

The Regular Meeting of the
**Brian Head Town Council Acting as the Governing
Board for the Brian Head Special Service District**
Brian Head Town Hall – Council Chambers
56 North Highway 143 – Brian Head, UT 84719
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Via Zoom Meeting ID# 861 6423 4681
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Roll Call.

Members Present: Mayor Clayton Calloway, Council Member Larry Freeberg, Council Member Duane Nyen, Council Member Martin Tidwell, Council Member Logan Cruz.

Staff Present: Bret Howser, Town Manager; Nancy Leigh, Town Clerk; Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer; Amanda Hunter, Code Compliance; Ciera Claridge, Deputy Clerk; Greg Sant, Planning & Building Administrator; Jared Tubbs, Public Works Director; Chief Dan Benson, Public Safety Director.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Calloway called to order the Regular Meeting of the Brian Head Town Council, acting as the Governing Board for the Brian Head Special Service District, on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Brian Head Town Hall, Council Chambers, 56 North Highway 143, Brian Head, UT 84719.

B. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Calloway led the council and others in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. DISCLOSURES

There were no conflicts of interest with today's agenda items. Mayor Calloway stated that disclosure statements are on file and available for review during regular business hours with the Town Clerk.

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

April 28, 2026, Town Council Meeting

The Mayor called for review of the minutes from the April 28, 2026, Town Council Meeting. No changes or corrections were noted.

Motion: Council Member Nyen moved to approve the April 28, 2026, Town Council minutes. Council Member Tidwell seconded the motion.

Action: Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council Member Cruz).

E. REPORTS / PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS. Public input is limited to three (3) minutes on non-agenda items.

1 Council Member Tidwell noted that Public Works had cleaned up the trails on Manzanita,
2 removing deadfall from the winter, and expressed appreciation for that work.

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4 Mayor Calloway expressed excitement about the upcoming summer season.

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6 Council Member Freeberg thanked staff for grading his road (Deer Trail Road).

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8 Bret Howser, Town Manager, updated the Council on the following projects:

- 9 1. Interstate Rock has begun excavation on the Elk Drive Special Assessment waterline
10 project.
11 2. Meters have been staked, and property owners were notified by email to review
12 placement before installation.
13 3. Interstate Rock is also contracted for the Brian Head Unit 3 SAA project; tree clearing in
14 the right-of-way on Paintbrush Road has commenced in preparation for that work.
15 4. Shuttle stop and Town Hall exterior renovation project. Bret reported that stakes are now
16 visible across the street from Town Hall, representing a 10-foot offset from the proposed
17 trail alignment. He summarized the current status of the trail ramp design, explaining
18 that ADA compliance would be required if any state grant funds are used on the ramp.
19 To achieve an 8-foot-wide trail capable of accommodating a skid steer for snow removal,
20 the retaining wall would need to be approximately 6 to 8 feet tall. The Council was
21 invited to conduct a brief field inspection of the staked area following adjournment.
22 5. Redevelopment Agency (RDA) renewal and extension: reported that staff met with two
23 Iron County Commissioners. Both expressed conditional support for the extension,
24 though one indicated willingness to participate at only half the county's prior
25 contribution level. Staff noted that a meeting with the Iron County School District is
26 scheduled for the following week to explore whether the school district might participate
27 in the RDA, as their involvement could offset reduced county participation. The goal is to
28 finalize an interlocal agreement by June so that property tax rates can be set by month's
29 end.
30 6. The annual Town Clean-up Day is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, beginning at
31 9:00 am. The Trails Volunteer Workday event is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

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33 Troy Benson, resident, offered brief remarks regarding construction activity and dust concerns
34 and the positive interactions with staff. No formal action was requested.

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37 **F. AGENDA ITEMS**

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39 **1. THE BUDGET OFFICER INTENDS TO STATE THAT A PROPOSED PROPERTY**
40 **TAX INCREASE IS INCLUDED IN THE FY2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET.** A
41 statement of intent that a proposed property tax increase is included in the FY2027 Tentative Budget.

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43 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer, reported that in March 2026, the Town Council held a
44 series of public forums to discuss funding options for increased levels of services and road
45 maintenance funding. A property tax increase was an avenue discussed, and the public had
46 the opportunity to discuss and provide feedback to the council.

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48 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer, provided background on the new statutory
49 requirements governing the Truth in Taxation process and noted that this item serves as the
50 formal notification to the governing body and the public that the FY2027 Tentative Budget
51 includes a proposed property tax increase in the amount of \$150,000.

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3 **2. STATEMENT OF THE BUDGET OFFICER THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2027**
4 **TENTATIVE BUDGET INCLUDES A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.**

5 A statement that a proposed property tax increase is included in the FY2027 Tentative Budget.
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7 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer, explained as part of the truth in taxation process, that as
8 the Budget Officer, is required to make the following statement that the fiscal year 2027
9 tentative budget includes a proposed property tax increase.
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11 Shane then stated that the fiscal year 2027 Brian Head tentative budget includes a proposed
12 property tax increase. The approximate dollar amount of the proposed property tax increase
13 is \$150,000. The approximate percentage increase of the proposed property tax increase is
14 12.85%. The purpose of the increase is to fund additional road maintenance as set for in the
15 proposed property tax impact schedule.
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18 **3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX IMPACT SCHEDULE.** The Property
19 Tax Impact Schedule related to the proposed property increase included in the Fiscal Year 2027
20 Tentative Budget.
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22 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer, presented the Property Tax Impact Schedule as
23 required under Utah Code §59-2-924 and reads as follows:
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25 Brian Head Town Council will consider an increase to its property tax rate from .002328 to
26 .002627 (estimated) to generate additional \$150,000. The following information is intended
27 to provide decision makers and the public with an explanation of how the Town's
28 operations would be affected if the proposed property tax increase is adopted:
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Brian Head Town's Property Tax Rate	0.002328
Brian Head Town's Current Property Tax Revenue:	\$1,167,364
Proposed Revenue with Tax Change:	\$1,317,364
New Property Tax Revenue to Brian Head Town:	\$150,000
Estimated Increase to Brian Head Town's Property Tax Revenue:	12.85%
Estimated Increase to a primary residence valued at \$500,000	\$82.27
Estimated Increase to a business or 2 nd home valued at \$500,000:	\$149.57

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40 Discussion among Council members clarified that the \$82.27 figure for primary residences
41 reflects the 45% residential exemption applied to the market value. Council members noted
42 that the 12.85% figure represents the percentage increase to Brian Head Town's portion of
43 the property tax only, not to the total tax bill, and emphasized the importance of
44 communicating this distinction clearly to the public in staff reports and informational
45 materials, even though the statutory form itself cannot include that context. A suggestion
46 was made to add an illustrative line item showing the impact on an undeveloped lot (e.g.,
47 valued at \$50,000, approximately \$15 per year) to help property owners better understand
48 the scope of the increase. Council Member Cruz noted that a comparative impact schedule
49 prepared during a prior public engagement process had been well received and suggested
50 making similar materials available again.
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1 Bret Howser, Town Manager, noted that a previous version of the impact schedule sent to
2 the State Tax Commission had included other taxing entities' rates for context. The Council
3 agreed to communicate the Brian Head-specific nature of the increase through other means,
4 including verbal statements at all public meetings.
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7 **4. PRESENTATION OF AND RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR**
8 **2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET AND TENTATIVE PROPERTY TAX IMPACT**
9 **SCHEDULE AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND RELATED**
10 **MATTERS.** A resolution adopting the FY2027 Tentative Budget and Property Tax Impact Schedule
11 and calling for a public hearing.
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13 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer, reported that since the April budget workshop, the only
14 changes to the budget were the addition of the \$150,000 property tax increase and a
15 corresponding reduction of \$150,000 in the Transportation Utility Fee (TUF) component,
16 consistent with the Council's prior direction for a 60/40 funding split. Shane reported that
17 four new line items were added to allow the \$150,000 to be tracked separately from general
18 fund revenues and expenditures, enhancing transparency. The proposed public hearing for
19 the FY2027 budget was set for **May 26, 2026, at 1:00 PM** at Town Hall, with final budget
20 adoption tentatively scheduled for **June 9, 2026**.
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22 Several Council members expressed reservations about the property tax increase,
23 questioning whether all alternative funding mechanisms had been exhausted.
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25 **Motion:** Council Member Freeberg moved to adopt resolution No. 26-569-A, a resolution
26 approving the fiscal year 2027 tentative budget and tentative property tax impact
27 schedule and calling for a public hearing for May 26, 2026, at 1:00 pm as
28 presented. Council Member Tidwell seconded the motion.
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30 Council Member Nyen raised concerns about the permanence of property tax increases and
31 whether the funding was truly guaranteed for road maintenance in future years. He also
32 questioned the relative scale of the effort required to generate \$150,000 and whether
33 alternatives such as enhanced business license fees or building permit fees could achieve the
34 same result. Mayor Calloway stated that the Council needs to get behind the property tax
35 increase.
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37 Council Member Freeberg suggested exploring fees tied to construction activity given its
38 disproportionate impact on roads. Public attendee Troy Benson raised the possibility of a
39 per-visit fee analogous to resort fees or lift ticket surcharges, but Bret cautioned that such a
40 flat fee would likely be characterized as a tax rather than a fee under Utah law, and that the
41 legal basis for such an approach would require careful review.
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43 Bret Howser, Town Manager, provided a detailed explanation of Utah's Hutchinson-rule
44 framework, clarifying that fees must be reasonably related to the services provided and that
45 road impact fees are limited by statute to capacity expansion, not maintenance. Bret also
46 reported that staff had been researching whether a road maintenance fee could be appended
47 to building permits, but no other Utah municipality had been identified as doing so,
48 meaning Brian Head would potentially be the first jurisdiction to attempt that approach.
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50 Shane clarified for the Council that adopting the tentative budget does not bind the Council
51 to a final decision; the budget remains amendable prior to final adoption, and a separate

1 Truth in Taxation public hearing in August provides a further opportunity to confirm or
2 withdraw the property tax rate increase before it takes effect.

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4 **Action:** Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council
5 Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council
6 Member Cruz).

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9 **5. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE STATEMENT OF INTENT FROM**
10 **THE BUDGET OFFICER REGARDING THE FY 2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET,**
11 **PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE, AND PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX**
12 **IMPACT SCHEDULE AND RELATED MATTERS.** A resolution acknowledging the
13 Budget Officers' statement of intent for a proposed property tax increase and the proposed property
14 tax impact schedule.

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16 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer explained that this resolution formally acknowledges
17 that the budget officer stated to the Council in the May 12, 2026, public meeting that the FY
18 2027 tentative budget includes a proposed property tax increase, and that the Property Tax
19 Impact Schedule was presented as a separate agenda item. The resolution further directs
20 that the schedule be available for public inspection at Town Hall and on the Town website,
21 and that it be included as a separate agenda item at each public hearing prior to June 30.

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23 **Motion:** Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt resolution No. 26-570-B
24 acknowledging that, as a separate item is on the agenda for the public meeting
25 on May 12, 2026 notifying the public that the Budget Officer intends to state to
26 the Town Council that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2027 includes a
27 proposed property tax increase, acknowledging that the Budget Officer made a
28 statement to the Town Council in the May 12, 2026 public meeting that the
29 tentative budget includes a proposed tax rate increase, acknowledging that the
30 Budget Officer presented to the Town Council, as a separate item on the agenda,
31 in the same public meeting, a property tax impact schedule separate from other
32 budget documents, as defined in Section 59-2-924 of the Utah Code, and
33 directing that the Property Tax Impact Schedule shall be available for public
34 inspection and will be included as a separate agenda item at each hearing prior
35 to June 30, 2026 at which the Town Council discusses the proposed general fund
36 budget for fiscal year 2027. Council Member Freeberg seconded the motion.

37 **Action:** Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council
38 Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council
39 Member Cruz).

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42 **6. RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AND**
43 **CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION AND RELATED**
44 **MATTERS.** A resolution to increase property taxes and calling for a Truth in Taxation public
45 hearing to be scheduled in August 2026.

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47 Shane Williamson, Town Treasurer, presented a resolution, which sets the Truth in Taxation
48 public hearing date and directs staff to notify the Utah State Tax Commission and the Iron
49 County Auditor of the Town's intent to consider a property tax increase. Shane reported that
50 the public hearing is set for **August 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM** at Town Hall, as required by Utah
51 Code §59-2-919. The notice to the Tax Commission and County Auditor is required to be
52 sent before June 1, 2026.

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2 **Motion:** Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt resolution No. 26-571-C
3 acknowledging that, as a separate item is on the agenda for the public meeting
4 on May 12, 2026 notifying the public that the Budget Officer intends to state to
5 the Town Council that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2027 includes a
6 proposed property tax increase, acknowledging that the Budget Officer made a
7 statement to the Town Council in the May 12, 2026 public meeting that the
8 tentative budget includes a proposed tax rate increase, setting the public hearing
9 date as **August 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM (MDT)**, at the Town Hall for the proposed
10 property tax increase as required by Section 59-2-919 of the Utah Code, and
11 directing the Budget Officer or designee to send a notice before June 1, 2026 to
12 the Utah State Tax Commission and the Iron County Auditor stating that the
13 Town is considering a property tax increase, and the date, time, and place of the
14 public hearing required by Section 59-2-919 of the Utah Code. Council Member
15 Nyen seconded the motion.

16 **Action:** **Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council**
17 **Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council**
18 **Member Cruz).**

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21 **7. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION UTILITY FEE (TUF)**
22 **AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND OTHER RELATED**
23 **MATTERS.** A resolution noticing the intent to adopt a TUF fee and setting a public hearing date.

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25 Bret Howser, Town Manager, gave a brief explanation of the Transportation Utility Fee
26 (TUF) in which the Council is considering adopting a fee specific for the maintenance of the
27 Town roads that businesses and residents would be assessed and see on their utility bills.
28 Bret summarized that consistent with the Council's prior direction for a 60/40 split between
29 property tax and TUF, the TUF fee was calibrated to generate approximately \$100,000 in
30 annual revenue. Staff updated business square footage data and adjusted the rate
31 accordingly. Bret reported that the required notice of the TUF public hearing had already
32 been included on utility bills sent the prior week, and that the engineering study supporting
33 the fee would be posted to the Town website within the next day or two.

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35 Council Member Freeberg raised a question about the fee rate disparity between small retail
36 businesses and the ski resort, noting that the resort showed a much lower per-square-foot
37 rate. Bret explained that the resort's rate in the table reflected only its office space, as a
38 second, separate fee tier based on the number of ski lifts—reflecting customer trip
39 generation—had not yet been added to the table. Bret noted this oversight would be
40 corrected.

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42 Council Member Cruz inquired if the Town could collect the additional revenue by
43 requiring a fee on ski lift tickets that are sold. Bret explained that he does not have access to
44 that information and a study would need to be completed first.

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46 The public hearing for the TUF was set for **May 26, 2026 @ 1:00 pm at the Brian Head Town**
47 **Hall.**

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49 **Motion:** Council Member Nyen moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-572 declaring the
50 Council's intent to consider the Transportation Utility Fee and setting a public
51 hearing for May 26, 2026. Council Member Cruz seconded the motion.

1 **Action:** **Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council**
2 **Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council**
3 **Member Cruz).**

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5 **8. RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 STRATEGIC PLAN.** A
6 **resolution adopting the FY2027 Strategic Plan.**

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8 Bret Howser, Town Manager reported that the Fy 2027 Strategic Plan had been reviewed in
9 depth during two March meetings, with changes reflected in real time. The primary
10 substantive addition was a set of action steps and a refined budget for Brian Head Days.

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12 One notable discussion item was whether to include both a fireworks show and a drone
13 show as part of the Brian Head Days celebration, given that this year coincides with the
14 Town's 250th anniversary observance. The estimated cost of a drone show was
15 approximately \$10,000-\$10,500, requiring approximately \$11,550 in additional budget. The
16 Council agreed that the drone show would be treated as a one-time expense for the 250th
17 anniversary, providing a backup entertainment option in the event fireworks must be
18 cancelled due to fire conditions.

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20 Discussion also occurred regarding the continuation of the summit lift operations pilot
21 program in partnership with the Iron County Tourism Bureau. Bret reported that the resort
22 observed increased visitation during the prior year's program, though overall regional
23 visitation was down. The Council agreed to continue the pilot for a second year, with the
24 Town's contribution matched to whatever the county contributes, rather than subsidizing
25 the difference. Council members acknowledged the need for better accountability metrics
26 from program participants, and a public hearing on the item was suggested by a member of
27 the public.

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29 **Motion:** Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-573, adopting the
30 FY2027 Strategic Plan for Brian Head Town as presented. Council Member Nyen
31 seconded the motion.

32 **Action:** **Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council**
33 **Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council**
34 **Member Cruz).**

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37 **9. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PUBLIC WORK STANDARDS.** An ordinance
38 **amending the Public Works Standards for Brian Head Town.**

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40 Jared Tubbs, Public Works Director, presented an ordinance amending the Public Works
41 Standards (see attached). Jared noted that the Standards had not been updated since
42 approximately 2007 and expressed his intent to treat the document as a living record to be
43 reviewed more frequently going forward.

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45 Key changes included removing PVC pipe as an approved material (as it has not performed
46 well at Brian Head's elevation and conditions) and updating road base requirements.
47 Standards are informed by AWWA guidelines and the experience of other municipalities
48 adapted to Brian Head's unique environment.

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50 Council Member Freeberg asked whether the Council's review of the Standards is required.
51 Town Clerk Nancy Leigh confirmed that Town Code requires the Public Works Standards
52 to be adopted and amended by ordinance.

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2 **Motion:** Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-008, revising the
3 Public Works Standards as presented. Council Member Nyen seconded the
4 motion.

5 **Action:** **Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council**
6 **Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council**
7 **Member Cruz).**

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10 **10. BRIAN HEAD 2026 STREETS PROJECT BID AWARD.** Contract award for the 2026
11 Streets Project for the Woodbridge Subdivision.

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13 Jared Tubbs, Public Works Director, presented the results of the competitive bid process for
14 the 2026 Streets Project. The project scope includes work in the Woodbridge Subdivision,
15 Ridgeview, Eagles Roost, and Pinehurst. The low bid was submitted by Hales Sand and
16 Gravel.

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18 Bret Howser, Town Manager, noted that the bid documents, as issued, did not include chip
19 sealing over newly milled and replaced pavement sections—a practice the Town has
20 followed in prior years to improve winter traction on fresh asphalt. Adding chip seal over
21 the milled-and-replaced areas would cost approximately \$63,000 (at \$0.72 per square foot
22 over approximately 88,600 square feet) and would be processed as a change order.
23 Additionally, the original bid documents omitted chip sealing of the lower portion of Eagles
24 Roost Drive, which had been discussed prior to bidding; that addendum was subsequently
25 included. Staff also discussed potentially adding the lower portion of Steam Engine Road to
26 the project scope using remaining budget capacity. Council members supported proceeding
27 with the additional chip seal work, and any change orders above the applicable threshold
28 would be brought back to the Council for approval. Millings from the project will be
29 retained by the Town for use on dirt roads.

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31 **Motion:** Council Member Freeberg moved to award the contract for the Brian Head 2026
32 Streets Project to Hales Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$412,790, in a form
33 approved by the Town Manager. Council Member Cruz seconded the motion.

34 **Action:** **Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council**
35 **Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council**
36 **Member Cruz).**

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38 Jared announced that the following week is National Public Works Week, and that a public
39 works equipment rodeo is planned for Tuesday afternoon, with timed events on a backhoe,
40 track hoe, and skid steer. Council members and the public were invited to participate.

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43 **11. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREAS; BRIAN HEAD UNIT 3 AND ELK DRIVE**
44 **IMPACT FEE WAIVER REQUEST.** Consideration to waive the water impact fees for the
45 Brian Head Unit 3 and Elk Drive Special Assessment Areas.

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47 Greg Sant, Planning & Building Administrator, reviewed the Town's historical practice
48 regarding water impact fees for properties participating in Special Assessment Areas
49 (SAAs). Greg confirmed that in most prior SAAs, the impact fee has been waived, with the
50 policy basis being that property owners who fund 100% of the cost to bring water
51 infrastructure to their lots are entitled to a credit of one-third of that amount toward the
52 impact fee. In prior SSAs, the per-lot assessment has typically been approximately \$30,000,

1 yielding a one-third credit of \$10,000 – which effectively covers the full impact fee. The one
2 exception was the Snowshoe Toboggan area, where the funding structure included a
3 combination of grants and town funds in addition to property owner assessments.

4 Bret Howser, Town Manager, clarified for the public that connection fees and impact fees
5 are distinct: the impact fee waiver addresses capital system capacity costs, while a separate
6 connection fee will still apply to cover the cost of meters and inspections.
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8 The Council agreed to waive the impact fees for participants in both the Elk Drive and Brian
9 Head Unit 3 SAAs, consistent with the established policy.
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11 **Motion:** Council Member Nyen moved to waive the water impact fees up to \$5,530.49 for
12 properties participating in the Elk Drive and Brian Head Unit 3 Special
13 Assessment Areas. Council Member Cruz seconded the motion.

14 **Action:** Motion carried 5-0-0 (summary: Yes = 5 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council
15 Member Freeberg, Council Member Nyen, Council Member Tidwell, Council
16 Member Cruz).
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18 12. MEMORIAL PLAZA DESIGN INPUT. A presentation for the Memorial Plaza design. 19

20 Bret Howser, Town Manager, introduced landscape architect Sid Ostergaard of Arcadians,
21 who presented a revised conceptual design for the Memorial Plaza. Taking into account
22 Council feedback from a prior presentation that had proposed a more hardscape-oriented
23 design, Mr. Ostergaard reoriented the concept toward a naturalistic and rustic aesthetic. Key
24 design elements included:
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- 26 • A decomposed granite pathway through the meadow, providing a walkable, water-
27 permeable, and accessible surface.
- 28 • A heavy timber bridge crossing over the drainage ditch adjacent to the pump house
29 as an arrival feature.
- 30 • A plaza area with options for flagstone or decomposed granite paving, contained by
31 a low concrete band.
- 32 • Native boulders or basalt rocks bearing the insignia of each branch of the armed
33 forces, potentially including a stone for local first responders (fire and law
34 enforcement). The addition of the Space Force as a sixth military branch was noted.
- 35 • Rustic heavy timber benches.
- 36 • Flagpoles oriented to face toward Giant Steps and the ski resort.
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38 Mayor Calloway reported having walked the site that morning and expressed strong
39 support for the revised design direction. Mayor Calloway suggested that the plaza might be
40 better positioned further to the northeast, tucked near a grove of large trees, which would
41 reduce the footprint in the open meadow, provide morning shade, and create a more visible
42 sight line from the road near Snowshoe and Crooked River condominiums.
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44 Council members shared general support for the revised concept. Council Member Tidwell
45 raised accessibility concerns given the grade change from the road to the meadow and
46 expressed a preference for the northeast location as being flatter and more accessible. He
47 also confirmed the Council's intent to include stones for all branches of the armed forces as
48 well as fire and law enforcement. Council Member Freeberg questioned whether intruding
49 on the meadow was consistent with the Town's longstanding position on protecting that
50 open space and also raised maintenance concerns about wood bench construction. He
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1 suggested that if vehicle access could be routed down to the pump house, it could serve as
2 accessible parking.
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4 Via Zoom, Dave Mason, a former property owner in the area, provided historical context
5 and suggested routing the trail along the edge of the existing road to the pump house rather
6 than through the middle of the meadow, which would preserve the meadow's character
7 while still allowing visitors to experience it from the perimeter.

8 The Council agreed to conduct a brief field inspection of the site immediately following
9 adjournment to gather additional input before providing further direction to the design
10 team. Mr. Ostergaard indicated he would refine the concept based on the Council's
11 feedback.
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13 Council Member Nyen was excused at 3:18 pm.
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16 **SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

17 18 **13. 2026 SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT WATER RIGHTS LEASE AGREEMENT** 19 **AND RESOLUTION.** A resolution authorizing the 2026 water lease agreement for 243.08-acre 20 feet of water for the 2026 irrigation season. 21

22 Nancy Leigh, District Clerk, presented the 2026 water rights lease agreement (see attached).
23 Nancy explained that the Brian Head Special Service District holds water rights originally
24 acquired from Hile Water in 2009. After accounting for the water used at Bristlecone Pond, a
25 remaining 243.08 acre-feet is made available for lease each irrigation season.
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27 Nancy reported that one bid was received from Jeff Parker in the amount of **\$11,399**. The
28 lease is temporary and limited to the 2026 irrigation season, with a change application to be
29 filed with the Utah State Engineer.
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31 **Motion:** Board Member Tidwell moved to adopt Resolution No. SSD-041, awarding the
32 2026 water rights lease agreement for 243.08 acre-feet to Jeffrey Parker as
33 presented. Board Member Cruz seconded the motion.

34 **Action:** **Motion carried 4-0-0 (summary: Yes = 4 Vote: Yes: District Chair Calloway,**
35 **Board Member Freeberg, Board Member Tidwell, Board Member Cruz. Absent:**
36 **Board Member Nyen).**
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39 **14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** Discussion on potential items for future Council agendas. 40

41 Nancy Leigh, Town Clerk, noted that the May 26, 2026, agenda will include public hearings
42 for elected officials' compensation, the FY2027 budget process, the TUF, and the Olympic
43 Court SAA petition.
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46 **G. ADJOURNMENT**

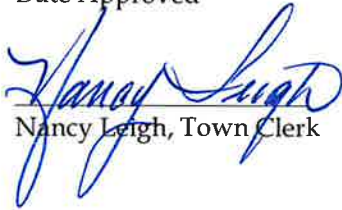
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48 **Motion:** Council Member Freeberg moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Town
49 Council. Council Member Cruz seconded the motion.

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Action: Motion carried 4-0-0 (summary: Yes = 4 Vote: Yes: Mayor Calloway, Council Member Freeberg, Council Member Tidwell, Council Member Cruz. Absent: Council Member Nyen).

The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 pm, following which the Council conducted a brief field inspection of the Memorial Plaza site and the staked trail ramp alignment across from Town Hall.

May 26, 2026
Date Approved


Nancy Leigh, Town Clerk

