



TOWN OF SILVER LAKE
PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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, Gloria (Jean) Weller, Tonya Conley
- b) Department Heads: Jason McGlennen, Joey McNeal, John Conley
- c) Attorney: Austin Rovenstine

III. Meeting Minute Approvals:

Meeting minutes for August 20, 2025, Regular Meeting were approved as written. Nichole made the first motion, Jeanie seconded, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried.

IV. Old Business:

- a) **NONE**

V. New Business:

- a) **Mary Thacker** gave and read aloud a statement to the council regarding what she felt was unnecessary treatment from Town Marshal Jason McGlennen. She stated that she had asked for a stand-by from him while she changed batteries in the outside cameras of her son's home, which he had asked her to do. She stated that Jason refused and, at one point, had laughed at her. After her statement, Hugh asked Jason if he had anything he wanted to add or rebut. Jason stated that it was a civil issue. He didn't want to stand by while she was on a property that wasn't hers, and that Mary didn't just state she was changing batteries, but that she needed to enter the home, and he wasn't going to take liability for her being on a property that was not hers. Mary stated that that was untrue and that she had called the county later, and they came down and assisted her. Hugh told Mary that they would investigate the matter and be in touch with her.

- b) **Randy Hartman** petitioned the council to have a raffle and the proceeds be turned over to Riley's Children Hospital. The prize would consist of a Halloween box that the Hartman's are putting together. He had proposed that each ticket be sold at around \$.50. Hugh made Mr. Hartman aware that Tonya had reached out to the State Board of Accounts, and they wouldn't allow her office to sell the tickets, hold the money for non-town funds. Tonya stated that she could help with advertising the event. She asked the council if they would like to match the funds raised to a specific dollar amount to be donated to Riley's Children's Hospital from Promotional Funds. The council agreed to match up to \$100.00 in matching proceeds of the raffle. The Hartman's will reach out to other businesses to see if they would be interested in helping sell raffle tickets. Mrs. Hartman stated that this is all on the honor system.
- c) **Trick or Treat date and times** were discussed. The date will be Halloween, Friday, October 31st, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The town will participate in the Trunk or Treat at the Igloo Ice Cream Shop with the Hartman's.
- d) **Ordinance 09-01-25 Establishing a Home Rule Fund for the Community Center Grant Proceeds, Donations, and Transfers** was introduced by Hugh. He stated that this will help Tonya track the revenue and disbursements for the Community Center Project. The council passed the ordinance with Jeanie making the first motion, Nichole seconding the motion, and Hugh voting in favor; the motion carried. The council signed the ordinance.
- e) Hugh announced the **Community Amenities Program Grant**. He told those present and watching live stream that the town received a \$500,000.00 grant through the Orthopedic Industry Retention Initiative and Orhoworx. Silver Lake is the first community in the county to be awarded a CAP grant.
- f) **An Alley Use Agreement** between the Town and Sam and Jennifer Whetstone was passed and signed. This use agreement entails allowing Whetstone Woodenware to use the alley for an air conditioner unit and a break area for their employees. The use agreement had terms and conditions attached. A copy may be viewed at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer in its entirety. Nichole made the first motion, Jean seconded, and Hugh was in favor; the motion carried, and an agreement was signed.

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

- a) **Stephen Rockwell** approached the council regarding vacating a strip of land between their property and North Street. They are seeking to remove a deck and pour a patio, but when they visited Area Planning, the setbacks were not enough to be able to do so. The council looked at the documentation and discussed the matter. They agreed that they were willing to vacate, and Tonya told Stephen what he would need to do to get it completed. This will be revisited at a later meeting when the paperwork has been completed.

VII. **Department Head Reports:**

a) **Marshal Department:**

- Call logs were given to the council showing the total number of responses.
- Police car involved in a minor accident and will be fixed. No significant damage was reported.

b) **Street/Utilities Department:**

- Media Filter filament is in and should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- Hugh asked him about Chris taking his test. Joe stated he took it over a month ago, but didn't pass, and they have reached out to IDEM again to retake it.

c) **Fire Department:**

- 5 runs were responded to since the last council meeting.
- The Fire Station lot is being repaved, and the front entrance is blocked off.

I. **Claim Docket:**

The claim docket for **\$68,739.04** was approved, with Jean making the first motion, Nichole seconding the motion, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried.

II. **Letters:**

NONE

III. **Miscellaneous:**

- a) The next meeting will take place on **October 8, 2025**, at the Silver Lake Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- b) An **Executive Session** for employee reviews will be held on September 17, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Town Meeting Hall.

IV. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconding the motion, and Hugh seconding the motion; all in favor, the motion carried.

Hugh Murfin, Council President

Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer