

Fielding Town Corporation
Town Council Minutes
June 4, 2026

Members Present

Chuck Earl, Mayor

Trevor Earl, Councilmember

Heather Marsh, Councilmember

Kelly Nokes, Councilmember

1. Opening Ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance and Introduction of Guests

Mayor Earl called the June 4, 2026, Town Council meeting held in the Fielding Town Hall, 150 South 100 West, Fielding, Utah, to order at 7:00 p.m. Shane Marsh was not in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

Kelly Nokes made a motion to approve the agenda. Trevor Earl seconded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved.

3. Approve the minutes of May 7, 2026

Kelly Nokes made a motion to approve the minutes. Trevor Earl seconded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved.

4. Tony Hess - Subdivision Plat approval

Tony presented the plan for a 2 lot subdivision; one lot will be sold to the town and the other to a private citizen which includes the house. The planning commission approved at their meeting prior to this one. Tony asked that a sign be erected honoring Bishop James Henry Hess, Sr, who is Tony's great-grandfather. He helped in the community and school board at Bear River High. Mayor Earl thanked him for selling the family land. He also asked for an easement for the private citizen for irrigation and the Mayor said the town would decide that later.

Shane Marsh arrived.

5. **STATEMENT REQUIRED BY UTAH CODE 59-2-919(4)(b)(i)**

This Agenda item is intended to demonstrate Fielding Town's compliance with Utah Code 59-2-919(4)(b)(i) with the statement as follows:

Fielding Town gives notice that:

- A. As a fiscal year taxing entity Fielding Town is considering levying a tax rate that exceeds the fiscal year taxing entity's certified tax rate; and
- B. the approximate dollar amount of and purpose for additional ad valorem tax revenue that would be generated by the proposed tax rate increase described in (A) is as follows:
 - 1. \$30,000
 - 2. To provide funding for various town positions, park improvements, and possible future new building expenses
- C. The approximate percentage increase in ad valorem tax revenue for the fiscal year taxing entity based on the proposed tax rate increase described in Subsection (A) is 100%, and
- D. That if the fiscal year taxing entity proceeds with the proposed tax rate increase, the fiscal year taxing entity will provide notice of and conduct a public hearing, as required by Subsection (4)(c), at which members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the proposed tax rate increase in compliance with the notice requirements of 59-2-919(6)(b); and
 - 1. The public hearing is scheduled for August 12, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Fielding Town Hall, 150 S 100 W, Fielding, Utah.

Dottie Garn read the above information.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 INTERIM BUDGET** - Will be in effect July 1, 2026 until the final budget is approved.

A. Tax Revenue Increase - With this proposed tax revenue increase, the Fielding Town total annual revenue amount would be \$30,000; an increase of 100% from the current \$15,000.

B. Property Tax Impact Schedule attached to this agenda.

C. Department budget increases

1) CLERK Compensation - increase \$12,000 including \$5,000 from tax revenue increase

2) Park Improvements - increase \$5,000 from tax revenue increase

3) Capital Projects - increase \$5,000 from tax revenue increase (land purchase costs)

4) All other departments

Shane Marsh made a motion to open the budget hearing. Kelly Nokes seconded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved.

Proposed amounts were read by Dottie regarding the tax increase. The Fire Department would like to increase their budget to \$115,000 for turn out gear and communications. The budget for Fun Day also needs to increase by \$700. There were no other changes to department budgets, other than the ones listed above. The Mayor made a comment about new laws regarding sheltering of animals in the case of a natural/other disaster. There was discussion of what organizations will take strays? Also discussion about getting bids for road repair/renewal. **Kelly Nokes made a motion to adopt the interim budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year as proposed.** Trevor Earl seconded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved. **Shane Marsh motioned to close the public hearing.** Kelly Nokes seconded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments, but the Mayor did ask those attending how they felt about the tax increase. No one had any negative comments.

8. Department Reports

a. Animal Control

Kolton said it has been quiet, no problems.

b. Building/Maintenance

Sharlee said it has been slow and the building is fine. She did comment that the fire department using the building on Wednesday had caused some issues with scheduling and also cleaning. She asked that whoever uses it from the town please clean it up when you leave. She has had to clean several times after the fire department has been here.

c. Grounds/Maintenance

Not in attendance

d. Fire Department

Sean Garn gave the income to Shauna and bills to Dottie. He said there have been 2 fire calls, 10 medical and 6 transports. Dottie asked him the time from a 911 call to their page and he said it is within a minute.

e. Sheriff

Not in Attendance but Mayor did talk with him earlier about concerns of speeders in town and kids with 4 wheelers and motor bikes.

f. Planning Commission

No one was in attendance.

9. Common Consent - Review and Approval of monthly Check Detail/Profit & Loss Report

Shane Marsh made a motion to approve the common consent items. Kelly Nokes seconded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved.

10. Comments/Reports

a. Administration

i. Treasurer

Shauna not in attendance

1) New Business Licenses

Mindy Adams approached the council asking about applying for a business license making soaps and other products with tallow. She may distribute it with a farm stand. It was approved.

Connie Nokes also applied for a license for "Spoiled Mutt" producing dog treats. The license was approved.

ii. Clerk

Dottie had nothing to report.

b. Councilmembers

There was discussion of Fun Day - Gavin Welling will be doing lunch, Clay Summers is doing music, just need to finalize some other items. There will be no bake sale.

11. Adjournment

Shane Marsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Heather Marsh econded the motion. Chuck Earl - aye, Trevor Earl - aye, Heather Marsh- aye, Kelly Nokes - aye. Motion approved.

The undersigned duly acting and appointed Deputy Clerk for Fielding Town Corporation hereby certifies that the above foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the above referenced date.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2026.

Dottie Garn

Dottie Garn, Town CLERK