

TOWN OF LAKEVIEW, OREGON
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MINUTES
Wednesday November 12, 2025, AT 5:30 PM
525 RTH 1ST STREET, LAKEVIEW, OREGON 97630

Mayor Kevin Sims Called the meeting to Order at 5:35 PM

Roll Call Town Recorder Dawn Lepori is absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Councilor Tracy made a motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes for October 28, 2025, Mayor Sims Seconded the Motion. Motion carried Five (5) aye votes.

OLD BUSINESS

- Second and final Public Hearing – Law Enforcement Service Fee the final public hearing for a \$14 law enforcement service fee was discussed, with it being clarified that the funds would be exclusively used for law enforcement purposes. The importance of this fee for community safety and protection was highlighted by a conference room participant. Junior raised the issue of the absence of a reserve program for the sheriff's department, suggesting that Lakeview could benefit from a similar program to those in other areas. The possibility of exploring this further was agreed upon. Councilor Tracy Made a motion to approve the 14.00 per household Law Enforcement Public Service Fee. Councilor Wishart Seconded the motion. Motion Passed Four (1) aye and One (1) opposed.
- Recruitment of new Finance Director An update was provided to the recruitment process for the new financial director, noting the need for more applicants and the formation of a committee to assist in the selection. The Town has received Two (2) applications we just would like to see more applications.
- Temporary Finance Assistance- Carmen Tague is currently serving in an interim capacity, Junior Gabriel asked why the Town can't involve high school seniors in volunteer roles to support town operations.
- Temporary Finance/Internal Operations – Georgia Getty is also helping in that role with Carmen.
- Water Department –Town Manager Stan Foster stated Sara Sarasensen is here helping in the water department answering phones entering payments and I want the public to know that if the Town could hire people we would, but the Volunteers are helping and have been a big impact on the Town.

- **Communications (website maintenance)** Mayor Kevin Sims stated that Justin Rae and Kim Mc Fall are working together on this to make sure that information is on the Town website for the public to see and be updated.
- Stan also stated that Policy procedure will be in place
- **Committee Kick-off -November 13 at 5:30pm Town Hall.** Marc Obrian is setting up a Finance Committee, this group will look at financial guard rails, they will recommend policies to the Town Council one of them is to have a specialized review committee to view any proposed debt to bring to council and decide if the town can afford it and is the value there. This will help council put the policy and procedures in place.
- **Public Works Positions** Stan discussed the Diesel Mechanic position along with water certifications. Pete stated the guys are working on getting their certificates before the water treatment plant opens. Pete has been working with a level 4 water plant operator, and he will come by train with them. Once the guys get certs they will be Compensated. It was brought up to have employees stay for 3 years or they must refund the Town for their classes. Stan stated the job descriptions must be reviewed by Teamsters 223.
- Mayor Sims made a motion to approve Resolution 1179 A RESOLUTION INITIATING ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 110 ACRES CONSISTING OF UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY SURROUNDED BY THE CITY AND WITHIN THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY. Councilor Wishart seconded the motion. Motion carried Four (4) aye votes One (1) Opposed. The council also discussed resolution 1179 regarding the annexation of 110 properties, with a stress on the need to communicate with affected homeowners.
- **New Business**
- Undersheriff Mike Patterson requests the Town strip curbs red at key stop signs in town to increase safety in high pedestrian areas. Sheriff Michael Patterson has asked the Town to implement red striping at stop signs to enhance visibility and safety in pedestrian areas. A conference room participant will reach out to the sheriff to present this request to the Council. Additionally, there are discussions about the need for better maintenance of crosswalks and the installation of stop bars at intersections
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife discussion - Issues regarding the deer population were raised, noting public safety concerns due to deer attacks on pets and children. John Muir, the district wildlife biologist, explained that the town is responsible for managing the deer population and outlined the necessary steps, including adopting a non-feeding ordinance and applying for kill permits. He also mentioned the complexities involved, such as community division on the issue and the costs associated with management efforts.

- Air Quality was discussed, and volunteers will help with air quality season.
- NXT clean contract negotiations. The Read Rock plant negotiations were discussed, highlighting a possible agreement that would transfer significant debt to a new organization, benefiting the Town financially
- North End Geothermal Well discussion – Darryl Anderson gave an update on the North End Geothermal Well was provided, mentioning that repairs are underway and expressing confidence in the project's success. The need for a contract with the Department of Corrections was also addressed, with emphasis placed on the importance of proving the project's viability.
- Barry Geothermal well transfer to Lake District Hospital update
- Discuss the regular Town Council meeting of Tuesday, November 25th.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- PUBLIC WORKS- PETE FORTUNE -Updates on the surplus sales were shared, indicating that three pieces of equipment were sold and that a contract with the state of Oregon for additional sales will be brought to the Council on the 25th. A question was raised about the small backhoe, prompting a discussion about its condition and whether it should be retained. It was confirmed that while the backhoe is functional, it requires significant repairs due to a hydraulic fluid leak.
- WATER DEPARTMENT – DAWN LEPORI ABSENT
- FINANCE DEPARTMENT – VACANT
- TOWN MANAGER- STAN FOSTER – See Report
- Updates on recent Town Activities -The local Veterans Administration and volunteers were thanked for their efforts in raising the American flag, and the upcoming Air Corps quality monitoring grant application was discussed. It was highlighted that the December 8th deadline for small grant applications aimed at tourism projects is approaching, with \$30,000 available for distribution. It was noted that the grant distribution will occur twice a year, with a larger amount available in May.

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.

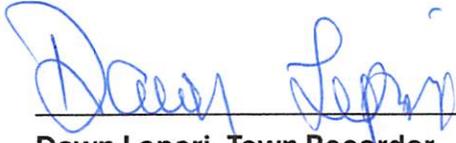
- Concerns were expressed about the impact of willows and large trees on flooding risks in the creek area, with mentions of personal experiences with wildlife encounters. A commitment was made to reach out to Tyler for clarification on the

anceled chainsaw training and to assess the situation regarding the trees and debris.

- The rumors about the city crew potentially stopping maintenance work, specifically regarding the water tower and ditch cleaning, were addressed. It was confirmed that there has been no conversation about halting these services, and reassurances were given that support for the community's needs will continue. The discussion also included plans for using water from the swimming pool for other purposes, such as fire safety.
- Councilor Calvin brought up questions that were raised about the water tank cleaning schedule, noting it has been over two years since the last cleaning. It was stated that the tanks have been cleaned within the last five years, and a quote of \$16,000 for professional cleaning was provided. The importance of having professionally cleaned the tanks to ensure safety and quality was emphasized

Adjourn at 7:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted



Dawn Lepori, Town Recorder



Kevin Sims, Mayor

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