

WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2025

HELD IN THE WALES TOWN HALL

Meeting commenced at 7:02 PM

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor Byron Davis

ROLL CALL:

Council members in attendance: Mayor Byron Davis; Council members: David Larsen, Hayden Nicholes, James Roberts, Town Clerk Kevin Washburn

Council members absent: Council member Brandon Rees

Residents in attendance: Doug McMullin, Mark and Miriam Cottam, Katy Sedlek

Others in attendance: Lynn Wall-Wall Engineering, Kevin Daniels-Town Attorney, Cade Penny-R6 Governments, Katy Jean Larsen, Kelly Larsen

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE: lead by Mayor Davis

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: by James Roberts

MINUTES:

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Wales Town Council held on July 1, 2025, were reviewed. Council member Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Council member Nicholes seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

Minutes of the public hearing held on July 1, 2025, were reviewed. Council member Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Council member Nicholes seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

INVOICES:

A list of invoices and financial statements for the month of July 2025 were distributed and reviewed. Council member Roberts made a motion to approve payment of the invoices; Council member Larsen seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

BUSINESS & PETITIONS:

1. Larsen requested to grandfather in an old water connection outside of town limits: Katy Jean Larsen and her son Kelly Larsen asked the council to approve a reconnection of the old water line that served their property at approximately 50 S 200 E which property is outside the town limits. Kelly Larsen explained that it had been disconnected several years ago at the request of then Mayor Byron Davis because there was a leak on the town side of the meter. The Town attorney, Kevin Daniels, recommended that the line should be grandfathered in. The town engineer, Lynn Wall stated that the town should not allow the connection because that connection had not been paying into the water system fund for many years. Mayor Davis expressed concern about setting a precedence for others outside of the town limits asking for hookups. Council member Nicholes suggested the council should get more information. Motion was made by Nicholes to table the discussion to get more information, seconded by Council member Roberts.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees
2. Austin and Katie Shepherd-Request for reduction of water bill due to leak—
CANCELED
3. Mark and Miriam Cottam request for reduction of water bill due to leak-Clerk Washburn presented findings of how much water had been used in July 2025 compared to the amount used in July 2024. The cost for the July 2024 water usage based on this year's cost was calculated. Motion was made by Council member Roberts to give Cottams a reduction of one half of the cost of the overage compared to last year's usage; seconded by Council member Nicholes.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees
4. Resolution 2025-01: Animal Control fees: Council member Nicholes reviewed the proposed changes to the fee schedule. Motion was made by Council member Larsen to approve the changes; seconded by Council Roberts.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees
5. Resolution 2025-02: Cemetery fees: Discussion was had about removing the 'Partial Resident' cemetery plot and burial fees from the fee schedule. Motion was made by Mayor Davis to remove the partial resident fees; seconded by Council member Larsen.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts
Opposed: None
Absent: Council member Rees

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

Mayor Davis invited the town attorney, Kevin Daniels, to discuss the town's building permit. He suggested that the town needs a preliminary and final checklist. He also suggested to have written standards for borrow pits along the roads. This needs to be discussed with planning and zoning.

Town engineer Lynn Wall reported that Todd Alder Construction submitted the low bid for putting in the foundation for and building the boost pump station building. This should be done in early September. Wall also reviewed the expenditures from the \$600,000 grant.

Mayor Davis reported that Denice Seda, the emergency preparedness chair, has purchased several solar generators for the use of the town and citizens who may have need of them in an emergency.

Council member Larsen discussed the proposed stop signs at 200 W 100 S. Katy Sedlek commented that she disagrees with making that intersection a 4-way stop. Larsen said there should be more discussion about it.

Larsen also reported that the town budget will not allow the town to chip-seal the roads this year. He noted that he had a bid of \$6,400.00 to put repurposed asphalt on 200 E from 100 S to 200 S. He is also getting bids to fill cracks and potholes throughout town.

Council member Roberts reported that he is still trying to get bids to install an awning on the front of the town hall. It was suggested that Imre Solyom may be able to help. Roberts reported that he had fixed the park swings and basketball net. He also reported that there are teenagers at the park late at night leaving trash around. He also wants to put up signs about no ATVs on the park lawn or basketball court.

Council member Nicholes said he wants to get an estimate to have the cemetery bulletin board repaired or replaced so it can hold a grave list for those coming to visit the cemetery can use. Nicholes also suggested sending a notice in the water bill that there can be no open bond fires in town.

Clerk Washburn reported that he is still working on getting power to the two speed signs that have been installed in town. He is waiting for the county to inspect the installations before Rocky Mtn Power will hook power to the meters.

Council member Larsen made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Council member Nicholes.

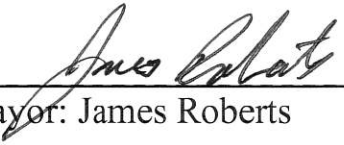
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Davis, Council members Larsen, Nicholes, Roberts

Opposed: None

Absent: Council member Rees

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:

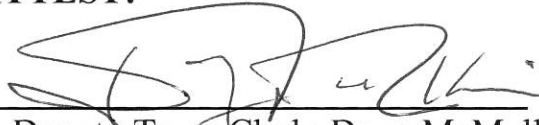


Mayor: James Roberts

8/4/26

Date

ATTEST:



Deputy Town Clerk: Doug McMullin

8/4/26

Date