

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL
52 SOUTH PARK STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH
THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor and council members present: Pete Albrecht, Lacey Burrows and Dana Gardner. Jeremiah Harding was excused.

Appointed officers and employees present: Attorney Rob Clegg, Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder.

1. Pledge of Allegiance/roll call

2. Approval of meeting minutes for 01-22-2025. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 01-22-2025 and Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Sheriff's report. Lieutenant Wayman said a male was charged for having an uncontrolled fire on his property. The sheriff's department received a complaint about speeding on Highway 199. A lieutenant came out on a Thursday afternoon and made seven stops within an hour, some going 20-30 miles over the speed limit. They are actively patrolling the highway and will be issuing tickets instead of warnings. They will also patrol the Mormon Trail as much as possible.

4. Mayor's Recognition Award. This award is sponsored by the Tooele County Health Department and is intended to promote community spirit. The nominees are voted on by the town council. This month's award was presented to Carl Wall.

5. Conflict of interest disclosure statements. The disclosure statements are required by the State of Utah for all appointed and/or elected officers. Each town council member and the fire chief completed the form, and they are posted on the town's website.

6. Discussion on Clover Church budget. Mayor Johnson said there is still work to be done on this project, but the committee has run out of money. They have received several grants and donations and received worked at a discounted rate. Once the building is placed on the National Historic Registry, there will be more opportunities for grants, and they are planning additional fundraisers. One large, unexpected expense was asbestos removal, and the council decided they would pay for half of that expense, which is \$6,000. Councilmember Lacey Burrows made a motion to transfer \$6,000 from the general fund to the Clover Church Restoration fund. This will cover any outstanding expenses and keep things moving until they can secure more funds. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 7. Approval for purchase of tires for fire department brush truck.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder said that one of the tire's sidewalls was damaged. He received three bids, and the best price is \$1,306 at Victor's Tires. Councilmember Brian Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of tires for \$1,306.00. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Fire department report.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder reported that the department recently completed ice rescue training. The new rescue truck is in service, and they are waiting to receive the radio. Since the last meeting, the department responded to 20 calls: 12 medical, three fires and five traffic accidents, with two calls in town and 18 out of town.
- 9. Council reports.** Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding was not present at the meeting.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht reported that he is still attending emergency management meetings with the county.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner reported that there is person parking right up against the new fence and he is going to try to address that.

Mayor Johnson has been working on a review of the zoning ordinances through a grant from the State of Utah. The contractor that did the work is Sunrise Engineering and they will come to a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to make a presentation. If the commission likes the proposal, they will move it to the town council for adoption.
- 10. Safety topic.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht presented the safety topic on electrical hazards.
- 11. Ratifying of December 2024 Bills.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to ratify the bills for December 2024. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 12. Ratifying of January 2025 Bills.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to ratify the bills for January 2025. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 13. Payment of Bills.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to pay the bills for February 2025. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

14. Public Comments. Councilmember Dana Gardner said that he received a text from the Wall family that they almost got rear-ended on their way home from the meeting. The sheriff was in front of them and did not see the incident.

15. Adjourn. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.