

**TOWN OF LAKEVIEW
AMENDED
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 AT 5:30PM
525 NORTH 1ST STREET, LAKEVIEW, OR 97630**

Mayor Kevin Sims called the regular session to order at 5:30 pm

Town Recorder Dawn Lepori took roll call, all members present

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilor Tracy made a motion to approve all Council Minutes, MAY 13, MAY 22 Special Session, MAY 22 Regular Session, MAY 27 Work Session JUNE 9 Work Session, JUNE 10 Work Session, JUNE 10 Regular Session JUNE 24 Work Session, JUNE 24 Regular Session JULY 8 Council Budget, JULY 15 Work Session, JULY 15 Regular Session, JULY 22 Regular Session. Councilor Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried Five (5) aye votes.
- Mayor Sims made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1176 APPROVING SALE OF STREET SWEEPER. Councilor Wishart seconded the motion. Motion carried Five (5) aye votes.
- Councilor Collins made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1175 APPROVING FUNDS FOR TWO DEPUTIES/P.T. ADMIN ASST, Mayor Sims seconded the motion. Motion carried Five (5) aye votes.
- Councilor Tracy made a motion for AUTHORIZATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LAKE COUNTY, APPOINT COUNCILOR TRACY AND COLLINS AND TOWN MANAGER TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS. Councilor Wishart seconded the motion. Motion carried Five (5) aye votes.
- Councilor Tracy made a motion to approve the Ground Lease for the Skate Park; Councilor Wishart seconded the motion. Motion Carried Five (5) aye votes

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEW WATER RATES

- Town Manager Stan Foster read this in Council First Reading of the Council Resolution NO 1177. to adopt new water rates for a period beginning September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2030.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ginger Casto – Don’s Market, the ongoing EPA project that SCOED has been involved with since 2017 was discussed, highlighting the importance of council participation in the coalition. The project focuses on assessing hazardous waste at properties like Don's Market and the Sunshine Center, with a new phase one assessment planned for Don's Market. A willingness to participate was expressed, recognizing the project's value to the community.
- Ginger Casto – Lakeview Community Partnership Road Closure, the plans for the Roundup event were outlined, including street closures from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m. on August 28th to accommodate various activities such as live music and a dunk tank. The proposal was approved after a motion was made for the closure, receiving unanimous support. Additionally, the upcoming Labor Day parade was discussed, with an emphasis on the need for early street closures to manage traffic effectively. Mayor Sims made a motion to approve the road closure and Councilor Collins seconded the motion. Motion Carried (5) five aye votes.
- Kelsy Bostwick – Discuss the Purchase of The Sunshine Children Center – TABLED
- Shelley Batty - Labor Day Parade & Road Closure. Councilor Collins made a motion to close the roads for the Labor Day parade 9/1/2025 Councilor Tracy seconded the motion. Motion carried Five (5) aye votes.
- Shelley Batty – Final update on TLT Received in 2024 The final report on the Chamber of Commerce TLT grant, which was awarded for improvements to the Welcome Center, was discussed by a conference room participant. The funds were used to refresh the photo wall, create indoor signage, and develop merchandise promoting Lake County. The project aimed to enhance tourism and included contributions from both the town and Travel Southern Oregon.
- Breanna Perez – Lake County Fairgrounds Requesting TLT Funds - TABLED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- PUBLIC WORKS – PETE FORTUNE -The limited staffing in Public Works and the various maintenance tasks being handled, including sewer issues and generator repairs, were reported on by a conference room participant. The discussion shifted to the necessity of hiring Clint Whitney for his expertise in water and sewer management, as the current team lacks the required certifications. The cost of his services was deemed reasonable compared to other options. Equipment replacements, they are working on getting the Old Street Sweeper fixed and the new one is sold, and loan is paid off.

- **WATER DEPARTMENT – DAWN LEPORI** -Significant difficulties with the water bill system were reported after transferring data to Springbrook, resulting in multiple errors that require manual adjustments. To address concerns, plans are in place to include notes on water bills, and personal consultations with residents are available. The need for transparency and support for the public during this transition.
- **FINANCE DEPARTMENT – TIA CARTWRIGHT** - Tia reported on the finance department's performance, indicating a revenue of \$33,000 for July, primarily from taxes and franchise fees, despite lower utility income. The department's expenses were significantly reduced, and funds from the COPS grant have helped bring the budget back on track. Additionally, Tia presented two options for cybersecurity improvements, with a focus on cost efficiency and long-term planning.
- **TOWN MANAGEMENT – STAN FOSTER** for the record handed out to Council and to the public Message for the Town and its Citizen. Stans Monthly report has items 1-16 please see attached report for the record.
- Barry Well potential transfer -
- Debt reductions/consolidations
- **CITIZENS ISSUES AND COMMENTS**
- Emma O'Brien raised concerns about the resolution on universal water rates, discussing the fact that the water is not clean. Emma stressed the importance of the Town being transparent with communication with the community to alleviate misinformation in the community regarding these changes.
- Marc O'Brian discussed issues concerning Red Rock and Town Manager Stan and Town Council discussed the town's financial challenges that were addressed, particularly a \$2.9 million debt linked to Read Rock, with a request for state assistance to alleviate this burden. Drawing from extensive experience, it was cautioned against relying on potential bankruptcy outcomes, and the community's need for adequate law enforcement was highlighted. Both speakers acknowledged the importance of transparency and collaboration in navigating these issues.
- Holly Vaughn The proposal to recognize the volunteer efforts of council members was made, along with a suggestion for free training opportunities available through the League of Oregon Cities. This was supported by the statement that governance training is necessary due to the council's inexperience. A desire for transparency was expressed, and a proposal for a centralized information system for community updates was put forward.

- STAFF COMMENTS – N/A
- COUNCIL COMMENTS N/A
- ADJOURN 8:25 PM

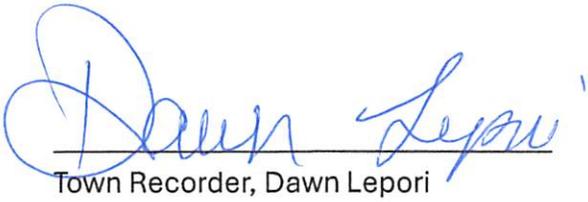
Respectfully Submitted



Mayor, Kevin D. Sims

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Town Recorder, Dawn Lepori

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