



TOWN OF SILVER LAKE
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2025-7:00 PM
Silver Lake Town Hall, 604 N Jefferson St.

I. Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

II. Present:

- a) Elected Members: Medard (Hugh) Murfin, Nichole Taylor (absent), Gloria (Jean) Weller, Tonya Conley
- b) Department Heads: Jason McGlennen, Joey McNeal, John Conley (absent)
- c) Attorney: Austin Rovenstine

III. Meeting Minute Approvals:

Meeting minutes for July 9, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as written. Jean made the first motion, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

- a) **Review hearing for 208 E. Main St.- Joseph Fugate** informed the council that the demolition has started on the porch. He has asked the council to sign a petition stating that he notified them of the hearing with the Board of Zoning. Hugh signed the petition. Mr. Fugate went on to state that the hearing will take place on September 8th. Austin, the town attorney, asked the council if they would like to continue with another extension of 30 days. The council approved a 60-day extension and will revisit at the November 2025 council meeting. Jean made the first motion to extend, Hugh seconded, and all in favor; the motion was carried.

V. New Business:

- a) **Compliance notice for 502 W. Coy- Carla Buckles** asked the council for an extension on the compliance letter received due to not receiving notices. She stated neighbors informed her of the notice posted on the property. She said she had a buyer for the property and could not complete the sale within 30 days. Seth Lee, who was also present, informed the council that he was an interested buyer and showed the

council a sketch of his proposed plan for the property. After further discussion and Austin's input on the matter, the council agreed on a 45-day extension. The council affirmed the decision and treated the meeting segment as a hearing on the property. This will be revisited at the October 2025 meeting. Jean made the motion, and Hugh agreed. Motion carried.

- b) **1011 Edgewater St covered porch- David Farlow** asked the council for an approval letter to take to the Board of Zoning to add a covered porch to the above property. After the council reviewed the documents, they agreed for Tonya to write the letter. Jean made the first motion, and Hugh seconded; the motion carried.
- c) **Tornado Siren Quote** from J&K Communications was discussed. The siren currently located at the Silver Lake Fire Department isn't working and needs to be replaced. Tonya asked Jason if he could hear the downtown siren at his home on the west side of town. He stated that only if they are outside. Tonya went on to state that more quotes were investigated, but no other local vendors were found. John Conley, Silver Lake Fire Chief, looked at different means to purchase, but the town would have to hire the installation, so it wouldn't have been any cheaper to go on that route. The council agreed that, for safety measures, the siren needed to be replaced. Jean made the first motion to accept the quote for \$38058.50, Hugh seconded, and all in favor, motion carried.
- d) Joey McNeal, Town Superintendent, explained **National Water Services' Quote for the water filter media**. He stated that the water has had a lot of rust and issues for months. He has reached out to several vendors, and they have all mentioned that the media filter needed more anthracite. This quote is to remove the current sand/anthracite and replace it with additional anthracite. Joey stated he hopes this fixes the issue, or the next step will be to have a water study performed. Several citizens present said they were there for this reason: the water. Joey mentioned that all water sampling has come back with good results; except for the current rust issue, nothing is wrong, and the water is safe to consume. Questions and concerns were addressed, furthering the discussion. The council approved the quote for \$15850.00 with Jean making the first motion, Hugh seconded, and all in favor, motion carried.
- e) **Employee review (Executive Session)** will be on September 17, 2025. Tonya stated she would speak with Nichole, who was absent, about the time that she would be able to attend and then advertise.

VI. **Citizens' Comments/Concerns:**

- a) **Stephen Rockwell** asked if the letter that was written by the town for a new garage being built would still be valid. It was written a couple of years ago, but due to other circumstances, it couldn't be completed. Tonya stated she may have to change the date for the county, but she would try to email Lee at Area Planning and let her know that it is still a valid letter.

VII. **Department Head Reports:**

a) **Marshal Department:**

- Call logs were given to the council showing the total number of responses.
- Asked Austin about a letter for 409 W. Myrtle Glen, and Austin stated he would take care of it.

b) **Street/Utilities Department:**

- He didn't have anything other than the water issue for the meeting.

c) **Fire Department: John (absent)**

- 9 runs were responded to since the last council meeting.
- Joey stated that Guant & Son would be starting the paving and coating soon for the Fire Department

I. **Claim Docket:**

The claim docket for **\$190260.03** was approved, with Jean making the first motion, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried.

II. **Letters:**

A letter was received from **LJR Investments** seeking an adjustment for a water leak. The council approved a \$251.42 adjustment to the water bill and a \$196.56 adjustment to the sewer bill. Jean made the first motion to approve the adjustment, Hugh seconded, and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

III. **Miscellaneous:**

- a) The next meeting will take place on **September 10, 2025**, at the Silver Lake Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- b) Tonya announced that the town was happy to report receiving the **OCRA grant for \$750,000.00 for the community center build.**

IV. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. with Jean making the first motion, and Hugh seconding the motion; all in favor, the motion carried.

Hugh Murfin, Council President

Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer