

**TOWN OF LAKEVIEW  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025, at 5:30 PM  
525 NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET, LAKEVIEW, OR 97630**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Mayor Kevin Sims called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM**

**Tia Cartwright did roll Call Town Recorder Dawn Lepori was absent but will be typing the minutes for the meeting.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Friends of Lakeview Pool N/A

Water Treatment Plant N/A

Councilor Charley Tracy emphasized the importance of collaboration with the county to secure this funding. Future discussions on law enforcement fees and public hearings scheduled for August were also noted, highlighting the town's commitment to maintaining law enforcement services amid budget constraints.

Water Rates – Dates of new water rates. Concerns were raised regarding billing issues related to water services, with conference room participants discussing the lack of billing since May due to water meter problems. It was explained that while most radio-read meters are functioning, manual readings are still necessary, complicating the billing process. A double bill will be issued to cover the usage from both months, and the council acknowledged the need for better communication regarding building delays and ongoing negotiations about the water meter agreement. Questions were raised about the feasibility of estimating income from fees without accurate measures, prompting discussions on conservative budgeting approaches.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Agreement for Law Enforcement Services- Mayor Sims made a motion to approve to fund the Lake County Sheriff's office for \$389,054.42, Councilor Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried Five (5) Aye votes
- DOC amendment to extend the Master Agreement -Tabled

**APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS**

Members of the public desiring to address the board shall first be recognized by the presiding officer and then state their name and address for the record. Unless otherwise designated by the presiding officer, each person shall have up to three (3) minutes to

present comments. The board of directors and staff normally will not directly respond to a public comment period. Board and staff member comments will be held until the board comment period.

- The session also addressed community concerns, including a nuisance property reported by Celeste Garcia Johnson, which lacks a nuisance abatement ordinance for effective enforcement.
- Updates were provided on various public works issues, including fire hydrant repairs and the sale of a street sweeper. The emotional toll of council work was acknowledged, with members emphasizing the importance of mutual respect and collaboration between the council and the community to address ongoing challenges.
- Holly Vaughn asked about the Towns Firewall for the Town as this was discussed in February. Town Manager Stan Foster stated he has not discussed that. Tia stated that she is working on a quote, and Shiela was a primary contact, and she will reach out and get the timeline on the quote. Holly also stated that she also has been told that we have not been sending out water bills, Stan stated it was just brought to his attention today and he is hoping to do winter billing and get them out in the next couple weeks.
- Stan stated the Town cannot tolerate any more late billings any more than you can for your budget.
- Concerns were raised about the public works mapping system, citing a recent experience that revealed inefficiencies and the need for better training on existing equipment. This was supported by a description of the current mapping practices as inadequate, emphasizing the importance of training to utilize the GIS program effectively. It was also noted that staffing shortages are exacerbating these issues, making it difficult to keep up with necessary public works tasks.
- The status of the fire hydrant repair was inquired about, and it was responded that certain water lines need to be turned off to proceed. It was also mentioned that flushing the water lines would not occur until the end of September due to high summer demand. Additionally, plans were discussed to sell a non-conforming street sweeper to cover costs for repairs on other equipment.
- Concerns were voiced about negative perceptions of the council on social media, highlighting the dedication of council members who often sacrifice personal time and income for their roles. The commitment of the council to serve the community was affirmed, and residents were invited to share their concerns directly. Gratitude was expressed for the council's efforts, recognizing the difficulties they face and emphasizing community support

**CALENDAR**

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – Regular Session at 5:30 PM

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 – Regular Session at 5:30 PM

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – Regular Session at 5:30 PM

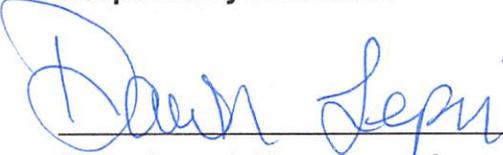
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – Regular Session at 5:30 PM

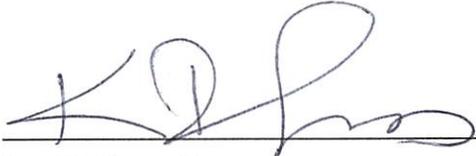
**STAFF COMMENTS N/A**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS** Councilor Calvin asked about the Fire Hydrant in front of the old Thorntons building? Have Lines been Flushed and the leak gold more.

**ADJOURN** at 6:40 PM

**Respectfully submitted**

  
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Dawn Lepori, Town Recorder  
July 23, 2025  
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Kevin Sims, Mayor  
July 23 - 2025  
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