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Dutch John Town Council Work & Business Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Meeting Address: Dutch John Community Building, 530 S. Blvd., Dutch John

Electronic participation will be available. See https://dutchjohn.gov/pages/calendar for more details.

Work Items:

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

Minutes:
- Call to order at 6:00pm
- Town Council: Butch Johns, Harriet Dickerson, Amy McDonald, Rachel Albritton, Sandy Kunkel (absent, excused)
- Public: Peter Guinn (online), Curt Smith (online)

2. **General Plan Updates**

Minutes:
- Discussion focused on identifying necessary high level revisions to the General Plan rather than making immediate changes.
    - Clarify road standards (width and layout), transportation connectivity, and airport development plans.
    - Make requirements in the plan more explicit, ensuring that stated desires for affordable housing are enforceable through development agreements.
    - Formally map and designate park and trail areas, particularly regarding access to federal land. Additionally, the council discussed strengthening protections for wildlife corridors to preserve the town's character.
- Next Steps: Planning and Zoning (PNZ) members will review the document to provide recommendations, and the town will research grants to fund a professional rewrite or update of the plan.

3. **Fourth of July Plans**

Minutes:

- The council confirmed that the pancake breakfast will be held at the fire station, moving from the church location.
- The breakfast will be held at the fire station's engine bay.
- Preparations include securing cooking stoves, griddles, and essential supplies (tablecloths, plates, silverware, and potentially a pallet of water if the weather is hot).
- The council identified a need to contact the owner of the old hospital property to secure the building's foundation and deep hole to mitigate liability.
- Butch suggested ordering a pallet of water to setting up a water station for visitors. Water would be no charge but donations accepted.

4. **Financial Report**

Minutes:

- Did not discuss.

Business Meeting, 7:00PM:

5. **Roll Call**

Minutes:

- Town Council: Butch Johns, Harriet Dickerson, Amy McDonald, Rachel Albritton, Sandy Kunkel (absent, excused)
- Public: Peter Guinn (online), Curt Smith (online)

6. **Consent Agenda**

Minutes:

- Amy motioned to accept the consent agenda. Harriet second. All in favor. No opposed.

   a. **Minutes of meeting: Public Hearings and Meeting June 10, 2026**

   Minutes:

   - Minutes accepted as presented.

   b. **Expenditures: Voucher List**

   Minutes:

   - No questions

   c. **Correspondence:**

7. **Committee / Staff Reports**

   a. **Mayor's Report**

   Minutes:

   - UDOT Grant: Butch submitted an application for a rural health transportation grant to fund curbs and sidewalks on 1st Avenue.

- Sunrise Engineering: The firm inspected the fire station and clinic. They are preparing cost estimates and recommendations, which will be presented at the July 8 council meeting.
- The Council reviewed floor plans from another town hall/fire station facility to use as a potential model for a future fire station, community hall, and town hall complex for Dutch John.
- Impact Fees: A presentation on impact fees is scheduled for the July 8 meeting.

b. **Volunteer Fire Department**

c. **Planning and Zoning**

d. **Building and Grounds**

Minutes:

- The town will vacate the current community center starting July 1 to allow contractors to begin a 90-day project.

e. **Cemetery**

Minutes:

- Al mowed the Cemetery.

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

Minutes:

- Discussed extensively during the work session. No additional information added.

g. **America 250 Utah Celebration**

8. **Public Comment**

Minutes:

- There will be a town-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 25th.
- Butch recommended that Council members tour the Western Rivers Lodge, noting recent renovations. He believes it is a good contribution and representation of the Town.

9. **Old Business**

a. **Sun Drop PID Documents - Discussion and Possible Action**

Minutes:

- Continued for another meeting (TBD).

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

Minutes:

- A public hearing was held earlier this evening. No public comment was received.
- Amy made a motion to accept as the ordinance as written. Rachel seconded. All in favor.

VOTE

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

10. **New Business**

    a. **Business Licenses: Leo's Fishing Fun, Slime Dog Guide Service**

    Minutes:

    - Amy motioned to approve business licenses. Harriet second. All in favor. No opposed.

    b. **Adoption of Revised Purchasing Policy - Discussion and Possible Action**

    Minutes:

    - Harriet made a motion to adopt the Revised Purchasing Policy. Rachel second. All in favor.

    VOTE

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

    c. **Award Scholarship - Discussion and Possible Action**

    Minutes:

    - The Council approved scholarships for the two applicants, Janie Christensen and Remington Weber. The Council agreed to split the funding originally allocated for a third, vacant scholarship position between the two recipients. The students will be invited to the July 8 meeting for the presentation.

11. **Closed Session, if necessary* Pursuant to 52-4-20**
12. **Adjournment**

    Minutes:

    - Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

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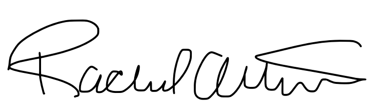

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