



TOWN OF SILVER LAKE

Regular Public Meeting Minutes

AUGUST 12, 2026-7:00 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 MINUTES:

Minutes for the July 8, 2026, meeting were approved as written. Nichole gave the first motion, Jean seconded, and Hugh made the all in favor call; motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **NONE**

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **K-9 Off Duty Compensation-** The council approved Deputy Marshal Williams to join a K-9 program in May 2026. Hugh explained the compensation for time taken to care for Police Canine Maverick. This includes feeding, grooming, etc. The council approved a four-hour-per-week compensation time. Nichole gave the first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried. Tonya explained that the salary ordinance must be amended and passed for the time to take effect, and if they make it retroactively from June 1st until the salary ordinance is passed, that would be 64 hours of back pay at an hourly rate. The total would be \$1488.00. The council unanimously agreed to add back pay from June 1st until the salary ordinance is passed in the September meeting.

- b) **2027 Salary/Wage Increases-** The council members discussed raises for FY 2027. Jean stated that, as in the prior year, she is still of the view that no raises will be given this year, especially with SB1 and the unknown. Nichole stated she is in favor of giving \$1 to \$1.50 in raises, and Hugh stated that he was in favor of \$.50. Hugh said that compromising and meeting in the middle of \$.75 per hour would be ok. John Conley asked why you would give raises when it doesn't seem like jobs are being performed, when the water is having issues, and when people are living in campers. Joe stated that the water issues are being addressed; a chemist came in and met with them to discuss the iron in the water and how to improve it. After further discussion, Tonya stated that she would not go beyond \$1 because, if the property tax reform ends up taking a lot of tax dollars away, how are they going to get paid? Someone will be without a job; you can always make up for it later if it turns out that the unknown isn't that bad. Nichole moved for a \$.75 raise; Jean voted nay, and Hugh seconded the motion. Hugh made the all-in-favor call; the motion carried with a two-to-one vote.
- c) **Resolution Ratifying Agreement for 287(g) DHS program-** The Silver Lake Marshal's Dept. signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Homeland Security for immigration. The resolution will ratify this agreement by authorizing the council to authorize Marshal to sign and implement the MOA. The council asked Jason, the Town Marshal, whether training and everything were taken care of, and he said yes. The council passed the resolution, with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconded, and Hugh calling all in favor; the motion carried.
- d) **Ordinance 08-01-26 Fund Establishment (287(g))-** The ordinance establishes a separate fund that monies received from DHS for stipend or reimbursement to the town can be received, tracked, and reimbursed from other funds. The council approved the ordinance with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh called all in favor, and the motion carried.
- e) **South High St., Setbacks, Permits-** Tonya explained that South High St. does not allow the community center to meet county setback laws. She stated that one of three options would need to be met for the county to release permits. 1) Move the center back by 25', which would in turn create more architectural services and the possibility of turning the center. 2) Vacate High St. and turn it into a public access easement and utility easement. 3) Go through the variance process with the county to have the setback lowered. The easiest thing is to vacate and reclassify. Jim wrote a letter of intent for the vacation process should the council accept that option. This would allow the

town to obtain the necessary permits while the vacation process is ongoing. The council agreed to vacation and reclassification, with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconded, and Hugh all in favor; the motion then carried. Hugh and Tonya signed the letter of intent, and Tonya is sending that to Matt Sandy at the Area Planning Commission.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS: NONE

VII. DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

a) Jason McGlennen, Marshal:

- Call history was given to the council.
- Spoke about an LRP camera that the prosecutor's office pays for.
- Submitted car quotes to the council. The council, Jason, and Tonya discussed the amount the insurance paid for the wrecked police charger, amount saved for a new vehicle since 2024, and how much could possibly be used from a police donation fund. The council approved, upon viewing, a used police SUV (2023 Ford Explorer with 38,000 miles) at \$38,500.00. Jean made the first motion, Nichole seconded the motion, and Hugh made the all-in-favor call. Motion passed, and council will review other quotes if the vehicle's review is unfavorable. The Clerk-Treasurer's office was not given copies of the quotes. They can be viewed in the Town Marshal's office or by a council member upon request.

b) Joey McNeal, Superintendent:

- Submitted quotes for paving of alleys. He received two: 1) Gaunt and Son and 2) Phend & Brown (\$47,500.00), with Gaunt being the cheaper of the two at \$34,700.00. The council accepted Gaunt and gave Joe permission to add a couple more alleys since the cost was lower. The council agreed to up to \$ 50,000.00, with Nichole first making a motion; Jean seconded; Hugh all in favor; motion carried.
- A quote was submitted from G-Squared to work on Eldora Dr. The street is always flooded, and the town is trying to help the residents. The quote was for Geotextile Road Fabric and commercial limestone to raise the road. Tonya spoke about the County Commissioners owning the street and her reaching out to them. She also showed the council pictures of the flooded area and stated they need help. The quote was \$ 5,799.00, and Joe asked if he could spend more to spread more limestone to the water's edge. The council agreed to his contract with G-Squared and to

spend up to \$12,000.00 on the street, with Nichole making the first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

c) **John Conley, Fire Chief**

- He gave the council a report showing 9 callouts since the last meeting.
- Submitted quotes to the council for a ceiling fan at the fire station. The council approved the quote from Humongous for \$ 5,500.00. Jean gave the first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, and the motion carried. Other quotes can be viewed in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

VIII. **CLAIM DOCKET:**

Jean made the first motion to accept the claim docket for **\$166062.66**; Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor; motion carried.

IX. **LETTERS:**

Martinez-Magno submitted an adjustment request letter due to a water leak. The council approved a combined sewer adjustment of \$39.32 for May and June. Nichole made the first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

X. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

1. August 20, 2026, meeting with Claypool Council to discuss building inspector, Town Hall, 5:00 pm.
2. The next regular meeting will be held at the Town Hall on September 9, 2026, beginning at 7:00 pm.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Nichole made the first motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Hugh seconded the motion, and Hugh called for all in favor. The motion carried.

Medard Murfin, Council President

Tonya Conley, Clerk-Treasurer

