

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2026 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, Engineer Corey Child, and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 11-12-2025.** Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 11-12-2025 and Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's Report.** Lieutenant Keyes reported the following: December 2025, there were seven total details, zero arrests and 10 citations; November 2025, there were two total details and zero arrests; and October 2025, there were seven total details, zero arrests and seven citations.
- 4. Mayor's Recognition Award.** This award is sponsored by the Tooele County Health Department and is intended to promote community spirit. The award was given to Ryan Rowe.
- 5. Oaths of Office for Mayor and Two Council Members.** Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers Burrows and Harding were sworn into office by the clerk/recorder for a term of four years ending December 2029.
- 6. Setting of Dates, Time and Place for Regular Town Council Meetings for 2026 Calendar Year.** Mayor Johnson presented the dates for the year and there was discussion on conflicts. The June meeting was moved to the 17th, November was moved to the 18th and December was moved to the 9th. Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the 2026 meeting schedule with changes that were discussed. Councilmember Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 7. Mayor's Assignment of Duties to Councilmembers.** Mayor Johnson did not have any changes to the councilmember assignments and publicly thanked the council for helping the town run smoothly and all their hard work and efforts.

- 8. Annual Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Training.** Mayor Johnson recommended that this training be tabled until the February meeting.
- 9. Approval of Dump Truck Repair.** Councilmember Harding made a motion for approval to repair the dump truck. Councilmember Burrows seconded the motion. Councilmember Harding said that the dump truck broke down and needs a new starter and there is a grounding issue with the transmission controller. He called around for bids and could only get one mechanic to respond. The mechanic is local and will not charge a mobile fee. The total for the repairs was quoted at \$2,720.61 including diagnoses, parts and labor. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The total amount approved was up to \$3,000 in case there are other costs.
- 10. Amended Approval for Fire Department to Attend Winter Fire School.** Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to amend approval for fire department members to attend winter fire school. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Fire Chief Bolinder said that since he got approval earlier, there were two other members that were able to go and the additional cost was \$544.00. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 11. Approval of the Purchase of SCBAs for Fire Department.** Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to approve the purchase of SCBAs for the fire department. Councilmember Harding seconded the motion. Fire Chief Bolinder said that ten SCBA bottles were purchased several years ago with only three years of life left on them. The bottles have expired and new ones need to be purchased. We did not get awarded all of the Tooele County grant but did receive \$10,708.00. The fire department took on additional work with the county to earn \$21,667.60. After expenses for fuel, the total amount available to be spent is approximately \$18,000.00. The department would like to purchase six refurbished packs, 12 bottles with valves and six masks. After getting several quotes, the best price is \$27,018.00, which includes a 5% discount and a free software upgrade. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 12. Lot Line Adjustment – Scott Holladay.** Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve a lot line adjustment for Scott Holladay. Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. Scott Holladay, 4046 S 500 East, Millcreek, Utah and Patty Holladay, 464 East Ivy Woods Lane, Midvale, Utah presented a lot line adjustment on the west boundary line of Parcel 01-287-0-0008. Both affected landowners, Scott and Patricia Holladay and Trent and Berkley Loomis agreed to the adjustment and documentation was provided. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. Attorney Clegg informed them that they will need to record the lot line adjustment with the Tooele County Recorder and the Rush Valley Town Mayor must then sign the recorded document. There is a \$50 fee for a lot line adjustment.

13. Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Bolinder reported that fire department members attended fire school in St. George and received beneficial information. Chief Bolinder provided a recap of last year and discussed the various types of calls. The fire department responded to 204 calls with 62% of them being county calls. He also reported that the new rescue truck generated nearly \$20,000 in revenues paid by Tooele County last year. Since the last meeting, the department has responded to 10 calls: four medical and six fires. There were four calls in town and one out of town. The department is working on the task book. There was a grant awarded for a wildland skid unit and it needs to be picked up.

14. Council Reports. Roads – Councilmember Harding reported that he has been grading and getting the dump truck repaired.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Burrows reported there have been several burials since the last meeting. There was a broken water line that had to be repaired. It was determined that it goes right through some burial plots that may need to be adjusted.

Councilmember Albrecht mentioned that mowing done on Main Street and Pine really helped with mitigation. The county has taken a couple of months off but will be resuming emergency management meetings.

Parks – Councilmember Gardner reported that he had been working with a contractor to get leaks repaired. The contractor also cleaned up the area around the water tanks making it more stable.

Mayor Johnson publicly expressed his appreciation to the two councilmembers that were re-elected.

15. Safety Topic. Mayor Johnson presented the safety topic on speeding.

16. Ratification of November 2025 Bills. Councilmember Gardner made a motion to ratify the November 2025 bills. Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

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18. Payment of Bills. Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to pay the December 2025 bills. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 19. Public Comments.** Resident Polliann Pierce inquired about a leash law in Rush Valley. She was told there is a “dog at large” ordinance for dogs that are outside of the owner’s sight and are being a nuisance. A Tooele County Sheriff told her that Rush Valley falls under the county code and must follow the leash law. Mayor Johnson said that the “dog at large” ordinance must be followed, but we will not enforce a “leash law”. Attorney Clegg said that he would clarify this with the sheriff’s office.

Resident Catherine Stromberg, 105 North Main Street, expressed concern with her neighbor Scott Holladay’s request for a boundary line adjustment. She was told that the town council cannot be involved in the disputes between property owners. They are a body that recognizes agreements that are made legally.

- 20. Adjourn.** Councilmember Gardner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.