

**TOWN OF LAKEVIEW TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**Monday, July 31, 2023**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**Town of Lakeview Council Chambers**  
**525 North 1st Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630**

**4:00 P.M.**

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE MEETING IN PERSON OR VIRTUALLY!**

Members of the public and media wishing to address the Town Council during any public comment period will be able to join. Attendees will be able to view the meeting on a desktop, laptop, or mobile device such as a smartphone or iPad by using the following link:

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The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting by calling Town Hall at 541-947-2020.

**A. Regular Meeting – 4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Additional Agenda Item

Any matters added to the agenda at this time will be discussed during the “Other Matters” portion of this agenda or such other time selected by the council.

**B. Old Business**

4. Draft IGA (intergovernmental agreement)

- Lakeview Rural Fire District
- Thomas Creek - Westside Fire Department
- New Pine Creek Fire Department
- Lakeview Disaster Unit.

**C. Public Comments**

Citizens may address the council on items that may or may not be on the subject meeting agenda. Please limit your comments to three minutes. The council reserves the right to limit the number of speakers pertaining to the same topic in the interest of meeting efficiency and expediency.

5. Other Matters

This item concerns any matters that were added to the agenda under the Added Agenda Items portion of this agenda.

6. Staff Comments

7. Council Comments

8. Adjourn

Pursuant to ORS 192.640, this notice includes a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered or discussed at the above-referenced meeting. This notice does not limit the ability of the council to consider or discuss additional subjects. This meeting is subject to cancellation without notice. This meeting (except the executive session) is open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend.

The goals beyond creating a more formalized, cohesive group would be addressing the following:

- **More buy-in from the volunteers.** For many years the volunteers have been kept in the dark about important issues regarding the department such as budget, operating plans, staffing, equipment, etc. Volunteers are the backbone of the department.
- **Example:** six personnel are the absolute minimum staff to operate at any working fire partially. Those six would be required 24 hours a day, 365 days per year equals 25.32 personnel to staff one engine, multiplied by approximately 130k (the starting salary for a firefighter in Oregon per OSFM) per year for salary, taxes, and fringe benefits equals a cost of \$3,291,600.00.
- **Lakeview has 23 volunteers and an average response of 12 personnel per working fire.** To address all the jobs that need to be done and operate with a minimal margin of safety 10 personnel should be the minimum personnel on any working single-family home structure fire. Ideally, 18 personnel are needed for a fire to fill all the positions needed and provide a better margin of safety. We have been getting closer to our ideal number by better engagement with the volunteers and utilizing our mutual aid partners.
- **OSHA standards** to be able to fight fire require personnel training 120 hours before being qualified to enter a burning building.
- **60 hours are required annually to maintain that certification.** Moving on to higher levels of qualification requires many more hours, fighting the wildland fires that we take care of more hours, dealing with commercial and industrial exposures many more hours, and dealing with the multitude of other possible emergencies many more hours. Beyond the minimum training requirements, we ask volunteers to attend meetings, host or attend prevention events, maintain apparatus, maintain facilities, and fundraise to support themselves. All of that we ask before we ask them to risk their lives to make the community a safer place.
- **I have only been in the Chief position since September 2022.** We are asking for more of the volunteers than has been asked before, or at least in a very long time. We have identified training and equipment deficiencies that have gone unattended for many years. The volunteers have given much, much more time in an effort to meet the necessary standards required. They have given more without complaint and have begun taking ownership of their training, equipment, and stations. The formation of this organization gives them a voice and the ability to influence the agency they have given so much time and energy to.
- **This IGA organization lays the groundwork for expansion** to include our neighboring departments and agencies. The work of dealing with emergencies demands teamwork, and the area is too small for our existing teams to operate autonomously; the more we cooperate, the more successful we will be.
- **Efficiency is improved** as more organizations work together, reducing the need for multiple apparatus, equipment, and facilities.
- **Training is more efficient and uniform.** Under one organization uniform training provides the benefit of one operating picture for all responders. Operations have the potential to be faster, more efficient, and safer.
- **Potential disadvantages** come from a lack of control. Balancing the needs of all parties involved is probably the hardest part of making an organization such as this work. We have the right people in place if we focus on providing the best service to the citizens of this community.