

WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 7th, 2026
HELD IN THE WALES TOWN HALL

Meeting commenced at 7:13PM

CALL TO ORDER: by Council Member Brian Smith

ROLL CALL:

Council members in attendance: Mayor James Roberts, Council members Brian Smith, Brandon Rees, David Larson, Town Clerk Kevin Washburn, Deputy Town Clerk Doug McMullin

Council members absent: Helen Clawson

Residents in attendance: none.

Non-residents in attendance: Cade Penny (R6 Regional Council)

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE: lead by Brian Smith

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: by Kevin Washburn

MINUTES:

Motion by Dave Larson that minutes of the regular meeting of the Wales Town Council held on March 3rd, 2026, be accepted as written. Council member Brandon Rees seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Council members Rees, Larson and Smith

Opposed: None

INVOICES:

A list of invoices for the month of March 2026 was distributed and reviewed. Council member Rees made a motion to approve payment of the invoices; Council member Larson seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Council members Rees, Larson and Smith

Opposed: None

▪ **Business & Petitions (including items to be voted upon)**

1. Time given to Cade Penny (R6 Regional Council)
 - Regional growth Summit, May 6, some already registered
 - Registration open for June 18th golf tournament
 - Recreation Grants open for planning
 - CIB projects open: Roads, Chip sealing and Asphalt due by 04/30

2. Appointment of Animal Control Officer, Hayden Nichols:
 Motion by Brian Smith, seconded by Brandon Rees
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts, Council members Rees, Larsen, and Smith
 Opposed: None
3. Appointment of Handyman, Stu Clawson:
 Motion by Brian Smith, seconded by Brandon Rees
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts, Council members Rees, Larsen, and Smith
 Opposed: None
3. Discussion was had about wording in the Water ordinance, “construction permit” and it was decided to have Town Attorney check the wording for conflict.
4. Change to Water Resolution: deposit increase 2026-04 revised from 2026-03:
 Motion by Brandon Rees, seconded by Dave Larsen
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts, Council members Rees, Larsen, and Smith
 Opposed: None
5. Change to Cemetery Resolution: plot dimensions 2026-03 revised from 2025-02
 Motion by Brandon Rees, seconded by Brian Smith
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts, Council members Rees, Larsen, and Smith
 Opposed: None

▪ **Reports by town officers and boards**

Mayor James Roberts:

1. Emergency Preparedness
 Back up generators for Hall, Fire Hall and Boost
 Looking at quotes for various options.
2. Building/(east)Park fence \$6,692.50 estimated will try to have in place before Welch Days.
3. Future well #3 for the town will look in possible grant money.
4. Defibrillator for Hall? Brandon Rees on obtaining one or two at quotes on Zoll units.
 The quote is within the budget so we will go ahead with two.
5. Reminder of registration for the May 6 Summit meeting

Council member Brandon Rees: Water/Streets.

1. Brandon submitted drawing for additional 6” valves to allow bypass of the boost system if needed. To eliminate a complete shutdown of the system for maintenance.
2. Adjustments need to be made to the sand filter system, and an additional float need to be added.
3. Wales Fire department is now going to be an approved site to host paramedic classes for the Central Utah Region. Fire classes are starting for training in Fire 1, Fire 2 and Wildland, ready for what looks to be a busy fire season.
4. We need to explore with Wales Town Attorney how to word water hookup restrictions in line with the Wall Engineering Study on system production.
5. A letter to the town residents encouraging conservation of water due to the present drought conditions should be included with the water bill.

Council member Brian Smith: Parks/Cemetery

1. Parks, Rec and Cemetery Commission for the town to allow appointments of Committee members is being prepared for an ordinance to be voted on is being submitted to our Town Attorney for review.
2. Work is progressing on the cemetery sprinkler improvements.
3. The Town Library is progressing. Shelves have been secured and books are already being organized. We are looking into addition of a small water softener and water heater as well.
4. Queries have been made regarding leveling and preparation of the land west of the cemetery for possible expansion.
5. Evaluation of the hours and possibly a part-time employee for the Library need to take place. A possible office space for the Water department could be added on the east wall.
6. The Easter Egg activity attracted about 250 people and we gave out 1,500 eggs and a good time was had by all.

Council member Helen Clawson: Cemetery/Parks

1. Absent.

Council member David Larson: Streets/Water

1. Estimate has been requested for repair to the section of road in front of the fire station and various potholes around the town.
2. We should look into a test to widen the road base using the repurposed asphalt then later it can be chip sealed, possibly a few blocks at time.
3. We need to look at newer mower to control roadside weeds. Suggestion was for a 25 to 55 hp unit with various attachments. We also need to look at future replacement for the backhoe.

Administration--Kevin Washburn, Doug McMullin, Erika Anderson:

1. Budget reminder set time for working meetings to be 7:00 pm April 21st.
2. All of the PTIF accounts have been transferred to the MACU.
3. 2026 Annual Training missing papers were requested.
4. A date needs to be set for Town cleanup with two dumpsters and coordination of the boys group homes to help out.
5. Engine brake restriction sign for south of town on 117 is quoted by UDOT \$1,490.00 for a 3' by 5' before the turn coming into town.
6. It was noted that the new Speed signs are being effective.

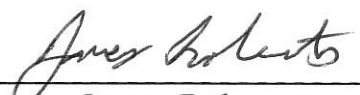
Council member Rees made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Larsen.

VOTE: Mayor Roberts, Council members Rees, Larsen, and Smith

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:




Mayor: James Roberts



Date

ATTEST:



Deputy Town Clerk: Doug McMullin



Date