

Daniel Town Council Meeting

Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM
Wasatch County Services Building, Conference Room B
55 South 500 East, Heber City, Utah

Quorum Present: Mayor Scott Kohler, Councilmembers Gary Walton, Eric Bennett, Brooke Rose, and Stefanie Grady. Also present were Town Planner Eric Bunker, Town Treasurer Sherri Price, and Clerk/Recorder Megan Goodrich, to record the minutes.

Members of the Public: Gary Weight, Marcia Birch, Merry Duggin, Lisa Dinga, Malcolm Rose, Lynne Shindurling, Drew Reilly, Nathan D. M, Jason Beveridge, Chip Polvoorde

Mayor Koher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2) Swearing in of Mayor and New Council Members

Scott Kohler was sworn in as Mayor for the Town of Daniel for the 2026-2029 term. Following him, Brooke Rose and Stefanie Grady were sworn in as Daniel Town Council members, each for a 4-year term, 2026-2029. Eric Bennett was sworn in as a Council member for a two-year term, 2026-2027.

3) Hearing for home at 487 Cobble Creek Lane regarding nightly rentals

Mr. Drew Reilly requested a continuation of this matter, stating that they would like to wait until their lawyer is able to be present to represent them. Mr. Reilly stated that their intent is to comply with the Town code but that they have some objections that they would like their counsel to present to the Council.

Councilmember Bennett stated that he would agree to a continuation, with the stipulation that Mr. Reilly would adhere to the code in the interim. Mr. Reilly agreed that he would not rent the house while waiting for the next Town Council meeting.

Councilmember Walton made a motion to continue the hearing for the home at 487 Cobble Creek Lane regarding nightly rentals to the Town Council meeting to be held on February 2, 2026 with the stipulation that Mr. Reilly will comply with the Town code which states that nightly rentals are not allowed; Councilmember Bennett seconded. The roll call vote was Walton yes, Bennett yes, Grady yes, Rose yes, Kohler yes.

4) Planning Commission Summary

Mayor Kohler read the Planning Commission Summary regarding the Planning Commission held on December 17, 2025.

5) Staker Parsons boundary line agreement discussion

Planner Eric Bunker referred to the map that was presented to the Council members and stated that the boundary line under discussion is between the Town of Daniel and the Town of Independence. The Lieutenant Governor's Office would be required to approve the boundary line adjustment. The Planning Commission had previously requested signatures from UDOT, the McMillan's, who are the owners of the property, and Independence, stating that all parties would agree to the adjustment.

Planner Bunker clarified that this property is on the east side of Highway 40, near the gravel pit. Councilmember Bennett questioned how far the adjustment would be in feet. Planner Bunker responded that it would be about 1200 feet.

Ms. Lisa Dinga questioned whether the reason for the boundary line adjustment was to give Staker Parson's more property and also questioned if there was an acreage number involved. Planner Bunker responded that yes, it would give Staker Parsons more property. He further stated that the McMillan's property is 10 acres and the adjustment would drop them below "splitable acreage" because they would no longer have two 5-acre lots.

Councilmember Walton questioned if the McMillan's have approached the Town with any additional information. Planner Bunker answered that the Town has not heard anything from the McMillan's stating that they were or were not in favor with the boundary line adjustment.

6) Business License Renewals

Mayor Kohler read the list of business license renewal applications, which were from Computer Nerds, Inc, Wes's Auto Repair, Holzer Performance, Tender Touch Massage, Jill's Hairstyling, Spence Transportation, Coleman Trucking, and Kyune Engineering, all of which have had no complaints against them.

Councilmember Grady made a motion to renew the business licenses for Computer Nerds, Wes's Auto Repair, Holzer Performance, Tender Touch Massage, Jill's Hairstyling, Spence Transportation, Coleman Trucking, and Kyune Engineering; Councilmember Bennett seconded. The roll call vote was Walton yes, Bennett yes, Grady yes, Rose yes, Kohler yes.

7) 2026-01-05 Resolution appointing Planning Commission members to 4-year term

Mayor Kohler requested a continuation to the February Town Council meeting as the Town is still vetting candidates to serve on the Planning Commission board.

Councilmember Bennett made a motion to continue Resolution 2026-01-05 regarding Daniel Town Planning Commission; Councilmember Walton seconded. The roll call vote was Walton yes, Bennett yes, Grady yes, Rose yes, Kohler yes.

8) Council Reports

Councilmember Grady presented a sign that she removed from a telephone pole on 3000 South and Ranch Drive which requested that individuals “clean up” after their horses.

9) Planner Report/Update

Planner Bunker presented the Planner Report to the Council.

Planner Bunker presented a report regarding a complaint received concerning access from NICO Secure Storage onto Little Sweden Road. He stated that, after looking through minutes from previous meetings, nothing has been found that stating that NICO Secure Storage has a restricted right to access onto Little Sweden Road. Planner Bunker further clarified that originally, the owner had two accesses onto Little Sweden Road but gave up one access and added an access onto Highway 40. Planner Bunker stated that commercial zoning requires two fire accesses.

Councilmember Bennett clarified that there is a difference between a fire lane access and access that is used heavily throughout the day and stated that he does not recall granting access onto Little Sweden Road for continuous traffic. Planner Bunker stated that they already had access as their property right.

Councilmember Rose questioned whether commercial access is allowed on Little Sweden Road. Planner Bunker clarified that Little Sweden is considered a minor collector and that there is no residential classification.

Councilmember Grady questioned how wide the driveway was from NICO Secure Storage onto Little Sweden Road. Planner Bunker answered that it was not specified how big it needed to be but that it is not as wide as the main entrance from Highway 40. He further stated that the Town does not have a right to tell the owner not to use the Little Sweden access.

Planner Bunker next addressed the complaint regarding a zoning violation at the NICO Storage Building, specifically industrial use in a commercial zone. Councilmember Bennett questioned what the complainant meant about industrial use in a commercial zone and further speculated that it may be concerning the pieces of modular homes that are stored in the back of the building. The recommendation from the Town Planning Office is to have the complainant notified that the claims are unsubstantiated.

Mayor Kohler read a complaint filed by Ms. Melanie North regarding several items. He would like the Council to advise on which complaints to address and how to address them. Councilmember Bennett opined that it was not the responsibility of the current Council to explain decisions that past Councils have made. Planner Bunker expressed concern regarding the amount of time it has taken to address these complaints and questioned how much more time the Council would like to spend on the complaints.

Councilmember Walton stated that he saw nothing in the complaint letter that would require further investigation. Planner Bunker recommended a follow-up letter to Ms. North in response to her complaints.

10)Storm Haven and Daniel Water System Report/Update

Councilmember Walton reported that everything is going well with the water systems. There have been some meters that have been covered. Daniel Town Water Manager, David Hilton, and Councilmember Walton are working toward getting the last meter uncovered. A new meter reader has been ordered, and the Town will be receiving it shortly.

11)Recorder's Office: Warrant's approval, announcement, 2nd quarter budget update

Clerk/Recorder Goodrich presented the warrant sheet for approval. She stated that a bill had come through that afternoon from Blue Stakes for \$66.28 and requested approval to add the invoice to the warrant sheet.

Clerk/Recorder Goodrich made note of the second quarter budget update. Councilmember Bennett had questions regarding specific budget numbers and requested to review it with Recorder Goodrich following the meeting.

Clerk/Recorder Goodrich made mention regarding a survey that was posted at the sign-in table and on the Town's website and requested that all present at the meeting follow the QR code to fill out the survey. The survey is regarding the General Plan update for the Town. Mayor Kohler would like the survey left open so that the Town can gather

more responses. Ms. Dinga stated that she would post the survey on the Town's Facebook page.

Clerk/Recorder Goodrich made mention of a Town of Daniel history that was prepared by Larry Ward, a resident of Daniel. Planning Commissioner Gary Weight suggested posting the history as a PDF on the Town website.

Clerk/Recorder Goodrich made mention that the Town is seeking an office assistant. The position would entail covering the office once a week, as well as serving as the Planning Commission Secretary.

Councilmember Grady made a motion to approve the December warrants, presented January 5, 2026, with the addition of the Blue Stakes invoice for \$66.28; Councilmember Walton seconded. The roll call vote was Walton yes, Bennett yes, Grady yes, Rose yes, Kohler yes.

12)Approval of Council Minutes for December 1, 2025

Councilmember Walton made a motion to approve the December 1, 2025, Town Council minutes; Councilmember Bennett seconded. The roll call vote was Walton yes, Bennett yes, Grady yes, Rose yes, Kohler yes.

13)Possible Closed Session as permitted by UCA 52-4-205

No closed session was held.

14)Adjourn

Councilmember Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Councilmember Walton seconded. The roll call vote was Walton yes, Bennett yes, Grady yes, Rose yes, Kohler yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Megan Goodrich
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Clerk/Recorder