

WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

July 7, 2026

Held at Wales Town Hall

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor James Roberts called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Council members in attendance: Mayor James Roberts; Council Members Brian Smith, Helen Clawson, and David Larson; Town Clerk Kevin Washburn; and Deputy Clerk Doug McMullin.

Residents in attendance: Jackson Roberts, Tim Eastman, Don Perry, Joleen Perry, Connie Lamb, Byron Davis, Lee Fox, and Ron Garff.

Non-residents in attendance: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Roberts.

PRAYER/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT: Offered by Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Roberts commented on the U.S. flag displayed west of town in Wales Canyon as a patriotic tribute by unnamed community members.

Business and Petitions *(including items to be voted upon)*

- Council Member Smith moved to approve the minutes of the open town council meeting and regular town council meeting held on June 9, 2026. Council Member Larson seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts and Council Members Clawson, Larson, and Smith.

Opposed: None.

- Council Member Larson moved to approve the minutes of the open town council meeting and regular town council meeting held on June 25, 2026. Council Member Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts and Council Members Clawson, Larson, and Smith.

Opposed: None.

Town Clerk presented the June 2026 invoices and financial statements.

- Council Member Larson moved to approve the June 2026 invoices. Council Member Clawson seconded the motion.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts and Council Members Clawson, Larson, and Smith.
Opposed: None.

Additional Business and Petitions *(including items to be voted upon)*

1. Ordinance No. 2026-03, revising Ordinance No. 2023-07, regarding the establishment and regulation of the Water Department.
Council Member Larson moved to approve the Ordinance No. 2026-03. Council Member Smith seconded the motion.
VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts and Council Members Clawson, Larson, and Smith.
Opposed: None.
2. Natalie Howard requested a variance for a sound-barrier fence. Following discussion, the Council determined that the request should be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission to clarify whether a variance is required.

Reports by Town Officers and Boards

Mayor James Roberts

1. Building update: The fan is being replaced with a window, and a 4-by-4-foot slab still needs to be placed by the door.
2. Future third well: This project remains under consideration for a future date.

3. Town Hall defibrillator: Brandon was assigned to order one or two defibrillators compatible with the ambulance systems.
4. Backup generator: Mayor Roberts is working on a possible generator option and expects more information in the next few weeks.

Council Member Brandon Rees — Water and Streets

1. Boost pump project update: The tank lid is complete except for sealant around the edges. The total grant was \$600,000; to date, \$557,183 has been spent, leaving approximately \$42,800 remaining. The tank lid is expected to cost about \$12,000, and the remaining grant funds will be used for electrical upgrades and the SCADA system to automate pumps and pressure controls.
2. Fire Department update: Shawn Robison has been out on medical service @ the Cottonwood Fire. The town's truck is back from the Cottonwood Fire, and Fire Department staff assisted with the Moroni fireworks on July 4. The town has adopted the state fire-restriction regulations.

Council Member Brian Smith — Parks and Cemetery

1. The recreation grant was not approved. Because it was a preliminary planning grant, the town may still apply in January for equipment, courts, or other eligible improvements.
2. Basketball backboard and park security: Council Member Smith received a photo showing damage to a basketball backboard that may have been caused by vandalism. Security cameras would help monitor the property, identify littering, and support accountability. Sprinkler work is ongoing, and the grass is beginning to recover.

Council Member Helen Clawson — Cemetery and Parks

1. The solar system has been installed and is operational. The Council thanked Ron Garff and Hayden Nicholes for helping make it functional.

Council Member David Larson — Streets and Water

1. Street repair and upkeep: Improvements are being assessed for certain blocks, and repurposed asphalt is being considered for areas of concern.
2. Andrew Anderson has a brush hog available for review.
3. Some road shoulders need grading along the sides of the streets.
4. The 100 South and 100 East intersection has a significant amount of loose gravel, and similar conditions exist at other intersections.
5. It was noted that information about new state laws regulating ATVs and side-by-sides should be sent to residents to educate them on proper use.

Administration — Kevin Washburn, Doug McMullin, and Erika Anderson

1. Security camera quote: The quote includes five cameras to cover town buildings and the park, with memory storage, for a total of \$2,998.40.
2. Welsh Days hats are available at the town office for \$25.

Adjournment:

Brian Smith made a motion to adjourn; Council member Clawson seconded the motion.

VOTE: In favor: Mayor Roberts, Council members Clawson, Larson, and Smith.

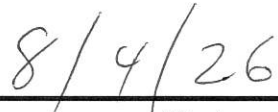
Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

MINUTES APPROVED:



Mayor: James Roberts

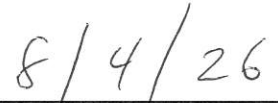


Date

ATTEST:



Deputy Town Clerk: Doug McMullin



Date