

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON AUGUST 27, 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: Attorney Rob Clegg, Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes for 07-23-2025.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 07-23-2025 and Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's report.** The sheriff reported that there were six total details, one arrest/referral and two citations during the month of July 2025. There were no significant incidents. The sheriff will be bringing out the speed trailer to monitor highway traffic related to Dugway commuters.
- 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. Two awards were presented this month: one to Jayla Steadman and the other to Andrea Steadman. Amy Jensen, a representative from the Tooele County Health Department, was at the meeting to help present the awards.
- 5. Public hearing – Request from Blaine Russell to vacate Charles Hill Street.** Mayor Johnson explained that at the intersection of Charles Hill and Church Street there is a dedicated street that extends west of Church Street into a field that goes nowhere. The road is not used, and Blaine Russell owns both sides of the property along the road and has only used it as farmland. He has requested that the town vacate that portion of Charles Hill Street and a public hearing is necessary. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to open the public hearing and Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing opened at 7:16 p.m.

Roger Evans, who lives on Charles Hill Street, asked what would happen if the vacancy were denied and was told that it would stay the same and still be used as it had in the past. Councilmember Lacey Russell mentioned that in the 1860s people were asked to move into the valley and the town was plotted out. During that time all of the roads had this extension to the west going into farmland and the roads have

never been developed or used. 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 7:20 p.m.

6. **Consideration of an ordinance to vacate Charles Hill Street.** Attorney Clegg put on record clarification that the proper code covering this ordinance is Utah Code Annotated 10-9a-609.5. Mayor Johnson said that they do not foresee any issues with the road vacation that would affect other residents or the town and would not affect any existing easements. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve an ordinance to vacate Charles Hill Street. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted in favor and the motion carried.
7. **Appointment of director and assistant for Clover Museum.** Mayor Johnson wanted a discussion on how to go about appointing a director for the museum. Councilmember Dana Gardner said that it should be a person that has volunteered and wants to give their time to the museum. It should not be a town councilmember or an appointment because it will require quite a bit of time and effort. The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) organization has been reinstated in Rush Valley and there will be 10-12 people from that group that will be able to manage and volunteer at the Clover Museum. Councilmember Lacey Burrows would like the director to be a member of the DUP. A job description with the responsibilities needs to be created and provided to those that are interested in the position. The next DUP meeting is on September 11th at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson said that he received a letter stating that the building was officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service on July 15, 2025 as the Clover Ward LDS Meetinghouse, Rush Valley, Tooele County, Utah.
8. **Consideration to purchase new furnace for town hall.** Councilmember Dana Gardner said that he has been having problems with the furnaces and had Sunset Heating and Air diagnose them. It was determined that they are wearing out and not running efficiently and need to be replaced as quickly as possible. He was provided a quote of \$11,758.00 for two furnaces. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the purchase of two furnaces from Sunset Heating and Air for a total of \$11,758.00. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
9. **Approval to purchase laptop for cemeteries.** Councilmember Lacey Burrows needs a laptop to use for the cemeteries to run the spacial program. She also needs it to take care of the treasurer duties. Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve the purchase of a laptop for up to \$1,100.00. He also approved the purchase of Microsoft office for the laptop. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 10. Fire Department Report.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder reported that the department is getting ready for Rush Valley Days where they will be showcasing the fire station and performing a demonstration. He has been working with Tooele County on the automatic aid contract. Since the last meeting, the department has responded to 31 calls: 11 medical, 15 fires, and five traffic accidents. There was one call in town and 30 out of town. There is still a stage 2 fire restriction with no campfires and no pellet stoves or grills at campsites. Propane burning units are allowed as long as there are three feet of bare ground around it.

- 11. Council Reports.** Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding had nothing to report. Mayor Johnson reminded him to line up a contractor to do some paving as soon as possible.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht reiterated how dry the weather is and reminded residents to be extra vigilant.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner reported that there has been a lot of help on the Clover Church. A large project of framing, sheet rocking and painting the back room was completed. Many of the people working on the projects are doing it at no charge. He has also been working with the Rush Valley Days committee and the event will be on September 12 and 13. He got the trees trimmed and his equipment serviced. He also got the pump back in, so the grass is starting to get green again.

Mayor Johnson said that a few years ago, the town with the county applied for federal funding to redo the Mormon Trail. They were notified that \$5.6 million was received and also \$1.65 million from the 3rd quarter sales tax that will go towards the Mormon Trail project. We should see activity on the Mormon Trail by Summer 2026 starting at Highway 199 and ending at Grantsville city limits.

- 12. Safety Topic.** Mayor Brian Johnson presented the safety topic on mental health.
- 13. Payment of Bills.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to pay the bills for August 2025. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 14. Public Comments.** None
- 15. Adjourn.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:04 p.m.