressed Council regarding an incident at a yard sale on his property at 41 Groce Road, where a disagreement arose between him and a Council Member concerning the condition of the property.

**Review of Capital and Revenue Budgets**

**Review of the Treasurer's Report**

- Donna Perry

Ms. Perry reviewed the Capital and Revenue Budgets with Council and answered questions regarding the access control system, cloud servers, and vehicles for the Police Department.

Rebecca Martin made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Cindy Behm seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Department Reports**

Police Department

Chief Jay Hayes

Fire Department

Deputy Chief Shawn Harter

Public Works/Wastewater & Pre-Treatment

Given by Scott Miller

Zoning and Planning/Code Enforcement

Written Report Submitted to Council

Business License Report

Written Report Submitted to Council

**Old Business**

**Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Community Members for the Community Care Committee. (Council Member Jack Bellaire)**

Jack Bellaire advised Council that he is considering renaming the Committee and opening it to public participation, rather than limiting involvement to Committee members.

**An Ordinance Amending Town of Lyman, South Carolina, Code of Ordinances Article 1, Section 2.4, Mayor Pro Tempore, Regarding Election of Mayor Pro Tempore Procedures.**

After a lengthy discussion among Council members as to the types of voting procedures, Greg Wood made a motion to amend the existing Ordinance to a voice vote instead of a written vote. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Phil McIntyre then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**An Ordinance Amending Town of Lyman, South Carolina, Code of Ordinances Article 1, Section 2.6 Operational Guidelines, Subsection 2 “Model Committees”, Regarding Appointment of Committee Member Procedures.**

Council discussed the item at length as it pertains to Section 2b-iv of the Ordinance. Adam Crisp made a motion to amend the Ordinance to allow a voice vote. Greg Wood seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Adam Crisp then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended. Greg Wood seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Prior to the approval, Cindy Behm made motions to delete and strike Item 13D from the Agenda. She was reminded that motions were still pending on the floor for Item 13C.

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

Cindy Behm made a motion to strike Subsections (D) & (E) of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Planning, Section 24.2. Rebecca Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken, with Cindy Behm voting in favor and Jack Bellaire, Adam Crisp, Rebecca Martin, Phil McIntyre, David Petty, and Greg Wood voting against. The motion failed.

Jack Bellaire made a motion to postpone the item until the April meeting. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor. The item was postponed until the April meeting.

**New Business**

**A Resolution to amend Resolution No. 02092026-B (attached hereto), to approve the purchase of 20 laptops from Mobile Concepts Technology (MCT). These laptops need immediate replacement as the software is not compatible with updated security requirements.**

Rebecca Martin made a motion to amend the Resolution to approve the purchase of the laptops from Mobile Concepts Technology (MCT). Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**A Resolution approving Goldie Associates proposal/work authorization for engineering design, bidding, and construction management services for the emergency stabilization and replacement of the Meadow Street stormwater culvert, with costs not to exceed \$148,500.00 to be distributed from the General Fund.**

Cindy Behm made a motion to approve Goldie Associates for the Meadow Street stormwater culvert project. Adam Crisp seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**First Reading of an Ordinance amending Town of Lyman Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Section 24-10, regarding the naming and renaming of streets.**

Adam Crisp made a motion to pass the first reading of the Ordinance. Jack Bellaire seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**Discussion and possible action regarding junk cars. (Mayor David Petty)**

Mayor David Petty presented several options to Council regarding junk vehicles in residential yards and received feedback from other Council Members. He plans to prepare a proposed Ordinance on this topic for consideration at the next meeting.

**Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of members to the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

Cindy Behm nominated Joezel Alicea for appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals. David Petty nominated John Wells for appointment to the first vacant seat. Upon clarification that the nomination was for the first open seat, Cindy Behm withdrew her nomination of Joezel Alicea.

Greg Wood seconded David Petty's nomination to reappoint John Wells to the Board of Zoning Appeals. A vote was taken, and all members voted in favor. John Wells was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Nominations were then opened for the second vacant seat. David Petty nominated Tony Axsom for appointment, and Phil McIntyre seconded the nomination.

Cindy Behm subsequently nominated Joezel Alicea for the second vacant seat, and Adam Crisp seconded the motion.

A vote was taken on Cindy Behm's motion to appoint Joezel Alicea. Cindy Behm and Jack Bellaire voted in favor, while Adam Crisp, Rebecca Martin, Phil McIntyre, David Petty, and Greg Wood voted against. The motion failed.

A vote was then taken on David Petty's motion to appoint Tony Axsom. Adam Crisp, Rebecca Martin, Phil McIntyre, David Petty, and Greg Wood voted in favor, while Cindy Behm and Jack

Bellaire voted against. The motion passed, and Tony Axsom was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**Discussion and possible action pertaining to a Garden Club. (Council Member Cindy Behm)**

Cindy Behm presented the idea of establishing a Garden Club to enhance the landscaping around the Event Center and other Town-owned properties. Rebecca Martin suggested including areas around the Town's signage. Cindy Behm noted that several individuals from her neighborhood are willing to assist.

Jack Bellaire inquired about potential funding for the Garden Club, including donations. Cindy Behm asked whether Hospitality Funds could be used. Greg Wood recommended that she coordinate with the Public Works Department, as the areas will require ongoing maintenance.

Cindy Behm made a motion to establish a Garden Club. Rebecca Martin seconded the motion, and all members are in favor.

David Petty suggested that Cindy Behm present a written plan outlining her proposed projects at the next meeting.

**Executive Session**

Mayor David Petty made a motion at 7:51 p.m. to go into Executive Session for the purposes of:

- Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.
- Receipt of legal advice covered by attorney-client privilege.
- Discussion of matters related to the proposed expansion of industry.

Jack Bellaire seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mayor David Petty made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. Jack Bellaire seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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

**Discussion pertaining to "Request to Appear before Council" as detailed in items 9 "A", "B", "C", "D", and "E" of this Agenda.**

The Mayor and Council instructed Noel Blackwell, Town Administrator, to send letters to the citizens who spoke before Council, thanking them for their time and participation at the meeting.

Greg Wood mentioned that he would like to see something done with the Solicitation Ordinance.

## **Adjournment**

Adam Crisp made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Cindy Behm seconded the motion, and all were in favor.