

Scofield Town Council Minutes

March 9th, 2026

7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:00.m. by Mayor Levanger

Roll Call: Brad Peacock, Mayor Jim Levanger, Ralph Brinkerhoff, Kim Erikkila, Debbie Redford, Karen Brickey. Meliss Holloway had to leave for a minute. She returned at 7:03 p.m.

Moment of Reflection:

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Levanger

Minutes Review: All minutes from February 9th, 2026 public hearing 6:15 p.m. were reviewed. Ralph Brinkerhoff made a motion to accept the minutes. Kim Erikkila seconded it. All were in favor. All minutes for February 9th, 2026 Public Hearing 6:30 p.m. were reviewed. All minutes from February 9th, 2026 Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Kim Erikkila made a motion to accept the minutes. Ralph Brinkerhoff seconded it. All were in favor.

Financial Adjustments Reports: Karen Brickey the Town Treasurer said there were no adjustments to report. Then read the financial report dated February 28, 2026.

Bills to Pay: The bills from 2-10-2026 to 3-9-2026 were provided for inspection. There were no questions. Brad Peacock made a motion to pay the bills. Ralph Brinkerhoff seconded it. All were in favor.

Public Comment Period: Tom Kosmack @ Miller Creek in Carbon County he is part of the Republican Party Caucus. He wanted everyone to be aware of what a Caucus is, and let the town know that they lost a delicate due to low participation. March 17th is the Republican Caucus. You must be a registered Republican to participate. There are two delegates for the county. One person running for Sheriff is going for a delicate vote only. Caucus is at the Carbon High School. Scofield is its own precinct.

Nick Parker introduced himself and is running for Carbon County Sheriff. There are two ways to the ballot, signatures and delegate's. He is running on 100% delegate vote. Mayor Jim stated he spoke with the Carbon County Sheriff today and he responded to him. The Mayor has no issue with the Sheriff's office.

Town Updates: Early this afternoon Commissioner Larry Jensen gave Mayor Jim a call and said he could make it to the town meeting to talk to everyone about the proposed mine site. Commissioner Jensen said he appreciates all the emails and phone calls. He spoke on how the process works. The mine site that has been proposed is partly in Scofield and partly in the unincorporated part of Carbon County. Scofield Town has the authority in the town, and Carbon County has the authority in the County. If the mine is to happen it would require a conditional use permit from Scofield Town and Carbon County. The Carbon County planning commission is board that has been appointed, a 7 member board that would make the decision for a conditional use permit, not the Commissioner's. In 2011 there was a conditional use permit issued, it has since expired. Carbon County does not have an application from the Mine at this time, so decision has not been made. The division of oil gas and mining would require approval from both Scofield Town and Carbon County to move forward. There are some legal issues for both Scofield Town and the County when someone comes in with a proposed project. Sometimes there is not a lot of choice of what project comes in. There have been no decisions made. The mining company needs to find someone that will post a bond before they can get

approval. Twice the mine has received permits, and they couldn't find anyone with the backing to get the bond in place. 21,000 citizens of Carbon County own some of the coal there. The challenge is there are a lot of people that have been calling that do want the mine. Melissa Holloway asked if it is possible way they could put a road in from the East side. Commissioner Jensen does not know. Commissioner Jensen represents everyone. The Commissioner does not know how much coal is owned by Carbon County. The Commissioner listed the names of the seven member board. The County website will have all the names available. Per Commissioner Jensen, if Scofield Town does not issue a conditional use permit neither will Carbon County. Per the Commissioner going back to 2018 there was no tax increases for a long time, the County put in a municipal service fee that pays for the Sheriff's Department. The coal and natural gas revenue was used for that. Taxes have gone up because of coal mines are given a value from the State of Utah. The County has nothing to do with that. The Commissioner stated that Skyline mine is in trouble and they pay approx. one million in taxes. If the mine can't produce coal that tax would go to the citizens. Per the Commissioner there is a value of having a mine here to help pay the taxes, plus the mineral release money. Per the Commissioner they do not want to force anything on the town. The commission meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month. Those meeting are the commissioner's to take care of their business. The Commissioner advised for people to call and get an appointment to speak with them. A citizen stated that they are not against coal, just where it is going and the Commissioner agreed. A citizen asked if the County could assist to move the opening of the mine, is it something that could be done. Commissioner Jensen we can visit with mining company for a discussion. If the town has a noise ordinance it can be enforced. Per Brad Peacock the town does have those ordinances. Per Mayor Jim, Greg Hunt canceled coming to the town meeting, Commissioner Jensen did not cancel. Per Mayor Jim it was just a miss communication. A citizen asked if there is any benefit to the Scofield Town. Commissioner Jensen stated that if the mine was to operate and producing coal the mineral lease money would go to the county and they would be willing to give Scofield some of that money. It is the decision that will need to be made and Commissioner Jensen is one or three votes, and he has no problem sharing that with the town citizens. Commissioner Jensen said he has not looked at the details of the mine site closely. Oil, Gas and Mining were the ones that discovered that the permit with Carbon County had expired. Per Commissioner Jensen about a ¼ of the 21,000 people in Carbon County are for the mine going in. A citizen asked if the mine came in what would it do to the value of the homes. Commissioner Jensen said if the value of your home goes down you would pay less taxes. Scofield Town's Planning & Zoning and the Board of Adjustments would be the ones to approve the ordinances. Per Commissioner Jensen stated, if the town doesn't approve neither will the County. New companies are coming into Carbon County but Utah law states it is not considered new growth. New cabins that are built around Scofield are considered new growth. Per Commissioner Jensen those new companies will change the taxes significantly. Tourism will help, but will not solve the current problem. Tax on tourism is earmarked, part goes to the State and then back to the County. It is restricted for what it can be used for. Per Commissioner Jensen, the mine has not got a permit yet. Carbon County Planners said "no" to the expired permit. A citizen asked if the conditional use permit has to be issued by the County. Commissioner Jensen stated that Scofield and Carbon County conditional use permits are separate. Per Commissioner Jensen, if the town doesn't want it

neither does the County. Commissioner Jensen cannot speak for Carbon County Planning and shouldn't have any influence on them. Some things have to be brought to the Commission, but this does not. Commissioner Jensen said he would like to come to Scofield and bring the County Planner to help to see how this works. Commissioner Jensen stated that he would like to come to the towns' council meetings. Commissioner Jensen said that by law the mineral owner has more right to the surface than the surface owner does. Commissioner Jensen does not know who owns the mineral rights where the mine is proposed.

New Business: Board of Adjustments Appointments: 5 applications for 2026 have been received.

Duane Sutherland, Ron Warren, Brad Parish, Stewart Behling, Matt Johnson. Mayor Jim appointed these five people to the Board of Adjustments for Scofield Town. Brad Peacock made a motion to appoint the five people. Meliss Holloway seconded it. All were in favor.

Planning & Zoning Reappointments: Shane Murano and Lorraine Behling. Brad Peacock made a motion to reappoint them to Planning and Zoning. Ralph Brinkerhoff seconded it. All were in favor.

A discussion of an ordinance for a 3% convenience charge for credit card payments, due to the fact that every time a credit card is used the bank charges the town 3% of the amount. This will be for Water and Sewer customers and Business License's only. This will be written up and posted to be passed at next month council meeting.

Planning & Zoning discussion. Ralph Brinkerhoff from the Planning & Zoning committee stated that they approved the maximum height of a home or structure from 30 feet to 27 feet for the fire department, due to the fact that the town does not have a latter truck. This would be 2 a story and trusses. Per Ralph Brinkerhoff the site plan for Rush's Bar was approved by the county.

Discussion of official Scofield Town Communication's: The town added disclaimer's to social media that was done on the advice from the town's attorney Mark Tanner, to clarify posts that were not official. The disclaimer was not meant to limit freedom of speech. The attorney said it would be best if any date; time and place for future meetings that may be copy and pasted to look like official towns business must have a disclaimer.

Old Business: Possible approval of ordinance 3-09-2025 Chapter 5 of regulations within zones. Section 5.1 uses of land. Per Mayor Jim we will need to set a public hearing for discussion of zero setbacks in the commercial zone, R2 zone and roof heights.

Kim Erikkila made a motion to hold a public hearing at 6:30 on 4-13-2026. Ralph Brinkerhoff seconded it. All were in favor.

Meliss Holloway made a motion to hold a public hearing at 5:30 on 4-13-2026 to hear from Carbon County. Ralph Brinkerhoff seconded it. All were in favor.

ServLine updated information: The opt out is easy and plenty of time to do so. It is available for both residential and commercial. Not the water line repair coverage. The water line repair coverage is an additional coverage, and is offered by ServLine. No pre inspections or qualifications. 30 day waiting period until the policy is in force. To make a claim the homeowner calls ServLine, and a claim will need a receipt showing the issue has caused a problem and it has been resolved. Servline calls the town to get the average water bill of the owner, ServLine pays the town the payment to cover the leak and it will be applied to the customer's account. It is to be payed a head and is deducted each month. ServLine only goes up to a 2" meters only. Commercial is accepted. A letter will be sent out before going into effect. Customers will be able to opt out before being billed. Brad Peacock made a motion to adopt the ServLine water insurance. Ralph Brinkerhoff seconded it. Kim Erikkila was not in favor.

250th America Celebration: Pleasant Valley Days committee met and decided on a theme of Star Spangled Scofield. Brad Peacock advised that the town desperately needs volunteers this year.

Kim Erikkila made a motion to adjourn, Meliss Holloway seconded it. All were in favor.
8:36 p.m.