Town of Lake Santeetlah

Council Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Mayor Predmore called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Councilmembers Ralph Strunk, Diana Simon, Jim Hager, and Kevin Haag were present for the meeting. Town Administrator Kim Matheson, Town Technician Scott Kamps, and Town Clerk Kala Farley were also present. Attorney Justus was present on Zoom.

Kamps led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an Invocation.

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

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. **August 11, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**
2. **August 14, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes**

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

Financial/Tax Report as of August 31, 2026: Matheson reported that August tax collection was $15,495.16.

Request for Public Comment: There was no public comment.

<u>Old Business:</u>

1. **Update on Water System:** Kamps reported the communication system is up and running and the auto dialer has been installed and is functional.
2. **Update on Lakeside Streetlights:** The contract has been signed, and Duke will proceed with the streetlight installation once items blocking access to the transformer are removed. Matheson stated that they are coordinating with the contractor whose building supplies and portable restroom are currently located around the transformer to have the area cleared. Once the area is cleared, Duke can schedule a date to install the lights.
3. **Continued Discussion of Town owned property:** The Council members discussed the proposal from Randall Veal for the purchase of Town owned property beside Town Hall. Jim Hager said he needed to be recused from the

vote given he was currently in a dispute with Randal Veal over a boating accident. Haag made a motion that Jim be recused. Strunk seconded. All approved. The motion passed unanimously. Simon made a motion that the Council don't sell the Town property. Strunk seconded. All approved. The vote was 4 out of 4.

4. **Update on Kudzu:** All property owners have been notified and given information on treatment and service provider contact information if they would like to schedule treatment service. The majority have already had kudzu treated or have scheduled treatment at this time.
5. **Response from DOT about island at intersection:** The DOT has put signs and reflectors up at the intersection for better visibility of the island.

New Business:

1. **Tour of Cheoah Dam:** The TVA has offered a tour of Fontana Dam rather than Cheoah Dam. Haag asked to start a list of those interested in going on the tour and he would reach back out to the TVA to schedule a date and time.
2. **2027 Fourth of July Fireworks:** Hager reported that a total of $6,000 was spent on fireworks last year, funded through various donations from the TDA, the Town, and private citizens. Hager asked whether the group wanted to discuss if a contribution will be made for this year's fireworks. Simon said she would discuss this with the Board at the next TDA meeting.
3. **Council Statements:**
   Strunk: Strunk mentioned a safety concern of people being out in the water during severe weather and asked if the Mayor could include a note about safety during severe weather in the next "Letter From Your Mayor".
   Strunk said that the Planning Board Members page that was supposed to be included in the Residential Directory this year was not in the Directory.
   Predmore: Predmore said the Council Meetings are for the Council to conduct formal business, and comments or questions from attendees should be reserved for Public Comment.

Announcements:

- Upcoming 3rd Quarter Water Billing-Tuesday, Sept 22nd
- The next regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held October 13, 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.

Motion to Adjourn: Simon made a motion to adjourn. Haag seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

Keith Predmore, Mayor

Kala Farley, Town Clerk