



Regular Town Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Dutch John Community Center 530 South Blvd.

Public Access

Meeting access is available electronically. Google Meet Link: meet.google.com/vvn-wqku-vidn
See <https://dutchjohn.gov/pages/calendar> for more details.

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- Call to order at 7:30pm

2. Roll Call

Minutes:

- Council and Town Members" Butch Johns, Harriet Dickerson, Al Pulham, Sandy Kunkel, Amy McDonald, Rachel Albritton
- Public: Kerri and Frank Nakamura

3. TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 59-2-919 OF THE UTAH CODE ON A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

Presentation: Town Council

4. Consideration of ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 FINALIZING THE ADOPTION OF A TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-5-112 OF THE UTAH CODE ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF DUTCH JOHN, UTAH MADE TAXABLE BY LAW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WITH COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 59-2-919 OF THE UTAH CODE - Discussion and Possible Action

Minutes:

- Harriet started by making a motion to accept the adoption of a tax levy for the Town. Amy second.
- The motion was followed by a discussion. During deliberations, many council members expressed being torn between the personal financial burden of new

taxes and the need for long-term stability and growth of Dutch John.

- Sandy felt that not all other funding sources had been fully explored. She warned that additional taxation could change Dutch John's character, making it more like Jackson Hole, which she does not want.
- Harriet acknowledged it was a good discussion but supported passing the measure.
- Al expressed mixed feelings—recognizing the burden on homeowners but also understanding the town council's perspective and the need for reliable funding.
- Amy questioned whether the full \$100k proposed was necessary, suggesting a reduced amount might be a more manageable middle ground. She noted the difficulty of balancing fairness for current homeowners with the town's needs.
- Al (follow-up) emphasized that lowering the rate would not generate enough revenue to achieve the mayor's goals. He also raised the possibility of relying more on transient sales tax, other sales taxes, and RDA funds.
- Mayor Butch stressed that while grants and sales taxes can supplement revenue, property tax provides a stable base income—and in some cases is required to qualify for additional funding.
- In the end, the majority of council members voted in favor of the measure, prioritizing the town's long-term ability to fund services despite concerns about the financial impact on residents.

VOTE

- Harriet Dickerson - Yes
- Sandy Kunkel - No
- Amy McDonald - Yes
- Al Pulham - No
- Butch Johns - Yes

Motion passes 3 to 2

5. Consideration of ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF DUTCH JOHN PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-5-109 OF THE UTAH CODE - Discussion and Possible Action

Minutes:

- Harriet made a motion to adopt the FY2025-2026 final budget for the Town. Amy second.

VOTE


- Harriet Dickerson - Yes
- Al Pulham - Yes
- Sandy Kunkel - Yes
- Amy McDonald - Yes
- Butch Johns - Yes

6. Adjournment

I certify that on July 23, 2025, this agenda was posted on the Utah Public Notice Website and the Town

of Dutch John Website and physically posted at the Dutch John Community Center, 530 South Blvd., Dutch John, Utah. /s/ Amy McDonald, Town Recorder

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