

Regular Meeting Minutes

Town Council Members Present: Mayor Doug Clements- Presiding, Don Sant, Scott Solum, Jim Brown, Michael Bauer.

Staff: Planner-Brian Preece, Clerk-Karen Mair, Mike Radke- Public Works, Dave Hendricksen-Cemetery.

Public: Lynn Fautin, Bob Kowallis, Natalie Taylor, Jessica Shepherd.

Meeting called to order: 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: All

Opening Prayer: Scott Solum

Approval of the Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2026:

Mayor Clements asks if all the members have had a chance to read through the minutes and if so, he will accept a motion. Don Sant makes a motion to approve the minutes for June 4, 2026. Jim Brown seconds the motion. Voting is unanimous. The minutes are approved as written.

Approval of the Financials for June 2026:

Mayor Clements stated that since this is the end of the fiscal year, the financials are not ready to be approved since there are still some invoices that will be billed in July that will need to be posted to the last fiscal year. We will postpone approving the financials for June 2026 to August 2, 2026.

Public Comment:

Scott Keller wanted to thank everyone for the work that has been done at the cemetery. It is beginning to look very nice there.

Scheduled Agenda Items:

Resolution 2026-07 Final Tax Rate for 2026

Brain indicates that the county evaluates the revenue the town made on the prior year of property taxes. Generally, the property value goes up, and the tax rate goes down to equal it so that the town doesn't get any more revenue because of the increase in property values. The only way to get an increase in property tax is to do a tax increase. This must be done at the beginning of the year and there would have to be public hearings, and the increase would have to be passed before the tax rates are set. This is called truth in taxation. What we are doing here is accepting the tax rate that the county has set for this year so that we do not receive any more revenue.

Jim Brown makes the motion to accept Resolution 2026-07 Adoption of the 2026 Tax Rate. Michael Bauer seconds the motion.

A roll call vote was cast. Results are as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Council Member – Michael Bauer	X		
Council Member – Don Sant	X		
Council Member – Scott Solum	X		
Council Member – Jim Brown	X		
Mayor – Doug Clements	X		

All in favor. The motion carries.

State of Utah Temporary Firework Ban

Mayor Clements discussed the State of Utah Temporary Fireworks Ban and presented a letter supporting the ban, noting that fireworks will only be permitted through licensed professional displays authorized by the town. He clarified that no professional displays are currently scheduled for the 4th of July in Charleston and mentioned the possibility of future drone shows as an alternative. The council voted to adopt the fireworks ban in support of Governor Cox's request, with no opposition raised.

Land Use Ordinance 02.0624 Update

Mayor Clements discussed the enforcement of a land use ordinance regarding RVs and other compliance issues, noting that one case has been resolved while three others require follow-up. The council expressed strong support for enforcing existing ordinances to maintain the town's standards. The mayor stated that strong opposition has been expressed that this has never been enforced before. The mayor stated that this has been an ordinance for a long time. Brian indicated that this has been an ordinance since 1973 when Land Use was created. Don Sant is 100 percent supportive of enforcing the rules. If it is a rule you don't like, bring it to the Town Council and we can discuss it, otherwise it will be enforced. Scott Solum feels that if we do not enforce our ordinances, then all the ordinances will be void. Don is also concerned with the weeds. There are a few properties that have been completely neglected. This is a big issue for our farmers. The mayor indicated that County Officials were here a few meetings ago and stated that the weeds are a part of the county's obligation. When some residents went to the county, they told them to reach out to their officials. It is stated that the county will give you a gallon of weed killer if you have acre. Don states that we do have an ordinance that is specific to weeds. The mayor asks Karen to send the weed ordinances to the council to address in the next agenda.

Town Business:

We had Visentin Tree company come and clear out all the dead or broken limbs at the park before the Pioneer Day event. He will come on Monday to take out the dead in the tree by the shop.

Town Events:

Heritage Committee:

The mayor asks for an update for the Pioneer Day event.

Jana indicated that they have around 27 people signed up for the splash and grab so far. They expect to have more in the next couple weeks. The race is on track with some that have already signed up. They expect more the week of the race. Jana mentions that Shawn Taylor oversees the entertainment. Jeremy Ostmann is doing the corn hole tournament, Lynnne Casper is doing the kids games, Brenda Gemmel is doing the vendors and food trucks, Jan Wilson is doing the auction, the town is doing the breakfast, Scott

Solum is doing the car show. The fireworks are to be determined later. We will also be doing hot air balloon rides after the car show has ended. The next meeting will be on July 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

The mayor stated that he is working with Nancy O'Toole on a grant that the State of Utah is issuing worth 11 million dollars this year. He has given her some ideas of what the town could use this grant for concerning the park upgrades. It cannot be used for new development. It can be used for maintenance, playground equipment, and anything that focuses on outdoor activity and exercise.

Some of the items that we included in the grant application is the roof on the pavilion. It does need to be replaced soon. There is a big interest in jogging trails, and the issue of usable restrooms is also a big priority. We are looking into placing a coded lock for the town residents to be able to access the restrooms. We added painting the crosswalks at the school intersection at 3000 South by the SHCS, upgrading the volleyball court at the park. We also included painting the speed limit on the roads to see if that would help make people more conscious of the speed limit. These are some of the items that could qualify for the grant and they totaled around \$85,000.00. This is a grant that needs to be spent by the middle of next year. Nancy is doing her best to help us obtain this grant to help save the town money.

Town Property and Maintenance:

- a. **Cemetery:** We have poured a concrete pad to help keep the spoils that have been removed from the graves and keep the sand and topsoil organized.
- b. **Shop:** We have poured another concrete pad and are putting concrete blocks around it so that we can move the salt for the roads out of the shop. That makes it so we can utilize space.
- c. **Town Hall:** We are getting a price for what it would cost to fix and clean the stucco on the building. Michael Bauer asks if this was something that we had to bid for. Mike Radke stated that it is just an estimate for now to see if we want to go forward with the repairs and that when the decision is made, they will do the bid process.
- d. **Roads:** Most of the easements have been mowed to 12 feet. Those that he could not get that far are at least 6 feet. All the crack seal and slurry were done on the last year cycle. The triangle by the cemetery was completed as well.
- e. **Park:** We are looking at a coded lock for the pavilion that each resident would have a 6-digit code that grants residents access to the bathrooms.

Town Equipment-Maintenance and Repair:

- a. **Town equipment:** The mayor states that the plow truck, the way it is set up now, has limited use. Mike Radke has been in contact with Signature Trucking for an estimate for adding a dump bed so that the truck can be used year-round. Unfortunately, it is not 4-wheel drive which makes it unmarketable for someone that would use that sort of truck. The mayor stated that he would like to move the current maintenance shed to the cemetery and look at building a new building that would have a 2-bay garage with offices and a place to hold meetings.

Town Projects:

General Plan Update:

Brian stated that we are still waiting for the General Plan Consultants to get back to us to continue with the update. The last time we met they stated that it would be 3-4 months. It should be getting close to another meeting.

- A- Jana asked the mayor if we could have a works session with the Town CPA before the next meeting to go over the finances of the Pioneer Day so that both parties are clear of what each of their roles and responsibilities are. The council agrees and Karen will reach out to Dave and see if he is available to meet at 6:00pm. prior to the regular Town Council Meeting.
- B- Don Sant stated that Cortland Nelson has requested some time in the next Town Council Meeting to go over some preparation for the '34 Olympics. Cortland is heavily involved in the Olympic Legacy Foundation.
- C- Michael Bauer mentioned a grant that would take the Charleston Water Conservancy, the Town Council, and the Heritage Committee to apply for this grant. If we were to obtain this grant, it would help replace all the old lines that leak water that is valuable to the town.

Next Town Council Meeting will be August 6, 2026

Scott Solum makes a motion to adjourn Jim Brown seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Mair – Clerk\Recorder