

**RUSH VALLEY TOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

May 27, 2026

Rush Valley Town Hall

52 South Park Street, Rush Valley Utah

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor and Council Members Present: Lacey Burrows, Dana Gardner and Jeremiah Harding. Pete Albrecht was excused from the beginning of the meeting.

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Attorney Rob Clegg, Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe, Engineer Doug Kinsman and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder.

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2026. Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the minutes; Councilmember Harding seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Sheriff’s Report. Lieutenant Wayman reported a total of seven details for the month of April, including one arrest and one citation.

4. Mayor’s Recognition Award. No award was presented.

5. Execution of Lot Line Adjustment Documents – Scott Holladay. Patty Holladay, on behalf of Scott Holladay, appeared before the Council regarding final signatures needed for a previously approved lot line adjustment with the Loomis property. Mayor Johnson signed the required document and Ms. Holladay was instructed to record it with the Tooele County Recorder. Upon recording, the original should be sent to the Town of Rush Valley for their records.

6. Public Hearing on a Proposed Application to the Utah Community Impact Board (CIB). Councilmember Gardner made a motion to open the public hearing; Councilmember Burrows seconded. The public hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Johnson explained the Town’s intent to apply for approximately \$300,000 in CIB grant funding to purchase the Beehive building located at 625 West Shambip Road for storage of road equipment, maintenance operations, and other municipal uses. Up to \$25,000 in matching funds could come from the Town’s capital improvement fund. No public comments were received. Councilmember Gardner made a motion to close the public hearing; Councilmember Harding seconded. The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

- 7. Consideration of Submitting a CIB Application.** Councilmember Harding made a motion to submit the CIB grant application; Mayor Johnson seconded. There were no further comments or questions. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Consideration of Adoption of the Tentative 2026-2027 Budget.** Councilmember Gardner made a motion to adopt the tentative budget; Councilmember Harding seconded. Mayor Johnson reviewed projected revenues and expenditures. Discussion included building permit revenues, B&C road funds, fire department grants and reimbursement revenues, cemetery and park budgets, Clover Church restoration funding, and anticipated road paving expenditures. The Council discussed the possibility of a tourism grant for the Clover Church restoration project and reviewed fire department budgeting. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 9. Consideration of Setting a Date for June 2026 Budget Meeting.** Councilmember Harding made a motion to set a date; Councilmember Gardner seconded. It was decided to hold the budget hearing and adoption meeting on June 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 10. Review of Ulrich & Associates Annual Accountant's Report.** The Council reviewed the annual accountant's report. Findings included reconciliation discrepancies caused by transactions being posted after reconciliations were completed, old outstanding checks, and a prior budget hearing notice timing issue. Clerk Patty Rowe explained corrective actions underway, including improved reconciliation procedures, mailing checks to recipients, clearing old transactions and drafting additional policies to improve the Town's fraud risk assessment score. Discussion also included development of a policy manual and fraud reporting hotline.
- 11. Approval of Purchase of Tires for Water Tender.** Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the purchase; Councilmember Harding seconded. Chief Bolinder presented three bids for replacement tires for the recently acquired water tender. Hometown Tire submitted the low bid of \$4,098.18 for ten tires. Funding will come from remaining BLM grant funds and the Fire Department budget. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 12. Fire Department Report.** Mayor Johnson discussed using remaining Fire Department funds to pay for repairs to the fire station toilets, propane expenses, and a portion of the cost of repairs to the main water line and water tank. Chief Bolinder reported on recent BLM training exercises, wildland fire readiness, updated red cards, vehicle inspections and execution of the State MOU and rate agreement for wildland fire responses. He reported that there is a new acting Tooele County Fire Marshal. He also reported that

North Tooele Fire District has now donated three water tenders to Rush Valley over the years and was presented with a plaque in appreciation. Since the previous meeting, the department responded to 21 calls, including nine traffic accidents, nine medical calls, and three fire calls. Three of the calls occurred within Rush Valley Town limits.

13. Council Reports. Roads – Councilmember Harding reported parking lot paving is scheduled to begin June 3. Notices will be posted prohibiting parking from June 2 through June 8 and vehicles may be towed if necessary.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Burrows reported one burial and several headstone installations. Road signs previously used to cover open graves were reported missing. Approximately twenty volunteers from Bolinder Company participated in a service project at St. John Cemetery, removing sagebrush, mowing, weeding, and raising sunken headstones. Memorial Day preparations were completed.

Councilmember Albrecht entered the meeting and reported an upcoming emergency exercise at Stansbury Junior High on June 8 at 4:30 p.m. He advised that regular emergency management meetings would resume. He also reported that a grave located on the corner of the St. John Cemetery had been run over and that it was recommended that rock be placed around the corner graves to help protect them from future damage.

Parks – Councilmember Gardner reported concrete work at the town hall.

Mayor Johnson reported progress on the Town’s Land Use Management Code and General Plan update project funded through the Wasatch Front Regional Council grant. He explained that the project is extensive and will require significant public input and effort but will provide important guidance for the Town’s future growth and development. He also announced that Bingo Night would be held on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The event is being funded through a Tooele County Health Department grant.

14. Safety Topic. Councilmember Harding presented the safety topic on hydration during summer heat.

15. Payment of Bills. Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to approve payment of May 2026 bills; Councilmember Harding seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

16. Public Comments. A question was asked whether the proposed CIB funding was a grant or a loan. Mayor Johnson clarified that the Town was applying for grant funding.

APPROVED

17. Adjourn. Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Gardner seconded. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:26 p.m.