

ROCKY RIDGE PUBLIC HEARING &
TOWN MEETING
Aug 19, 2026
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Opening:

Presiding: Mayor Ronald Allred

Present from the Town Council: Ronald Allred, Joanna Covington, Chuck Todd, Andrew Aagard and Byron Allred.

Present from the Town Staff: Benjamin Allred, Terry Allred, Tanna Jenson, Neva Ray and Casey Reynolds.

Others Present: Mika Sperry, Marvin Kenison, Julia Allred, Marilyn Thompson, Daniel Reynolds, James Allred, Madeline Allred, Wendy Allred, Alorah Todd, Brian L. Jenson, Shannon A. Jenson, Clint Painter, Nathan Allred, Mickail Allred, Dan Reynoso, Julie Reynoso, Chandler Stagg, Ben Jenson, Sarah Ann Allred, Kelly Bronson, Patty Allred, Brandon Allred, Sharon Jenson, Abigail Kool, Jonathan Kool, Ryan Lind, Christine Palacios, Shanli Allred, David Allred, Katie Allred, Tim Allred, Rebekah Bunker, Lottie Bronson, Kim Bronson, Aubrey Bunker.

Invocation was given.

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR EMS SERVICE PROVIDERS – Casey Reynolds

The Town Council met to review proposals for the Town's 911 ambulance emergency response and ground transportation provider. The public hearing was prompted by changes in state law with Senate Bill 215 passing in 2024 that require governmental entities to determine and designate the ambulance provider serving their jurisdiction.

The Town's current arrangement is with Juab County, while Santaquin City Fire & EMS submitted an alternative proposal. The Town needed to make a provider decision before the existing agreement/designation deadline in September.

Casey explained that the Town issued a Request for Proposals (RFP), and both Juab County and Santaquin City responded.

Three evaluators reviewed the proposals independently, using the criteria established in the RFP. The evaluation considered items including:

- Competitive/free fee structure
- Cost
- Quality and licensing
- Coverage area
- References
- Past performance and customer satisfaction

Each evaluator could award up to 40 points, for a maximum of **120 points**.

The resulting scores were:

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Provider	Evaluation Score
Juab County	108/120
Santaquin City	112/120

The Council discussed several questions concerning how the evaluators interpreted particular portions of the proposals, including cost and past-performance criteria.

Casey clarified that the proposed contract concerns 911 emergency ambulance response and ground transportation, and would not replace Rocky Ridge's existing Quick Response EMS program.

Rocky Ridge intends to maintain its independent Quick Response designation. The RFP specifically required the selected ambulance provider to cooperate with Rocky Ridge EMS so that the Town could maintain that designation when its EMS designation comes up for renewal in 2028.

Both providers indicated they would support Rocky Ridge's Quick Response program.

The public hearing was opened to receive comments and questions regarding the two proposals.

Santaquin Fire Chief Ryan Lind presented Santaquin City's proposal.

Key points included:

- Santaquin is geographically closer to Rocky Ridge than the Juab County service based in Nephi.
- Chief Lind personally drove from the Santaquin station to Rocky Ridge and reported a driving time of approximately **seven minutes** while obeying the speed limit.
- Santaquin operates a 24-hour staffed paramedic ambulance service.
- The department has approximately 28 paramedics, 18 advanced EMTs, and additional basic/first responders.
- A backup ambulance is available, with personnel able to respond to the station when the primary ambulance is unavailable.
- Santaquin emphasized its ability to provide quicker response times and maintain backup coverage.
- Santaquin expressed support for Rocky Ridge's Quick Response EMS program.
- Rocky Ridge EMS personnel would be welcome to participate in Santaquin training and ambulance ride-alongs.
- Santaquin described an existing cooperative relationship with Rocky Ridge's fire/EMS personnel.

Chief Lind stated that the primary benefit to Santaquin would be the opportunity to continue building a strong relationship with its neighboring community rather than a direct financial benefit.

Cost to Patients/Town

Questions were raised regarding whether the choice of provider would result in different ambulance charges.

The discussion indicated that:

- There would be no direct charge to Rocky Ridge from either provider for the ambulance service.
- Ambulance costs are generally recovered by billing the patient.
- Charges are subject to state requirements.

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- Mileage can affect the patient's charge.
- The providers indicated that their rates would be very similar, with differences primarily related to mileage and the applicable service.

The Council also requested that Santaquin's statement that there would be no additional cost or charge to the Town be provided in writing.

Juab County presentation by Marvin Kenison

Marvin Kenison of Juab County responded to questions regarding continued service to Rocky Ridge.

Juab County indicated:

- It would continue providing service to Rocky Ridge.
- There would be no direct charge to the Town for the ambulance service.
- The County would continue supporting Rocky Ridge's first responders.
- The County estimated a response time of approximately 12–15 minutes, compared with Santaquin's stated approximately seven-minute drive time.
- The County remains willing to work with Rocky Ridge on the possibility of having an ambulance stationed in Rocky Ridge in the future.
- Training opportunities and ride-alongs with the County were also discussed.

Previous Rocky Ridge Ambulance Service

The Council discussed Rocky Ridge's previous experience with a locally stationed ambulance.

Casey explained that Rocky Ridge previously had an ambulance staffed 24 hours a day for approximately a year and a half, with roughly 12–13 EMTs participating. The arrangement eventually became unviable after changes within the County EMS structure resulted in the loss of personnel. At one point, only one basic EMT remained available locally through the County system.

The discussion indicated that Rocky Ridge currently does not have enough personnel or call volume to independently staff a full-time ambulance.

Training and Continuing Education

Both providers described training opportunities available to Rocky Ridge EMS personnel.

Juab County

Training opportunities include:

- Online continuing education
- In-house training
- State EMS courses
- Advanced clinical training
- Cadaver laboratories
- Critical airway training

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- Opportunities to participate in regional training and meetings

Santaquin City

Santaquin indicated that:

- Scheduled EMS training occurs every other week, generally the first and third Thursdays.
- Crews participate in continuing education on a regular basis.
- Ride-alongs can provide documented EMS training hours.
- Online training is available.
- Personnel may participate in additional regional and hospital-based training opportunities.

Both providers stated that the proposed agreement would be for four years, with the ability to reconsider the arrangement when the contract expires.

Public Comment Regarding Existing EMS Relationship

Daniel Reynolds, a professional paramedic and Rocky Ridge EMS participant, addressed the Council regarding his previous experience with Juab County EMS and expressed himself as a citizen of Rocky Ridge.

Mr. Reynolds described difficulties he said occurred during his previous involvement with East Juab Ambulance and subsequent interactions with Juab County EMS. He stated that these experiences affected his willingness to work under the Juab County EMS organization.

He also expressed concerns regarding what he described as communication and cooperation issues during some past emergency calls, including concerns about treatment decisions and the amount of time spent on scene before transporting critical patients.

Mr. Reynolds stated that, based on his experience, he supported selecting Santaquin City as Rocky Ridge's ambulance provider.

Major Issues Considered by the Council

The discussion identified the following primary considerations:

1. **Response time**
Santaquin's closer geographic location was viewed as a significant potential advantage.
2. **Quality and availability of service**
Santaquin described a 24-hour staffed paramedic ambulance and backup coverage.
3. **Cost to the Town**
Both providers indicated there would be no direct municipal charge, although patient billing and mileage would apply.
4. **Existing relationships**
Juab County has an established relationship with Rocky Ridge, while Santaquin already has a cooperative relationship with Rocky Ridge's fire/EMS personnel.

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5. **Quick Response EMS**

The selected provider must support Rocky Ridge's independent Quick Response EMS designation.

6. **Training opportunities**

Both providers offered continuing education, ride-alongs, and other training opportunities.

7. **Past performance and cooperation**

The Council heard differing perspectives regarding prior experiences with Juab County EMS.

8. **Contract length**

The proposed arrangement was discussed as a **four-year agreement**.

Following additional public comment, the Council discussed the choice between Juab County EMS and Santaquin City Fire & EMS.

A resident expressed concern regarding hospital destination and asked whether patients would have a choice of hospital if Santaquin were selected. Santaquin representatives confirmed that patient choice would be honored, subject to the patient's condition and the closest appropriate medical facility.

Another resident expressed strong concern regarding comments made by Daniel Reynolds and stated that the concerns raised by a professional EMS provider should be taken seriously. The resident also described a personal experience in which Rocky Ridge's Quick Response EMS arrived rapidly during a medical emergency.

Informal Public Preference

The mayor requested an informal show of hands to determine the public's preference, while noting that the official decision would be made by the Town Council through a roll-call vote:

- **Santaquin City:** 31
- **Juab County:** 0

Decision

The Town Council held a roll call vote and unanimously selected Santaquin City Fire & EMS as Rocky Ridge's 911 ambulance/emergency medical services provider.

Casey Reynolds will coordinate with Ryan Lind of Santaquin City to complete the necessary arrangements. An official letter from the mayor is to be prepared and submitted to the Utah Bureau of Emergency Medical Services documenting the Town's decision.

Chief Ryan Lind clarified that the decision would not end Rocky Ridge's relationship with Juab County. Mutual-aid agreements will remain in place, and Juab County will continue to be a partner and resource for Rocky Ridge.

The public hearing was then formally closed, and the Council proceeded with the regular Town Meeting.

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Approval of Minutes:

The Council reviewed the July meeting minutes and identified several corrections and clarifications, including:

- Correction of a duplicated sentence in the final paragraph.
- Clarification of references to Andy Allred versus Mr. Allred.
- Clarification of references to Casey and Terry in the departmental updates.

Council Member Andrew Aagard motioned to approve July minutes as corrected. Council Member Joanna Covington seconded the motion; all others voted in favor.

Unfinished Business:

1. Consolidated Fee Schedule – The Council discussed the annual review of the Town’s consolidated fee schedule.

Lane Allred has proposed changes to present but was unable to attend because of a scheduling conflict. The matter was therefore postponed until the next meeting.

Neva Ray requested that the staff review the fee schedule before the next Town Meeting and identify any recommended changes.

2. Rocky Mountain Power – Well #3

Rocky Mountain Power changed the rate schedule for Well No. 3 to Schedule 6A. Town Hall will remain on Schedule 23.

Staff noted that the change may provide a cost benefit. Rocky Mountain Power indicated that if the new rate results in the Town having paid more than necessary, a credit will be issued.

The change could take up to two months to fully process. Staff will monitor the account and place a follow-up reminder on the calendar for approximately one year.

3. Mailbox Parking Plans – Terry Allred

The proposed mailbox parking improvements remain on hold until they can be incorporated into a larger master plan for the mailbox area.

Terry stated that parking near the newer Phase E and Phase F mailboxes is not currently necessary. The Town is beginning to consider a longer-term plan for a possible post office/mail facility at the site.

4. Cemetery Block Request – Terry Allred

The cemetery blocks have been repurposed, and the matter was considered resolved.

5. Hillside Drive Speed Reduction Request – Mayor Allred

The Council continued discussion regarding traffic speeds, parking, visibility, and pedestrian safety on Hillside Drive.

The existing speed limit is **25 mph**. The Council discussed whether lowering the speed limit would be effective, noting that motorists do not necessarily comply with posted speed limits.

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Road Right-of-Way and Parking

Terry explained that the Town's road right-of-way extends approximately 25 feet from the centerline. Vehicles parked within the right-of-way, particularly vehicles extending beyond the white line, can create hazards by:

- Narrowing the roadway
- Reducing visibility
- Blocking views of pedestrians and children
- Creating hazards for vehicles traveling downhill

Planning and Zoning is expected to prepare an outlay/map showing the roadway right-of-way and appropriate parking areas.

Proposed Stop Sign

A resident clarified that a request had been made for a three-way stop at the bottom of Hillside Drive to reduce traffic speeds.

The Council discussed whether a stop sign would be effective. Several members expressed concern that existing stop signs are frequently ignored.

Speed Dip / Drainage Improvement

The Council discussed restoring a dip or other traffic-calming feature in the area. The previous dip had been filled when the road was paved.

Terry explained that drainage improvements were also needed at the location. Cross-cutters, curbing, and a properly constructed dip could address both traffic calming and drainage.

The estimated concrete cost was approximately \$6,000–\$8,000, not including labor.

Speed Tables

Dan Reynoso presented an alternative proposal for speed tables, which are longer, gradual raised sections rather than conventional speed bumps.

Discussion included:

- Designed to reduce traffic speeds while allowing emergency vehicles and larger trucks to pass.
- Could be constructed to achieve a desired speed reduction.
- Estimated outside-contractor cost: approximately \$14,000 per speed table.
- Estimated self-construction cost: approximately \$8,000 per table.
- Snowplow and durability considerations would need to be addressed.
- Concrete construction would likely require removal and rebuilding of portions of the existing roadway.

Law Enforcement

The Council discussed the difficulty of relying on the Juab County Sheriff's Office for traffic enforcement because of limited staffing throughout the County.

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The possibility of a Town marshal, traffic cameras, or other enforcement methods was also discussed. The Council noted that traffic-calming infrastructure could provide a more consistent solution without relying solely on enforcement.

Action

The Council agreed to refer the traffic-calming issue to staff and the road department for further review and development of a practical proposal for a future meeting.

6. Park Task Force Update – Wendy Allred

Wendy provided an update on progress made during the previous month to improve the Town Park.

Work Completed

Working with Benjamin, volunteers and staff accomplished several improvements:

- Trenches around trees were cleaned out.
- Bark was placed around trees.
- Tree watering was increased from approximately five to ten minutes per tree.
- Fertilizer was applied.
- Four of the 14 sprinkler zones on the upper portion of the park were brought into operation.
- Drip irrigation at the Tiny Tots area was repaired.
- Drip irrigation on the hill was restored.
- Bark was added near the large pavilion.
- Sand was removed from designated areas in preparation for adding dirt and reseeding grass.
- Additional work was coordinated with volunteers and contractors.

Wendy reported that these improvements had been accomplished within approximately one month.

Park Management Proposal – Brandon Allred

Brandon presented a Rocky Ridge Park Management Proposal designed to establish a more organized, long-term system for park maintenance and stewardship.

The proposal was presented as a one-year trial. The intent was to support Benjamin rather than replace him and to create a system in which responsibilities, maintenance schedules, volunteer assignments, budgeting, and accountability are clearly defined.

Proposed Management Structure

The proposed structure would include:

Town Council/Mayor

→ Parks Director

→ Park Superintendent

→ Employees and volunteers

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A **Green Committee** would work with the Parks Director and Superintendent on landscaping and beautification.

The proposal emphasized:

- Clear chain of command
- Long-term Park planning
- Defined responsibilities
- Proactive rather than reactive maintenance
- Volunteer coordination
- Task lists and schedules
- Regular inspections
- Quarterly reporting to the Town Council
- Improved budget planning and accountability

Proposed Parks Director

The Parks Director position was proposed as an unpaid volunteer position responsible primarily for management and coordination rather than daily physical maintenance.

Responsibilities would include:

- Long-range Park planning
- Project coordination
- Maintaining task lists
- Assigning and following up on projects
- Coordinating volunteer assistance
- Budget planning and recommendations
- Financial tracking and reporting
- Quarterly reports to the Town Council
- Conducting regular management/traction meetings

Park Superintendent

Benjamin would continue as the Park Superintendent, with primary responsibility for:

- Daily Park maintenance
- Facilities and equipment
- Repairs
- Irrigation
- Event coordination
- Supervision of employees
- Completion of scheduled maintenance
- Reporting expenditures
- Working with volunteers and the Green Committee

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The proposal also sought to free Benjamin from some landscaping duties so that more time could be devoted to maintenance and mechanical needs.

Green Committee

The Green Committee would focus primarily on:

- Landscaping;
- Trees and shrubs;
- Flowers;
- Soil improvements;
- Beautification;
- Identifying maintenance needs;
- Volunteer projects.

The committee would be volunteer-based and would operate within an approved budget.

Discussion of Authority and Accountability

Council members discussed the need to clearly establish who has final authority within the proposed structure.

A concern was raised that the Parks Director, Superintendent, and Green Committee could otherwise become competing authorities. Members agreed that the Town should establish a clear hierarchy and define the authority and responsibilities of each position.

It was emphasized that the Green Committee would not override Benjamin in his role as Superintendent and that the committee would work in conjunction with him.

Neva also noted that committees operating with Town funds must comply with applicable requirements concerning budgets, records, minutes, and other governmental procedures.

Members noted that the system should be designed to remain effective even when the individuals holding the positions change.

Approval of Park Management Proposal

After discussion, Council Member Andrew Aagard made a motion to accept the park management proposal, appointing:

- Brandon — Parks Director
- Sarah Ann — Green Committee Chair

The motion was seconded and the Council voted to proceed with implementation rather than postpone the matter.

The proposal is to be treated as an evolving system, with adjustments made as necessary during implementation.

Budget Limitation

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Benjamin noted that the current fiscal-year park budget has already been established, and the new management structure must operate within the approved budget.

He also noted that some existing projects remain under Lane's direction, including:

- South restroom remodel
- Sports court project

The sports court project has been contracted and significant payments have already been made to contractors.

New Business:

1. Rocky Ridge Road Speed Reduction Request – Dan Reynoso

Resident Dan Reynoso expressed concern about ongoing speeding in Rocky Ridge, noting that the issue has been discussed for years without significant action. They recalled that a temporary speed dip near Ben's was effective and noted that some drivers are traveling in excess of 50 mph. The resident emphasized the safety concerns for bicyclists, four-wheelers, scooters, pedestrians, and residents entering the roadway from driveways.

Concern was also raised about children crossing Rocky Ridge Road to access equipment on the opposite side of the road. The resident noted that the addition of the Mountain Ridge stop sign temporarily reduced traffic on Rocky Ridge Road, but traffic has increased again. While some drivers obey stop signs, others do not.

The resident cited statistics regarding increased risk of severe injury and death at higher speeds and urged the Town to take meaningful action to address speeding and improve roadway safety. The resident acknowledged that the Town planned to discuss the matter separately and emphasized the importance of addressing the issue.

Departments:

1. **EMS/CERT:** Casey reported that licensing requirements are the only remaining item being addressed for EMS/CERT.
2. **Water:** Casey stated that the Well #1 remodeling project is nearing completion. The remaining work consists primarily of receiving valves and completing minor finishing items.
3. **Road:** Terry reported that the recently approved stop signs have been installed. The four-way stop signs were installed at the designated intersections, including the intersection near the church. The Council expressed appreciation for the timely completion of the work.
4. **P & Z:** No update was provided due to Lane's absence.
5. **Admin:** July expenditures were reviewed. A \$2,500 expenditure with Absolute Suppliers was discussed. The purchase is for a trash pump to remove stormwater from the pump house area so the water can be utilized. The expenditures were approved.

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6. **Park:** Benjamin stated that the dinosaur feature has been repaired. A few additional issues have since been identified and will be addressed. The North restroom insulation has been installed in the attic in preparation for installation of the planned heater. Forms have been prepared for two concrete pads for propane tanks serving the restroom heaters, with the concrete work anticipated to begin Monday.
7. **Library:** The library is expected to reopen when school resumes on September 8, 2026.

Citizen Items:

1. Commissioner Clint Painter

Commissioner Clint Painter addressed the Council and residents to express his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Rocky Ridge community for nearly 12 years. He stated that his term will conclude at the end of the year.

Commissioner Painter expressed appreciation for his experiences working with the Town, including participation on the fire board and involvement with residents through the Big Hearts Helping Hands volunteer recognition program. The Council and residents expressed their appreciation for his service.

Commissioner Painter announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held in Rocky Ridge on September 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

He noted that Dave Fletcher and Dennis Timm are candidates for his position, with the successful candidate to assume the seat following the election.

2. Katie Allred – Agenda Order

Katie Allred requested that Citizen Items be moved earlier in the meeting agenda, noting that parents with young children and babies may have difficulty waiting until late in the meeting to address the Council.

The Council agreed that Citizen Items could be moved earlier on future agendas. It was suggested that Citizen Items be placed immediately after approval/review of the minutes.

The Council agreed to try the revised agenda order at the next meeting. It was noted that citizens wishing to address the Council should still arrive on time.

Town Council Items: None

Adjournment:

Council Member Andrew Aagard moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Byron Allred seconded the motion, all others voted in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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/S/Neva Ray
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