



# Regular Town Council Meeting

## Minutes

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm

**Meeting Location: Dutch John Community Center 530 South Blvd.**

### Public Access

Meeting access is available electronically. See <https://dutchjohn.gov/pages/calendar> for more details.

#### 1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

##### Minutes:

- Call to order at 7pm

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Minutes:

- Committee & Town Staff: Butch Johns, Sandy Kunkel, Amy McDonald, Al Pulham, Harriet Dickerson, Allen Parker (online)
- Public: JayDee Guymon

#### 3. Consent Agenda

##### Minutes:

##### Motion

- Al made a motion to accept the consent agenda with corrections applied to the June 25 minutes. Sandy second. All in favor. No opposed.

##### a. Minutes of meeting: June 25, 2025

##### Minutes:

- spelling error for little hole rd.
- no other comments / feedback

##### b. Business Licenses: Eric Larson, Old Moe, Jeremy Sparger

##### c. Expenditures: Voucher List

##### Minutes:

- Al Pulham asked whether the list included the most recent water bill for

the cemetery, and if so, whether there was an excessive overage. Amy McDonald responded that there was a small overage, but nothing significant. Al emphasized that he wants to remain vigilant about these expenses to ensure watering needs are balanced with costs.

- Butch brought attention to the \$4500 dollar audit to the County for awareness.

**d. Correspondence:**

**Minutes:**

- One of the vendors for the fireworks. Harriet will address this during the Freedom festival report.
- Williams Pipeline Service. They are going through all the paperwork and will be building a new station near town (Antelope Flats / Jug Hollow area) starting in 2026.

**4. Committee / Staff Reports**

**a. Mayor's Report**

**b. Volunteer Fire Department**

**Minutes:**

- Butch confirmed that the volunteer department received the batteries needed.

**c. Planning and Zoning**

**d. Building and Grounds**

**e. Cemetery**

**f. Freedom Festival: July 5, 2025**

**Minutes:**

- JayDee was online to express his appreciation for how well the Dutch John Freedom Fest went this year. The pancake breakfast generated approximately \$2500 which was the highest amount generated (to the best of his knowledge). If advertising improved next year he believes that amount can be exceeded. He then welcomed feedback from the Council. He also thanked the businesses that supported the event.

**5. Public Comment**

**Minutes:**

- No Comments

**6. Old Business**

**a. Dutch John Freedom Fest - Discussion Only**

**Minutes:**

- In order for the Town to collect sales tax and other revenue from the festival, the town legally had to trademark the event. Therefore, starting July 1, 2025 the 4th of July celebration and associated events put on by

the town of Dutch John will be advertised and refereed to as the Dutch John Freedom Fest.

- Overall the event went well.
- This years event was suppose to go 22 minutes and lasted 33 minutes.
- There was a call from the Sheriff Office regarding the fireworks from campgrounds going off prior to the event. In the future, the Town will be responsible for monitoring and taking care of rouge behavior.
- Sandy asked what the total for the breakfast was last year. Butch believes that it was \$1400.
- Al asked if Vortek (vendor) committed to working with us again. Nothing was said during the festival, but Butch said that they usually followup with a phone call. Harriet expressed concern since the 4th is on a Saturday next year and there is a difference in both pricing and greater potential for schedule conflicts. She would like to reserve the services ASAP.

**b. Conference Hall Remodel - Discussion Only**

**Minutes:**

- No major updates to report. Engineers should be coming out in the next week or two.

**c. CIB Application Update - Discussion Only**

**Minutes:**

- CIB has all the documents now. The Town is on the agenda for September 3.
- If a 100% grant is not awarded, then the next possible option is a 40/60 option. The 40% would be a 30 year loan with a 1% interest rate.
- Worst case scenario would be a 100% loan that would be at 4% interest over 30 years.
- Sandy asked if they could pay more without penalty. Butch said he would like to, but was unsure of the rules.

**d. Truth In Taxation - Discussion Only**

**Minutes:**

- Everything for this has been completed. The only items left are public notices that the Council can do themselves.

**e. Weed Spraying - Discussion Only**

**Minutes:**

- The estimated cost will be \$1260. Harriet went over all of the roadways and areas that need to be sprayed. Roadsides include the residential areas (first-fourth avenues) as well as the rest of town.
- They have July 21 - 23 blocked off for the job. Sandy was concerned about the parade on July 24, but the company said this should not be an

issue.

- Wind appears to be the biggest concern.
- Butch would like to start this process earlier next year to stay ahead of the weed growth.

## 7. New Business

### a. 2026 Dutch John Freedom Festival - Discussion Only

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- The Town needs a documented checklist outlining all event preparation tasks and assigning responsibility for each one.
- Discussion on the best place for vendors to park in the future. This year they were parked on sixth avenue. Harriet just wanted feedback on if this was the best place.

### b. Town Road Repairs - Discussion Only

#### Minutes:

- Butch spoke with Rob Rodgers, who has connections with a company scheduled to perform road work in Town (Lucas property / development). He asked whether the Town could potentially piggyback on that project to have potholes on Sixth Avenue repaired.
- There is \$60,000 in the road fund to help cover the expense.
- Date(s) are still unknown.

## 8. Closed Session, if necessary\* Pursuant to 52-4-20


## 9. Adjournment

#### Minutes:

#### Motion

- Al moved to adjourn the meeting. Amy second. All in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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Deputy Clerk