Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

Mayor Predmore called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers Ralph Strunk, Diana Simon, and Kevin Haag were present for the meeting. Town Administrator Kim Matheson and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Councilmember Jim Hager was not present.

Haag led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an Invocation.

Approval of the Council Meeting Agenda: Simon made a motion to approve the agenda. Haag seconded. All Approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. **October 14, 2025 Closed Session Minutes**
2. **July 14, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Simon made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial/Tax Report as of July 31, 2026: Matheson reported that there has been no information available from the County on the tax collection for July but she will hopefully be able to report on both July and August at the next Council meeting. $21,202.59 was collected in Water.

Request for Public Comment:

Jack Gross: Gross said the amount of taxes contributed by the Town of Lake Santeetlah to the County is 2.575%.

<u>Old Business:</u>

1. **Resolution for Councilmember Meeting Attendance:** The proposed Resolution would establish a running attendance record for Councilmembers. After a Councilmember missed three meetings, the meeting fee for the following meeting would be withheld until the Councilmember's attendance returned to good standing. Strunk made a motion to approve. Simon seconded. Predmore asked for discussion and said he opposed approval and suggested changing the Resolution to include Council duties rather than

Council meetings. Simon rescinded her second to the motion. Without a second, the motion failed.

New Business:

1. **Discussion of Dumpster (Trash Bee Gone):** There was discussion of placing a dumpster within Town limits. Residents raised concerns that a dumpster could attract wildlife and insects as well as potentially contribute to air pollution. Simon noted that residents dissatisfied with the nearby sanitation site's revised hours could utilize private trash removal services. Most residents present at the meeting opposed the proposal to locate a dumpster within Town limits. Based on the public input, Mayor Predmore concluded that the matter would not proceed, and the Town will not install a dumpster.
2. **Kudzu Discussion:** Haag raised concerns about the effects of untreated kudzu on the community and referenced a Resolution that was drafted, but not adopted, in 2020 when there was previous discussion of addressing the issue. Attorney Justus explained that the Town could not enforce requirements without an ordinance. A resident described the challenges homeowners face when removing and disposing of kudzu and requested practical guidance. There was discussion about distributing information on kudzu identification and treatment methods, as well as notifying residents whose properties have kudzu.
3. **Council Statements:**
   Ralph Strunk: Strunk said he considered the island at the intersection of 129 to be a hazard and asked if we could inquire about getting it repainted or even removed. Matheson said she would contact DMV.
   Strunk asked if there was an update on the scholarship fund recipients. Matheson said recipients were chosen but they would have to complete their first semester with a certain GPA before they could collect the funds.
   Diana Simon: Simon said she would like to give kudos to the resident lumberjack for clearing all the trees that have been down recently.
   Kevin Haag: Haag asked who people would contact after hours in case of an emergency. Matheson said there is emergency contact information on the front door of the Town Hall as well as on the Town website.
   Keith Predmore: Predmore reminded residents about safety and walking facing traffic.

Announcements:

- Directory has been sent to print. A mass email will be sent out to let everyone know when they are available to pick up at Town Hall.
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held September 8, 2026 at 12:00 PM. This meeting will be held at Town Hall and via Zoom. The link to join by Zoom will be sent out by mass email.
- There is a Special Called Meeting on Friday, August 14, 2026 at 12:00 PM.

Motion to Adjourn: Strunk made a motion to adjourn. Haag seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM.

Keith Predmore, Mayor

Kala Farley, Town Clerk