

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON APRIL 23, 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, Dana Gardner and Jeremiah Harding

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe, Engineer Doug Kinsman and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder. Attorney Rob Clegg was excused.

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 03-26-2025. The clerk did not have the minutes prepared and requested they be reviewed at the next meeting. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to table the approval of the meeting minutes for 03-26-2025 and Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion.

3. Sheriff's Report. The sheriff's office reported 10 total calls for service with most of them being minor, however there was one report received that an adult male was engaging in sexual acts with a thirteen-year-old. After an investigation, the alleged perpetrator was put in the Tooele County jail. No citations were issued in the month of March, but they will try to get more patrolling done next month.

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 James Nell.

5. Budget Review. Mayor Brian Johnson reviewed the budget to date. The fire department was budgeted \$54,000 plus \$10,000 for the new truck payment. They also received a grant of \$9,958 and their wildland money. The fire department has been spending the money that they received from wildland fires and next year they will have to pay for insurance. The Parks budget was \$16,000 and \$18,994 has been spent including Rush Valley Days. The Roads budget had a change made to it by the accountant because of work that was completed in June but paid for in July resulting in \$182K being removed from last year's budget. This amendment will need to be made.

For Roads, \$35,244 has been spent and includes the truck payment. We have accomplished some great road work in the last year with grant money. We brought in \$114,000 from B&C road money and there was a remaining balance of \$54,800 from third quarter sales tax road project that was paid for in December. The Cemeteries budget was \$8,500 and \$2,026 has been spent. If there is money left over in her budget,

Councilmember Lacey Burrows would like to donate money to the Clover Church restoration project. She is going to put slats in the fence around the Clover Cemetery and will complete that next month in addition to cleaning for Memorial Day. The Clover Church restoration project spent \$13,954 with an income of approximately \$18,300 from the fundraising dinner and donation from General Fund.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht asked to discuss the insurance costs for the department and Mayor Johnson said we will review them next month.

- 6. Consideration to vacate street.** Mayor Brian Johnson requested that this agenda item be tabled because it will require a public hearing. Mayor Johnson made a motion to table the consideration to vacate street. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 7. Consideration of appointing new Planning and Zoning Commissioner.** Mayor Brian Johnson reported that Boone Baird has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Johnson nominated Kyle Russell to take Boone's place as a commissioner. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve Kyle Russell as the new Planning and Zoning Commissioner. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Review of Michael Bates lease.** Mayor Brian Johnson said that we have a five-year lease in place with Mike and Melody Bates for 5.24 acres that surround their home. They did some fencing around the property in lieu of payment. The contract is due again and they would like to renew the lease. The parcel is number 01-286-0043 and the lease amount is \$50 per month or \$600 annually. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the lease. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 9. Fire Department Report.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder reported that he had all the trucks inspected for the wildland agreement. One firefighter passed his hazmat tech test and is the only person on the department that is currently hazmat tech certified. Four firefighters passed the wildland test and one firefighter did training for the national wildland coordinating group. Recently, four department members attended live fire training at Dugway where they were able to use a training prop and have good instruction. Since the last meeting, the department has responded to 13 calls: six medical, three fires, and four traffic accidents. There were five calls in town and 8 out of town. Dumpsters will be placed at the town hall beginning May 7 through May 14. As a reminder, no tires, couches or mattresses should be put in the dumpsters. Open burn season goes until the end of May.
- 10. Council Reports.** Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding got the repair done on the grader. We did some trading with the county and let them take several loads of our

extra road base to fill some low spots on the south end of Johnson Lane in the county section. In trade, they are going to replace a damaged culvert by the intersection of Meadow Lane near Steadman's home.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows reported that she had been working on the treasurer's report and was not able to contact the appropriate person. The town clerk will reach out to her contact and get help. Lacey is looking for youth that are willing to work on getting the cemeteries ready for Memorial Day.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht extended an invitation to the town council for a presentation by Stuart Moffitt, Director of Emergency Management for the University of Utah that will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Pete will be attending a recovery from disasters virtual training on May 15 and will give a report after the training. As a reminder of the dry weather and grass, residents need to keep their properties cleaned up for fire mitigation. Also, pay attention to risks inside of our homes to include electrical, gas, etc.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner reported that he had Sunset Heating come to service the air conditioner at the town hall. He also submitted the grant for the Clover Church for \$20,000. Kirk Steadman told Dana that we may not get the Tooele recreation grant this year, but he will try to help us if he can. Rocky Mountain Power has grant money available again and we could try to get some of it.

Mayor Johnson has been working with the town clerk to get funds released. They were held up because of an issue on our Quickbooks and the way we made a payment for work done in June that was paid in July. We will make an amendment to the budget. Due to this issue, he reminded the town council that they need to spend their remaining money as soon as possible before the June 18 budget meeting. We cannot make purchases or pay bills at the midnight hour.

Councilmember Lacey Burrows asked if she could get approval for her cemetery project at this meeting in order to meet the budget deadline. Mayor Johnson made a motion to add an item to the agenda for the cemetery expenditure for fence slats for \$3,000. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

11. Safety Topic. Councilmember Dana Gardner presented the safety topic on trips and falls.

12. Payment of Bills. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to pay the bills for April 2025. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

13. Public Comments. Councilmember Pete Albrecht commented that he enjoyed seeing the article in the local paper about the Clover Church restoration project. Mayor Johnson noted that on Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. the National Registry review committee meeting will consider the nomination. The meeting is going to be virtual with a Zoom link.

14. Adjourn. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:29 p.m.