Town of Dutch John

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Regular Town Council Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Meeting Location: Dutch John Community Center 530 South Blvd.

Public Access

Meeting access is available electronically. See https://dutchjohn.gov/pages/calendar for more details.

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

   Minutes:
   - Call to order at 7pm.

2. **Roll Call**

   Minutes:
   - Town Council & Staff: Harriet Dickerson, Sandy Kunkel, Amy McDonald, Rachel Albritton (online), Allen Parker, Butch Johns (absent, excused).
   - Public: JayDee Guymon, Aaron Averett

3. **Consent Agenda**

   Minutes:
   Motion
   Sandy motioned to accept the consent agenda. Harriet second. All in favor.

   a. **Minutes of meeting: July 8, 2026**

      Minutes:
      - The July 8, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.

   b. **Expenditures: Voucher List**

      Minutes:
      - The voucher list was reviewed and approved.

   c. **Correspondence: Mike Harrington resignation letter, Union Wireless**

      Minutes:

- The council acknowledged the resignation of town attorney Mike Harrington, who is moving to a new position.
- Union Wireless: The council discussed an outdated franchise agreement signed in 2010. The town will review a new proposal from the company.

4. **Committee / Staff Reports**
    a. **Mayor's Report**
    b. **Volunteer Fire Department**

    Minutes:
    - JayDee clarified that a recent notice regarding a fire chief position was for Daggett County, not the Town of Dutch John.

    c. **Planning and Zoning**

    Minutes:
    - No formal report was provided, though there was a brief update on "Dark Skies" initiatives; Jamie Barrus (PNZ Secretary) is currently coordinating with a specialist to explore requirements and provide a joint presentation and discussion with Town Council and Planning and Zoning in August.

    d. **Building and Grounds**
    e. **Cemetery**

    Minutes:
    - Reports indicated water pressure issues at the cemetery, resulting in dry grass.

    f. **Freedom Festival: July 3, 2027**

    Minutes:
    - The freedom festival breakfast was successful with no reported issues. The next Freedom Festival is scheduled for July 3, 2027.

    g. **America 250 Utah Celebration**
5. **Public Comment**

    Minutes:
    - A concern regarding the lack of garbage service at the container house; the council noted the issue and agreed to address it.
    - A community-wide yard sale event is planned for the upcoming Saturday.

6. **Old Business**
    a. **Sunrise Engineering Fire Station Recommendations - Discussion and Possible Action**

    Minutes:
    - Aaron Averett, a representative from Sunrise Engineering presented the following plan for the fire station and EMS building projects:
        - The project will be separated into three distinct parts: roof repairs,

general interior renovations for the fire station, and hiring an architect to design the EMS building.

- Sunrise Engineering will act as a guide through the CIB process, assisting the town in securing the necessary contractors and an architect. The architect will subsequently hire an engineer for the EMS design. The focus for now is strictly on these foundational steps to manage costs.
- The cost is capped at $16,500 based on a time-and-materials agreement. This will be managed as a task under the town's existing General Services Agreement rather than a new contract.
- The initial phase is expected to take approximately three months to get contractors and architects on board.

Motion Harriet made a motion to accept the agreement with Sunrise Engineering. Rachel seconded.
VOTE

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

7. **New Business**
8. **Closed Session, if necessary* Pursuant to 52-4-20**
9. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

- Sandy motioned to adjourn at 7:25. Rachel seconded. All in favor.

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Deputy Clerk