

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 18, 2025 AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL
52 SOUTH PARK STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH
THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:16 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 05-28-2025.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 05-28-2025 and Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's report.** No sheriff was present at the meeting.
- 4. Mayor's Recognition Award.** This item was tabled until the next meeting.
- 5. Public hearing – Proposed 2025-2026 fiscal budget.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to open the public hearing and Mayor Brian Johnson seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing opened at 7:17 p.m. with no public comment. Mayor Brian Johnson reported adjustments to the tentative budget which will be posted on the State Auditor's website. Mayor Brian Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing and Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.
- 6. Public hearing - Proposed 2024-2025 budget amendments.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to open the public hearing and Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing opened at 7:21 p.m. with no public comment. Mayor Brian Johnson reported amendments to the prior year's budget to include revenue increases in current property tax, county distributions, fire department, cemeteries, interest earnings, miscellaneous administration revenue, and roads. He also reported expense adjustments in accountant services, insurance, fire department, roads and parks and recreation. Mayor Brian Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing and Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at 7:26 p.m.

- 7. Public hearing - Consideration of an ordinance establishing compensation for elective, statutory and appointed officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.**
Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to open the public hearing and Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing opened at 7:27 p.m. Mayor Johnson presented the following compensation: councilmembers - \$125 per month; mayor - \$325 per month; clerk/recorder - \$1,000 per month; treasurer - \$50 per month; fire chief - \$400 per month and assistant fire chief - \$300 per month. There was no public comment. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to close the public hearing and Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.
- 8. Consideration of a resolution adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget and setting the tax levy.** Mayor Johnson stated that the tax rate for next fiscal year will be .000669% for revenue of approximately \$35,192. Last year's rate was slightly higher at .000685% for revenue of \$34,928. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve a resolution adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget and setting the tax levy at .000669%. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 9. Consideration of a resolution amending the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget.** There was no further discussion on the amendment of last year's budget. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve a resolution amending the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 10. Consideration of an ordinance establishing compensation for elective, statutory and appointed officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.** Councilmember Dana Gardner proposed a \$25 monthly increase for mayor, councilmembers, fire chief and assistant fire chief. Mayor Johnson proposed a \$200 monthly increase for the clerk/recorder and Councilmember Pete Albrecht agreed. It is not an easy job and increasing demands from the State of Utah and Tooele County are making it harder. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve an ordinance establishing compensation for elective, statutory and appointed officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to include a \$200 per month increase for the clerk/recorder and a \$25 per month increase for mayor, councilmembers, fire chief and assistant fire chief. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 11. Consideration of a resolution supporting America250 Utah and recognizing and approving the Town of Rush Valley Utah250 community committee.** Mayor Johnson stated that Governor Cox has asked all towns to create a local committee to commemorate and celebrate their role in America's 250th anniversary. Next year will be the semiquincentennial of our nation and there will be celebrations with dates not

yet determined. Mayor Brian Johnson made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting America250 Utah and recognizing and approving the Town of Rush Valley Utah250 community committee. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted in favor and the motion carried.

12. Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Jason Bolinder met with TCEM (Tooele County Emergency Services) to discuss the automatic aid contract. There will be a slight increase in the amount paid per call which will be more income and enable the volunteer firefighters to be paid more. The contract should be ready by the end of July with payment at the end of August or beginning of September. Since the last meeting, the department has responded to eight calls: two medical, three fires, and three traffic accidents. There were two calls in town and six out of town.

13. Council Reports. Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding was not present.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows reported that she had a successful Memorial Day with no complaints and many compliments. There was one burial since her last report.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht reiterated how dry the weather is and reminded residents to be extra vigilant when using equipment that could ignite. He also mentioned that if you see smoke, do not hesitate to report it. While camping, be responsible and careful!

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner reported that he has been repairing sprinklers and a leak in the pumphouse. There has been a lot of use of the town hall and pavilion. He will be working with the Rush Valley Days committee to get the event planned for the month of September.

Mayor Johnson said he has been working with the clerk/recorder on the budget. He noted that we are very organized in the preparation and have a good process to complete it.

14. Safety Topic. Councilmember Dana Gardner presented on distracted driving.

15. Payment of Bills. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to pay the bills for June 2025. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

16. Public Comments. None

17. Adjourn. Councilmember Dana Gardner 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 8:06 p.m.