

**TOWN OF LAKEVIEW
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 AT 5:30PM
525 NORTH 1st STREET, LAKEVIEW, OR 97630**

- **Mayor Kevin Sims called the Regular Session to order at 5:33 PM**
- **Town Recorder Dawn Lepori Took Roll Call Interim Town Manager and Councilor Tracy were absent.**

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

- Councilor Collins made a motion to approve August 26, 2025, Council Minutes. Mayor Sims seconded the Motion. Motion carried Four (4) aye votes.
- John Hansen – Regarding Tree Removal. The council addressed the tree removals and the impact on sidewalks, with a conference room participant explaining a misunderstanding about the approval process. Concerns were raised about the hazardous condition of the sidewalks due to the tree roots. The council agreed to consider options for replanting trees that would not cause similar problems in the future

NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor Sims made a motion to approve Mike McGowen – Request for closure of D Street for the skate park grand opening. Councilor Collins seconded the motion. Motion carried Four (4) aye votes.
- Andrew Rucker presented plans for a donor sign and a park tool at the skate park, detailing their locations and installation methods. The park tool will be designed for hanging bikes and skateboards, equipped with tools for maintenance

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **PUBLIC WORKS** –Pete highlighted the replacement of worn-out school zone signs, ongoing maintenance of the sweeper with assistance from mechanic Dan, and various day-to-day tasks such as filling holes and cleaning storm drains. Gratitude was expressed for the team's efforts in getting the sweeper operational again.
- **WATER DEPARTMENT** – Dawn highlighted problems with the new billing system, including delays in bill distribution and incorrect amounts, which she is working to correct with assistance from Springbrook

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – TIA CARTWRIGHT noted that August was a positive month financially, with several grants received that helped pay down debts. They also discussed the importance of managing remaining funds and the potential for a cybersecurity grant to enhance IT security.

- **Councilor Calvin** voiced her Concerns regarding cybersecurity. conference, Mayor Sims emphasized the need to consult Stan about the use of town laptops outside the office.
- **TOWN MANAGEMENT – STAN FOSTER**
- **After a successful meeting with Oregon Energy Trust, the Town of Lakeview has taken the first steps (with the assistance of the Finance Director) to complete a solar farm assessment for the town’s new water treatment plant. This effort may result in a co-located solar farm which would provide the energy needed for operating the water treatment plant during the summer months while returning excess energy to the grid. This could result in a credit for the Town with Pacific Power which would offset part of the winter month operation. An energy suitability assessment will be provided by Oregon Energy Trust.**
- **Special thanks to Councilor Marty Collins who has completed an inventory of surplus equipment for the public works department which will be made available at the end of September for public bids. Public notice will be posted toward the end of the month with written bids required by a date certain.**
- **There is a current open bid for a surplus building discussed at the last Town Council meeting. This surplus building is offered to the public by sealed written bids due by 1pm on September 23rd. Bids must address the specific requirements set forth in public notice and will be opened by the Town Council at the regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on the same date.**
- **The Town has proceeded with an application to the Ford Family Foundation for a small grant to assist us in funding the work of citizen volunteer committee to work on the sustainability plan and assist in other town businesses. All indications are that this will be approved by the end of September. This work will commence immediately upon receiving final approval from the Foundation. Special thanks to Tia Cartwright for assisting in completing this application in my absence.**

- A preliminary pay-out number has been received from our vendor providing our smart water meter upgrades. Settlement negotiations will commence with the Town Attorney and Town Manager on September 19th.
- The two steps process to assess and remove Don's Market building is in progress and an update meeting will be held on September 12th. A more complete report will be provided at the September 23 Council meeting.
- Efforts are underway to provide more financial transparency for the citizens of Lakeview by ensuring financial reports are offered in each Council meeting monthly. Special thanks to Citizen volunteer Kim McFall for her assistance in this matter.
- Hospital assessment and due-diligence efforts on the transfer of the Barry Geo-thermal well ownership and assumption of debt continue with all parties optimistic that this transfer will be completed soon.
- Special thanks to Mayor Kevin Sims and Councilor Charley Tracey for assuming the day-to-day management of the Town in my absence.

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.

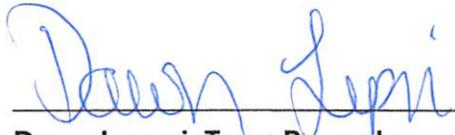
- Kim McFall voiced the need for clear communication regarding the town's budget and expenditure was discussed, with an advocacy for a transparent breakdown of how funds are utilized. It was suggested that a board be implemented in the lobby and that the town's website be enhanced to provide residents with easy access to information about rates and ongoing projects. This initiative aims to reduce confusion and improve public understanding of financial issues.
- Shelley Batty with the Lake County Chamber informed the Town Council The film crew Freedom to Roam will be documenting six Afghanistan veterans on the Oregon Timber Trail, with an open house planned for Sunday afternoon. The event aims to foster community connections and promote tourism. It was highlighted by a conference room participant that the importance of a formal volunteer approval process is essential to ensure proper roles and responsibilities for those interested in helping
- Donna Morrill raised issues regarding the new billing software's support system, highlighting the need for a thorough review of the contract to ensure proper assistance is available. She noted that the software has been in place since May

and questioned whether adequate support has been provided. Discussions also touched on the compatibility of the software with smart meters and the implications of previous management decisions on current operations.

- Town council Discussed The town's power shortage and the possibility of utilizing solar power to meet energy needs were discussed. It was pointed out that Pacific Power is not providing sufficient energy for new businesses, making solar a viable alternative. Concerns about the location of solar panels and their impact on residents were raised, with it being noted that potential sites are near residential areas.

Adjourn at 7:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted



Dawn Lepori, Town Recorder



Kevin Sims, Mayor



Date:



Date