

Town of Independence

Town Council Meeting

06/10/2026 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Bonnie Wilson. **Councilmembers** Gary Ryan, Will Duke and Jim Tolbert. Tracy Sabey was excused.

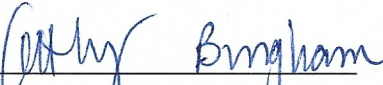
Staff attendance: Jodi Hoffman and Cathy Bingham

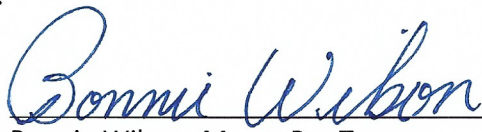
Others in attendance: No others in attendance.

1. Mayor Pro Tem Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Prayer. Councilmember Duke offered the prayer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Ryan offered the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Discussion and possible adoption of draft minutes for May 13, 2026.
 - Councilmember Tolbert moved to approve the draft minutes for May 13, 2026.
 - Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
5. Discussion and possible adoption of the Wildland Fire Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Independence and the Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands.
 - Ms. Hoffman explained the Agreement.
 - The State developed the Wildland Urban Interface Code about 10 years ago.
 - The Wasatch County Fire Department has done all of the required reporting to the State for municipalities within Wasatch County since then.
 - Now, municipalities need to start filling out our own reports showing improvements and updates that have been completed during the year to prevent wildland fires.
 - Tree trimming, road improvements, new building fire codes are a few of the things that will be included in the report. These types of improvements are basically done each year when the road projects are done.
 - Councilmember Duke moved to approve the Wildland Fire Cooperative Agreement between the Town of Independence and the Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands.
 - Councilmember Ryan seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
6. Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution 2026-02 adopting an amendment to the FY2025-2026 Town Budget and the proposed FY2026-2027 Town Budget.

- Ms. Hoffman made the changes as discussed in the last meeting, adding \$5,000 for public outreach and increasing the Sales Tax revenue \$5,000.
 - Councilmember Ryan moved to approve Resolution 2026-02 adopting an amendment to the FY2025-2026 Town Budget and the proposed FY2026-2027 Town Budget.
 - Councilmember Tolbert seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
7. Discussion regarding civility in public meetings and public outreach.
- Mayor Pro Tem Wilson asked for this item to be continued.
8. Roads Update.
- Ms. Hoffman is waiting for specifications from Horrocks Engineering for the Little Sweden Road and Duke Lane road improvement project. Once the bid package is ready the project will be advertised for bids.
9. Development Update.
- Improvements to cell towers at Daniels Summit are continuing to be made.
10. Public Comments.
- No public comments.
 - Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and the Council wished Councilmember Ryan good luck on his new endeavors and thanked him for his many years of service to the Town.
11. Adjourn.
- Councilmember Duke moved to adjourn at 7:52 pm.
 - Councilmember Tolbert seconded the motion.
 - The motion was approved unanimously.

Dated this ¹²/₁₉th day of August, 2026.


Cathy Bingham, Town Clerk


Bonnie Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem