Town of Dutch John
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Regular Town Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Meeting Location: Dutch John Community Center 530 South Blvd.

Public Access

Meeting access is available electronically. See https://dutchjohn.gov/pages/calendar for more details.

1. **Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

   Minutes:
   - Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

2. **Roll Call**

   Minutes:
   - Council: Butch Johns (Mayor), Harriet Dickerson, Amy McDonald, Rachel Albritton. Sandy Kunkel was absent (excused).
   - Public: Kent Snider, Curt Smith

3. **Consent Agenda**

   a. **Minutes of meeting: May 27, 2026 Work and Regular Meeting**

      Minutes:
      - Minutes accepted as presented.

   b. **Expenditures: Voucher List**

      Minutes:
      - Amy noted that there was another water overage for the community center and requested for everyone to be aware of any running water, including toilets while in the building.

   c. **Correspondence:**

      Minutes:
      - Butch had an email exchange with Sunrise Engineering regarding the estimated costs for the fire station remodel and future clinic. The report

indicated that costs may exceed the current CIB grant, potentially requiring a request for an additional $210,000, which the Mayor plans to discuss further on the following Tuesday.

4. **Committee / Staff Reports**
   a. **Mayor's Report**

   Minutes:
   - The Mayor summarized a Zoom meeting with UDOT regarding setback issues at the Dutch John Resort. It was noted that any development increasing traffic flow at the Little Hole Road and Highway 191 intersection will require developers to fund necessary traffic studies and engineering improvements.
   - There is a temporary shift in attorney caseloads (Daggett County/Vernal/Dutch John) to address backlogs; attorney Lauren Anderson will be assisting during this time.

   b. **Volunteer Fire Department**

   Minutes:
   - The department plans to vacate the current building next week. The council discussed the need to issue new access codes for the transition to the new location.

   c. **Planning and Zoning**
   d. **Building and Grounds**

   Minutes:
   - A meeting is scheduled for Friday to finalize documentation for building work. Weed spraying is set for the 29th, and plans were made to clear sagebrush on 10 acres to create a fire break.

   e. **Cemetery**
   f. **Freedom Festival: July 4, 2026**

   Minutes:
   - Preparations for the Freedom Festival (July 4, 2026) and the America 250 Utah Celebration are proceeding as planned.

   g. **America 250 Utah Celebration**
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Old Business**
7. **New Business**
   a. **Business Licenses:**

   Minutes:
   - No action was taken as the submitted license was not paid.

   b. **Fireworks Ban - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- Amy motioned to have a public hearing on comments on the fireworks ban ordinance on June 24 at 6:45pm Rachel second. All in favor. No opposed. The public hearing is scheduled for June 24th at 6:45 PM.

c. **Rescind Moratorium - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- Rachel motioned to rescind the moratorium as soon as the updated land use ordinance is published.Amy amended the motion to include adopting the amendment to the Dutch John Planning and Zoning Ordinance. Harriet seconded. All in favor.

d. **Ambulance Purchase - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- The council selected the "smaller box" ambulance model ($435,031) over the larger model, noting it would be more practical for volunteer drivers. Butch will move forward with the potential purchase of the ambulance for the Town.

e. **Compensation Ordinance - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- Harriet motioned to approve the compensation ordinance. Rachel seconded. The discussion included the need to first consult with Towns attorney to make sure that there was not a conflict with existing Utah law regarding payment for staff who also serve as an elected official.

VOTE

- Harriet: yes
- Amy McDonald: yes
- Rachel Albritton: yes
- Butch Johns: yes
- Sandy Kunkel: absent (excused)

f. **PID Creation - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- Discussion on this item was continued to the next Town Council meeting on June 24.

g. **Adopt 2027 Budget - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- Amy motioned to approve to adopt the FY27 Budget. Harriet seconded.

VOTE

- Harriet: yes
- Amy McDonald: yes
- Rachel Albritton: yes

- Butch Johns: yes
- Sandy Kunkel: absent (excused)

8. Closed Session, if necessary* Pursuant to 52-4-20

9. Adjournment

Minutes:

- Meeting was adorned at 8:05 PM.

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Deputy Clerk