

JANUARY 13, 2026

TOWN OF LYMAN  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 Mayor Eddie Hills called January 13, 2026, council meeting to order.

Roll Call Mayor Eddie Hills, Mike Couch, Mike Swanson, Tammy Buchanan and Lacy Judd. Absent: Ron Hodgins and Jeremy Mast.

Minutes A motion to accept December 2025, minutes, as if read aloud, was made by Mike Couch and the motion was seconded by Mike Swanson. The motion was carried out with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report The treasurer's report was read by Lacy. A motion to accept the report was made by Mike Couch. Tammy Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was carried out with all in favor.

Bills The current unpaid bills were read. A motion to pay the unpaid bills was made by Mike Couch. Tammy Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion carried out with all in favor.

Correspondence:

Meeting: Water Loss Report was reviewed for December. Water loss for the month was 41%.

New Business: Eric Jensen from EJ Municipal was here to review the necessary revisions proposed for the comprehensive plan. The first revision is to address the need for expanding the Town's Urban Growth area to accommodate more residential growth adjacent to the Town's current boundary. The second revision is to address issues surrounding funding approaches more fully for transportation investments after receiving feedback from the Skagit Council of Governments on the Transportation Element of our comprehensive plan draft to be adopted later this year. Eric also proposed a workshop on 1/26/26 to go over and finalize the proposed revisions as well as review the Critical Areas Ordinance draft. Mayor and council agreed to attend the workshop.

Unfinished Business:

CITIZENS & COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Cheryl Wicks was present to inquire address the slough behind her house. She said it is not draining after the recent flood and believes it is due to the culvert at the river not

draining properly. She said her septic and drain field are still completely submerged under water. Eddie informed her that Heather has checked the culvert a few times and it is draining but there is still a lot of water due to the flooding and continued heavy rain we have been getting. This has made it difficult to get a thorough inspection. Ken Goodpaster was present and said the culvert is on his property which is in county jurisdiction. He said he had been down to look at the culvert but could only get to the north end of it. He said it appeared it may have collapsed in a section but was unsure because it is still under water from recent flood. Lacy said she has been in contact with the county trying to determine if the culvert is in county or town limits. She found a report that Skagit Fisheries produced after visiting the culvert and it states that the Dike District is the owner of the culvert. Lacy will continue to work with county to determine ownership and who is responsible for maintaining it. Will have an update for Cheryl at next meeting.

James Jonasson was present and is concerned about the tree that recently fell on west main near Maple St. He is concerned the rest of the tree that is still standing is unstable and likely needs to come down. Eddie said the trees are along the rails for trails and they belong to the county.

ADJOURNMENT: January 13, 2026, the council meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm. Council member Mike Couch made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Tammy Buchanan seconded the motion with all in favor. The motion carried.