

Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2025

Mayor Simon called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers Ralph Strunk, Keith Predmore, and Kevin Haag were present for the meeting. Town Technician Scott Kamps, Town Administrator Kim Matheson, and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Attorney Craig Justus was present on Zoom. Councilmember Jim Hager was not present.

Scott Kamps led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an Invocation.

Approval of the Council Meeting Agenda: Predmore made a motion to approve the agenda. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. April 8, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
2. April 8, 2025 Closed Session Minutes
3. April 16, 2025 Budget Workshop Minutes

Predmore made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Tax Report as of April 30, 2025: Matheson reported the tax collection for April was \$2,712.18.

Mayor Simon read the Ethics Statement Reminder.

New Business:

1. **July Council Meeting Date:** Mayor Simon made a motion to change the July council meeting to July 15, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Predmore seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Letter of Support for AdventHealth:** Mayor Simon said she has signed a letter of support for AdventHealth to develop 129 additional acute care beds at the new hospital in Weaverville.
3. **Part-time help for Scott Kamps:** Kamps said sometimes he has projects that he could use help with, and he has a young man, Malachi, that works for him running Stable Guy Landscaping that he could bring in to help when needed. It was proposed that Malachi could work, with a budget not

exceeding \$500, until the end of this budget year on June 30, 2025. Haag made a motion to approve \$16.50 an hour, for two months, not to exceed \$500. Predmore seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

4. 24/25 Budget Discussions-new budget ordinance and budget

amendments from the accountant: Matheson said the Town has not got as much in Sales and Use Tax this year so that item was proposed to be reduced by \$1,200. Matheson said Reserves was over expended by \$50, so \$50 would be moved from Planning Board expense to Reserves and \$1,500 was moved from Planning Board Expense to Office Expense. Matheson said the Powell Bill expense was more than budgeted, so that amount was proposed to be increased. Matheson said the Town was not going to hit the estimated consumption amount because less water was sold than the previous year, so it was proposed consumption be reduced by \$6,500. In the water fund, \$1,000 was moved to supplies and \$1,000 was moved to office expense. Matheson said the Budget Ordinance looks different for next budget year and would need to be voted on. Haag made a motion to update the budget ordinance for FY 25/26 and approve the budget amendments. Predmore seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Council Statements:

Ralph Strunk-Strunk said he would like to see the directory expense to have its own line item in the FY 25/26 budget. Strunk said he thinks an email should go out every year reminding residents that there is a confidential sheriff's suggestion and tip box located at the guard house.

Diana Simon-Simon said she had placed some plants out by the Shalimar memorial tree that were donated by Betty Satterfield at Satterfield's Briar Patch and would like to thank her for that donation.

Request For Public Comment:

Susan Robinson: Robinson said she would like to say thank you to the Town staff for the great work on the budget. It was one of the cleanest budgets she has seen in the eight years she has lived here. Robinson said she would also like to thank the council members for serving on the Council.

Alan Davidson: Referring to the previously mentioned reduced amount of water consumption, Davidson said Scott Kamps has been great about tracking down water leaks and preventing water from being wasted. Davidson emphasized the

importance of following zoning regulations and the potential consequences of non-compliance.

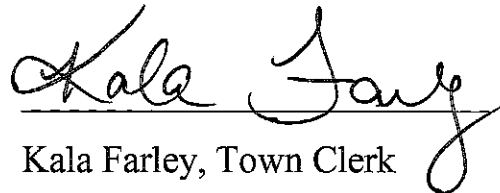
Announcements:

- Tourism Development Authority Budget Hearing within the TDA meeting on May 19, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Town Hall.
- Town Hall will be closed May 26, 2025 for Memorial Day.
- Town Budget Hearing on May 27, 2025 at 12:00 PM.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held June 10, 2025, at 12:00PM. This meeting will be held at Town Hall and via Zoom. The link to join by Zoom will be sent out by mass email.

Motion to Adjourn: Strunk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Haag seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.



Diana Simon, Mayor



Kala Farley, Town Clerk