

**TOWN OF LAKEVIEW, OREGON
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2025, AT 5:30 PM
525 NORTH 1ST STREET, LAKEVIEW, OREGON 97630**

REGULAR SESSION

Mayor Sims called the regular session to order at 5:31 pm

Town Recorder Dawn Lepori did roll call. Councilor Wishart was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Sims made a motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes for November 25, 2025. Councilor Calvin seconded the motion. Motion carried (4) Four aye votes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilor Tracy made a motion to approve Carmen Tague's Interim Contract for hiring her half-time (80 hrs.) from December 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, at \$30/hr. with no additional benefits provided during the duration of this contract. Councilor Calvin seconded the motion. Motion carried (4) aye votes.
 - Barry Geothermal Well transfer status/payment
 - TLT Applications Review, Discussion, and Action-All applications will be tabled until January 13, 2025, Council Meeting.
- a. Lake County Round Up Association – Tabled
 - b. Tour De Outback-Tabled
 - c. Warner Canyon Mtn Bike Trails – Phase II -Tabled
 - d. 2026 Dark Sky Week Promotion - Tabled

New Business

- Councilor Collins made a motion to approve Caitlynn Abston's request for approval for the Ugly Sweater 5 K, scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Councilor Tracy seconded the motion. Motion carried (4) Four aye votes.
- Darryl Anderson has a couple of updates on things the NPDS permits on the sewage lagoon treatment system. We did get that in and filed on time. We were a little pressed for time on that, but we managed to get most of the information I could put from my knowledge and memory.

- Pete got me some of the reports, but we need to update some of our reports and some of our things on the Soon system. So, I'll be working with Pete on getting those updated on the Geothermal system out of the prison. We have several full blockages. Darryl stated he got most of those fixed, got our temporary meters back on the supply line up to the prison. We still had some lower flows that we needed to blow. I was heating the loop line to the prison.

Then we popped off all the pressure relief valves, doing some more investigation. The bladder tanks are waterlogged, and the bladders are shot. Once you warm up the water in the loop to the prison, with that amount of volume of water, we need about 400 gallons of volume to expand the water when it heats up to those temperatures. So, I've also run down some other parts. I've run down some and finally got able to get a gasket. So, I'm at a point now where I need to order some materials, and I need to spend some money. The bladder replacement in the tank is going to be about \$10,000.

- Darryl stated that he needs to fix some exterior leaks by the time of production. Darryl stated he thinks he has enough parts for those; he just needs to get things dug out, and probably the gasket, are going to be several \$1000. I do have a person coming down. I'm going to meet with Friday morning on rebuilding some of the some of the heat exchanger gas or heat exchanger. I need to get it. I need to dismantle some of the piping from the ceiling where we had it, and block each to get the rest of the blockage out of it. Darryl stated that it's very important that we have that system up and running and supplying.
- Interim Town Manager Stan Foster stated It was \$10,000. What do you think it's going to be for now? It's going to be more than that. It's \$10,000 for a new bladder in the tank, and I must get it installed. We got a two-week lead time on the bladder. We got a two-week lead time on the. Darryl stated he needs gaskets for the heat exchange, so I'd like to get those at work; it would probably be better.
- Darryl Anderson Stated I want to get some other help there and whatnot. I don't know. We'll probably spend 20 to 25 thousand.

Decision on whether the Town will oppose the prior employee's unemployment benefit request (estimated \$22,000 expense to Town).

Request from the Public Works department that the Town Council rescind the schedule modification.

Transfer of Don's Market property to Town – Deed transfer

Discussion of Springbrook Water Billing – The Town Manager, Mayor, and Town Council will be having a meeting regarding the issues with billing and how to fix the issues at hand.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **PUBLIC WORKS- PETE FORTUNE** -Public Works Director Pete Fortune We've been working since the last town council meeting; you've probably seen a lot of people helping guys do the Christmas decor, and we cleaned up some leaves. We've been doing a lot of equipment repairs, getting ready for winter, and we're ready for the snow.

We've been catching up on a lot of, yeah, catching up on a lot of silver line flushing, and we had a few problems with our lift stations. We've been working on lift stations a lot, and then for as far as like future stuff that we're gonna be working on it while we're waiting for winter. We're going to start working on the meters that still need to be replaced in the ground, the electronic meters. We got a whole stack of them upstairs that we still need to put in.

They just did Herrera's building over here today, got that going. So, we're going to make all the big wells like BLM and see if we can get them going, all that. And we still don't have all the right sizes that we need. I just ordered more one-inch ones, but I'll probably have to order more like. The lady, wanting the service out there on Roberta, wants a one-inch meter, so I had to order one. She paid for the 1-inch meter, and she's agreed to pay for a grinder pump for the sewer, yes, which makes it a lot easier for us to do because of the geothermal lines that run on every side of the road. We must pour under the road to put that water and sewer line in.

We've been applying for certification apps and doing a lot of studying for that and then we where we would we had a bit of last time our certified guy that we're paying for it we had a little bit of trouble with.

Equipment Updates: The Sweeper truck is going to Cummins in Eugene, so he will be taking it over to Eugene on Monday morning and seeing if they can do a better job than Reno did.

WATER DEPARTMENT – DAWN LEPORI

- **Decision on Springbrook Water Billing System:** There will be a meeting held with Springbrook to discuss the issues.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – CARMEN TAGUE/ GEORGIA GETTY

First of the Month Checklist, I have given you all a copy of the spreadsheet that has invoices that need to be paid, and since there's not going to be a council meeting at the end of December.

Councilor Tracy mentioned the Sheriff's contract payment, so that needs to be added to the list, correct? It was \$17,000. Do we have the funds to do that? Finance Director Carmen Tague stated yes, I believe right now there are funds to do that, and we'll be ok with the cop's grant. We are working through the process to fix this. Carmen stated she has turned in the overdue performance report and is working on the overdue finance report. So, we'll be ok with the Cops, but then the issue will be the federal site.

Carmen is working on getting the SAMS account into her name. It must be changed to get authorization for the grants and move forward without any issues. Carmen will be removing the prior management's name and putting her name on the account.

Councilor Calvin stated that she was asked if the \$14.00 will show a separate line with a code on the water bills to show where the money is being put into. They would like to make sure it's not going into the water account and that it is going to the Sheriff's fund.

Town Recorder Dawn Lepori stated that the Sheriff will have its own line item, and the \$14.00 funds will be disbursed into the Sheriff's line account and not into the water and sewer utility account.

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF-

Mike McCray – Discussed the Chief position and what would be offered as far as what the Chief would make, and whether benefits would be included in this position.

Mike also invited everyone to a BIG bonfire so people could see where all their yard debris was dumped.

Looking at the land, the Town owns for the temporary or permanent building for the fire department while they are working on the Fire Station.

There are (6) Six new members on the volunteer roster.

Firefighter One class is in process, and we have volunteers attending the class.

There are a few paid volunteers still doing the project burning.

TOWN MANAGER- STAN FOSTER

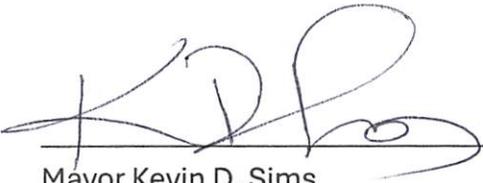
Updates on recent Town Activities. Please see the attached report.

CITIZENS ISSUES AND COMMENTS

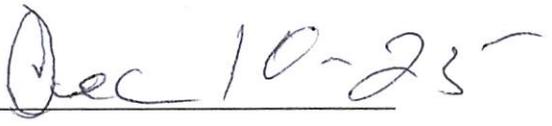
Members of the public desiring to address the Town Council shall sign in and must be recognized by the mayor and/or the presiding officer for the Town Council prior to speaking. Each person wishing to speak must adhere to the following guidelines for conduct during an official proceeding.

- Shelley Batty stated at the LDS Church that the Cantata Singers will be singing on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 3:00 pm.
- The Movie ELF will be playing on Sunday, December 21st, at 2:00 pm. The movie will stop when the snowball fight happens. Bring clean socks. The Socks will go to good homes.
- January 3, 2025, at 2:00 pm will be a ribbon-cutting for the tow rope
- January 13, 2025, at 10:00 am at Memorial Hall is the annual Travel Southern Oregon Tourism Stakeholders Meeting.
- Christmas for Kids December 20, 2025, at 4:00 pm.
- The Elks Lodge Christmas party.
- Lakeview Eagles Black Tie Affair Fundraiser.

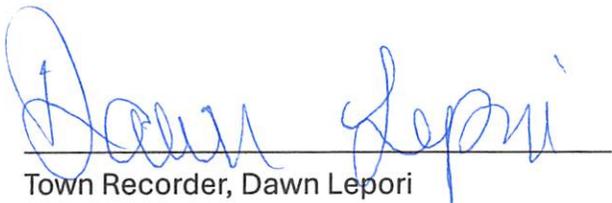
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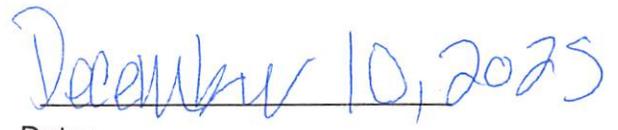
Mayor Kevin D, Sims



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Town Recorder, Dawn Lepori



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