



**TOWN OF SILVER LAKE**  
**PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 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

**PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED: South St. vacation** was tabled until January 2026. The petitioner and their Attorney were not present at the meeting to discuss the matter. Hugh had researched the widths of streets, alleys, and easements and mentioned them during the hearing. Hearing was closed.

**III. Meeting Minute Approvals:**

Meeting minutes for November 12, 2025, were approved as written. Nichole made the first motion, Jeanie seconded, and Hugh all in favor; the motion carried.

**IV. Guest Speakers:**

- a) None

**V. Old Business:**

- a) **Determination Hearing** for 208 E. Main St.

**VI. New Business:**

- a) **Resolution 25-01-12 Appropriation Transfers** was passed with Nichole making the first motion, Jeanie seconding the motion, and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.
- b) **Ordinance 12-01-25 Salary Ordinance Amendment** was passed with Jeanie making the first motion, Nichole seconding the motion, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. This gave the Chief Deputy Marshal a \$.25 per-hour raise, effective retroactively from the November 6<sup>th</sup> pay period.
- c) **2026 Salary Ordinance** was passed with Nichole making the first motion, Jeanie opposed, and Hugh all in favor, motion carried by majority of the vote. This resulted

in a \$.50 per-hour raise. Tonya asked Jeanie to sign in the “nay” section of the ordinance, acknowledging her opposition.

- d) **Hoch & Associates Contract Amendment:** The council approved the contract amendment for \$42352.00. This change stems from the addition of more schematic drawings and other documentation required for bond issuance. Nichole made the first motion to accept; Jeanie seconded. Hugh called all in favor; the motion carried.
- e) **Resolution 25-02-12 Encumbrances** were passed with Jeanie making the first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh made the all in favor, motion carried. The encumbrances will carry over funds budgeted for a tornado siren at the fire station that hasn't been installed but is ordered, as well as for Hoch and Associates' fees that have yet to be paid out this year.
- f) **Patronicity Crowdfunding and grant match:** Tonya explained the crowdfunding and the \$1 for \$1 match through IHEDA. All those interested in donating can do so at <https://www.patronicity.com/TownofSilverLakeCommunityCenter>.
- g) Hugh mentioned the **USDA Rural Development bond (not on agenda)**. He told the other council members that he and Tonya met with USDA Rural Development and Baker Tilly over bonding for the remaining construction costs of the community center. He said the meeting went well. Hugh stated that we need to decide whether to proceed with the process. All the council agreed that it would be best to proceed. Tonya explained that she is still raising funds to avoid the town having to borrow as much.
- h) **Second reading of ten (10) Ordinances (11-01-25 through 11-10-25):** Nichole made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only, Jean seconded the motion, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Nichole read the ordinance numbers and the title of each ordinance. Some were discussed due to changes requested by the Town Marshal. The vote sequence for each ordinance is below. Publication will be made in the local newspapers. Ordinances can be viewed at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.
  - **Ordinance 11-01-25 Property Standards (Trash, weeds, etc.)-** Vote: Nichole first, Jeanie second, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.
  - **Ordinance 11-02-25 Discharge of Firearm within town limits-** Vote: Nichole first, Jeanie second, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.
  - **Ordinance 11-03-25 Pets Running at Large-** Vote: Jeanie first, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.
  - **Ordinance 11-04-25 Salvage Yards-** Vote: Nichole first, Jeanie seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.

- **Ordinance 11-05-25 Abandoned Vehicles-** Vote: Jeanie first, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.
- **Ordinance 11-06-25 Obstruction of Public Ways-** Vote: Jeanie first, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted. John asked what would happen if the Fire Chief were not there; would another firefighter be allowed to have the vehicle towed? Austin stated that it says "under the direction," so other personnel would be allowed to do that.
- **Ordinance 11-07-25 Address Numbers-** Vote: Jeanie first, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.
- **Ordinance 11-08-25 Mobile Homes-** Vote: Nichole first, Jeanie seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.
- **Ordinance 11-09-25 Open Burning-** Vote: Jeanie first, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted. Austin noted that he reviewed the state law regarding this ordinance, and we comply with the stricter burning ordinance.
- **Ordinance 11-10-25 Ordinance Bureau and Appeals Process-** Vote: Jeanie first, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, ordinance adopted.

VII. **Citizens' Comments/Concerns: Linda Baker** asked about abandoned vehicles and protocol. Hugh read a portion of the ordinance and stated that the Marshal's Department would be responsible for addressing the violations. Linda noted that there were some around town that needed to be addressed. Jason said he would take care of the issue now that the ordinance had passed.

VIII. **Department Head Reports:**

a) **Marshal Department:**

- Call logs were given to the council showing the total number of responses.
- The "Use of Force" document has been signed; a person was tased.

b) **Street/Utilities Department:**

- Plowing streets
- If the weather breaks and it dries out some, they will get the leaf vac out and do around town, last pick-up for the fall season.

c) **Fire Department:**

- The department has voted in John Conley as the Fire Chief for 2026. Jean made the first motion to accept their recommendation, Nichole seconded the motion, Hugh made the all-in-favor call, and the motion carried.
- 6 runs were responded to since the last council meeting.

I. **Claim Docket:**

The claim docket for **\$121224.98** was approved. Jean made the first motion to approve; Nichole seconded the motion. Hugh made the all-in-favor call; the claim docket was approved.

II. **Letters:**

**None**

III. **Miscellaneous:**

- a) The next regular meeting will take place on **January 14, 2026**, at the Silver Lake Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
- b) Year-end meeting is December 29, 2025, at 4:00 pm. Baker Tilly will attend to discuss the USDA Rural Development bonding process.

IV. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. with Nichole making the first motion, Jeanie seconding, and Hugh making the all-in-favor call; the motion carried.

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Hugh Murfin, Council President

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Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer