

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 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, and Dana Gardner. Jeremiah Harding was excused.

Appointed officers and employees present: Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe, Engineer Doug Kinsman and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of meeting minutes for 08-27-2025.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 08-27-2025 and Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's report.** The sheriff reported that there were eight total details, three arrests/referral and two citations during the month of August 2025. There were two significant incidents including a reckless fire in a burn barrel that got out of control resulting in charges to the person responsible. Additionally, there was a severe automobile accident on the Mormon Trail where the driver was charged for fleeing the scene. The sheriff also mentioned they are closely monitoring commercial vehicle traffic in the county and are trying their best to control it.
- 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. There was not nomination because two awards were given last month.
- 5. Approval of a resolution cancelling the race for mayor in the general election.** Due to the mayor seat being uncontested, this race must be cancelled. There will still be an election for council seats. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the resolution cancelling the race for mayor in the general election. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 6. Review of insurance policy.** This item was tabled until next month's meeting. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to table the review of insurance policy until the October meeting. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

7. **Request from Craig Park to access town street.** Due to an unplanned situation, Craig Park was unable to attend the meeting, and this item was tabled until a future meeting. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to table this item. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
8. **Approval to remove curb and pour concrete at fire station.** Chief Jason Bolinder wants to tear out curbing in front of the station in front of the two bay doors and pour concrete between the two aprons. This will make it easier to plow in the winter months and also add three parking spaces. He was able to save \$1,200 on concrete and will need to purchase 12.5 yards. The concrete, forming and diesel fuel for equipment will cost approximately \$2,500. The labor will be provided by volunteers and because no contractor will be used there is no need to put it out for bid. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve removal of curb and pouring of concrete for up to \$2,500. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
9. **Consideration to sell or surplus two fire department vehicles.** Chief Jason Bolinder said a 1997 Ford F350 is no longer being used, is burning oil and the bed is rotting so it needs to be sold or surplussed. The water truck/tender (1969?) is no longer being used, and he would like to sell it rather than surplus it. With a sealed bid, you can set a minimum price so that we can get what the vehicle is worth. It can be advertised on Facebook Marketplace or KSL classified. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to sell or surplus the two fire department vehicles. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
10. **Fire Department Report.** Chief Jason Bolinder reported that the extrication demonstration at Rush Valley Days was good practice for the department. They received twenty-four donations for tee shirts totaling \$240. The shelf for the rescue truck was installed and is working very well. Since the last meeting, the department has responded to 18 calls: 7 medical, 7 fires, and four traffic accidents. There were two calls in town and 16 out of town.
11. **Council Reports.** Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding was not present at the meeting.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows reported that there was one burial in the month. She purchased a new laptop and is working with Gateway Mapping to get the cemetery program transferred over.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht commented on the success of the Rush Valley Days trap shoot. He started a discussion on hosting an emergency response event to help residents understand the plan in case of a catastrophic event. It was decided that an event would be planned in November with a flyer being mailed to all residents.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner reported that Rush Valley Days was a success with a lot of support from the community. He expressed his appreciation to the volunteers that helped out. Both furnaces were replaced at the town hall during the last month.

Mayor Johnson also mentioned how pleased he was with the turnout at Rush Valley Days. He acknowledged Amy Jensen from the health department at the COG meeting and publicly thanked her for all her help with funding for Rush Valley Days. At COG meeting, the Midvalley Highway was discussed, and the county has hired a consulting group and asked the town for support in hiring the firm to move the project up to occur in the next few years. Mayor Johnson signed the letter in support of the town. Tooele Army Depot was a sticking point in the project, and a deal has since been signed to get a right-of-way to help expedite the project.

- 12. Safety Topic.** Councilmember Lacey Burrows presented the safety topic on pedestrian safety.
- 13. Payment of Bills.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to pay the bills for September 2025. Councilmember Pete Albrecht 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 7:46 p.m.