

Kanosh Town Council Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026, 7:00 PM

55 North Main. Street, Kanosh, UT, US

***As mandated by law, two Public Hearings were held before the regular meeting to receive public comment regarding the transfer of enterprise funds as well as the amendment of the FY2027 budget.**

Note: There were no public comments received during either hearings.

Welcome and Call to Order of Regular Kanosh Town Public Meeting

The Kanosh Town Council Regular Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 55 North Main Street, Kanosh, UT. Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker presided.

Members present: Council Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker, Brian Batt, Dan DeGraffenried, and Tim White. Mayor Wenda Crabb was not present at the meeting. Kanosh Town Clerk Kacie Whatcott and Kanosh Town Treasurer DeniAnn Whitaker were also in attendance.

Others in attendance: CERT Captain Geri Minton, Town Manager Lorin Shumway, Town Employee Jim Kooy, Danielle Whitaker, Jim Weaver, Paulette Davis, Paul Davis, Stan Koyle, Star Cummings, Jan Noel, Ron Noel, Cleve Christensen, Marjean Christensen, Shonda Robison, Bart Whatcott, Bruce Whatcott, Susie Perkins, and Brandon George

The invocation was offered by Council Member Tim White.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Brian Batt.

Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Acting Mayor Whitaker confirmed that all council members had reviewed the minutes from the previous regular meeting and the emergency meeting. No changes were communicated. Both sets of minutes were approved.

Minutes of the July 2026 meeting were read and approved by motion Council Member Tim White; Council Member Brian Batt provided a second to the motion, and all council members voted in favor, as noted below:

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker	Aye
Council Members	
Dan DeGraffenried	Aye
Tim White	Aye
Brian Batt	Aye

Minutes of the Emergency meeting were read and approved by motion Council Member Tim White; Council Member Dan DeGraffenried provided a second to the motion, and all council members voted in favor, as noted below:

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker	Aye
Council Members	

Dan DeGraffenried
Tim White
Brian Battt

Aye
Aye
Aye

Approval of Payment of Warrants for the Current Meeting

Acting Mayor Whitaker noted that the warrant list had been incomplete earlier but was updated to include additional items received the day of the meeting. The clerk highlighted several significant expenditures for the council's awareness:

- Flood abatement costs to date: approximately \$17,000–\$18,000
- Dixie Power line rebuild for the canyon: \$280,000, offset by a \$100,000 credit from previously sold infrastructure, resulting in a net cost of approximately \$180,000
- Street chip seal on the east side: approximately \$172,000

Warrants for August 2026 were read, discussed, and approved to be paid through a motion by Council Member Brian Batt. Council Member Tim White provided a second to the motion, and all council members voted in favor as noted below:

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker Aye

Council Members

Dan DeGraffenried Aye
Tim White Aye
Brian Batt Aye

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August 2026 Warrants				
Warrants Paid End of July				
Vendor	Amount	Department	Explanation	Dpt Head Initial
State of Utah Division of Professional Licensing	\$18.51	Admin	85% of 1% of building permit fee income for Fiscal Q4 (Apr-June)	JW
Millard County Landfill	\$9,734.60	Admin	Landfill Fees Q2	JW
UAMPS	\$19,097.43	Electric	Power Purchase	JW
Penny's Outdoor Power	\$329.65	Cemetery	Blades, Oil Filter for Cemetery Mower	JW
Kevin Stuart	\$100.00	Parks	Park Deposit Refund	JW
Penny's Outdoor Power	\$388.96	Parks	Blades, Oil Filter for Park Mower	JW
Penny's Outdoor Power	\$551.29	Streets	Blades, Oil Filter, Tires for Street Mower	JW
Jim Kooy	\$250.00	Water	Equipment hours 6/21 - 7/4 - New water line Tim White	JW
Jim Kooy	\$450.00	Water	Equipment hours 7/5 - 7/18 (new meter Thayne's, Crabb's water line)	JW
Warrants To Be Paid August				
Vendor	Amount	Department	Explanation	Dpt Head Initial
Jim Kooy	\$119.78	Admin	Chips & food boats for town hall fundraiser	JW
Bryant Cummings	\$197.32	Admin	24th - Dry Ice for 24th Rootbeer	JW
Kanosh Merc	\$331.99	Admin	Buns & Hotdogs for town hall fundraiser	JW
Kanosh Merc	\$3,172.24	Admin	24th - Chips, plastic ware, watermelon, salad etc	JW
Roper Lumber	\$413.48	Admin	Paint rollers, febreze, hole saw, etc	JW
Tink's Superior Auto Parts	\$17.96	Admin	Ranger brakes, air brake chamber	JW
GoTo	\$62.91	Admin	Telephone (AUTO PAY)	JW
Enbridge	\$3.95	Admin	Natural Gas at the Shop	JW
Holt Waste	\$280.00	Admin	24th - Dumpster	JW
Penny's Tree Removal	\$14,300.00	Admin	Flood Abatement (\$11,200 due now, rest when we get funding)	JW
Levi Pratt	\$3,810.00	Admin	Flood Abatement	JW
Stan's Sinclair	\$309.92	Admin	Trucks	JW
Millard County Landfill	\$360.00	Admin	30 yds solid waste - Wood, blowaway ????	JW
Dixie Power	\$83.43	Cemetery	Cemetery Power (EFT)	JW
Stan's Sinclair	\$261.50	Cemetery	Mini X, truck, gas cans	JW
Stan's Sinclair	\$34.03	Parks	Mower	JW
Xpress Bill Pay	\$236.18	Electric	Merchant Service (AUTO PAY)	JW
Dixie Power	\$1,173.00	Electric	Wheeling Q2 2026	JW
Dixie Power	\$280,641.83	Electric	Canyon Well Line Rebuild 10/2025 - 06/2026	JW
Dixie Power	\$450.00	Electric	Line Locates 110S 100W, 140S Main, 65N 200W, 46N 200W, 70E 300S, 135E 300S, emergency blue stake	JW
Dixie Power	\$6,082.04	Electric	Paul Gates Install	JW
Dixie Power	\$1,946.63	Electric	Thayne Christensen Install	JW
Dixie Power	\$275.00	Electric	Meter Maintenance	JW

Dixie Power	\$100.00	Electric	Substation Inspection	JL
Dixie Power	\$200.00	Electric	Line Locates 265 S 100 W; 140 S Main; 215 S Main; 300 N Main	JL
Dixie Power	\$1,152.65	Electric	Canyon Well Line Rebuild - Complete	JL
Dixie Power	\$300.00	Electric	System Outages - Blown Section Fuse on 2000?? N Main (that address was on invoice)	JL
Stan's Sinclair	\$71.32	Electric	4-wheeler & Cans	JL
Carquest of Fillmore	\$143.80	Fire	Caging Bolt Assembly, Grommet, Braided Looms	JB
Carquest of Fillmore	\$515.61	Fire	Parts for Trucks	JB
Paradise-Ice	\$208.00	Fire	Ice	JB
Kanosh Merc	\$115.43	Fire	Meals for Firefighters	JB
Christensen Ready Mix, Inc	\$172,794.20	Streets	Chip, Seal, & Flush East Side	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$187.39	Streets	Backhoe	JB
Carling & Company	\$480.00	Streets	2 Loads of Road Base	JB
Scholzen Products	\$171.60	Water	Cylinder Rental - Lease Renewal	JB
Scholzen Products	\$330.00	Water	Chlorine	JB
Central Utah Public Health	\$25.00	Water	June Water Sample	JB
Carquest of Fillmore	\$351.15	Water	Wrench Set	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$433.37	Water	Backhoe, dump truck, truck	JB
Central Utah Public Health	\$50.00	Water	Nitrate Sample, Regular Water Sample	JB
Credit Card Receipts				
Vendor	Amount	Department	Explanation	Dpt Head Initial
Grade Pro	\$344.90	Water	Cameras for Water System	JB
Grade Pro	\$344.89	Admin	Cameras for Dump	JL
	\$689.79			
Zions Bank	\$20.69	Admin	Foreign Transaction Fee for Cameras	JL
Rural Water Association	\$150.00	Water	2025 CCR Report	JB
Amazon	\$70.16	Admin	24th - Flag Holders	JB
Amazon	\$1,398.90	Streets	Digital Speed Signs	JL
Amazon	\$63.88	Admin	24th - Flag Holders	JL
Amazon	\$123.35	Admin	Backpack - DeniAnn; 2nd Monitor - Kacie	JL
Amazon	\$200.94	Admin	24th - Chalk for Parade	JL
Walmart	\$325.70	Admin	Shade Canopy, work lights	JL
Tractor Supply	\$737.78	Admin	Small tools - Jim's truck/shop	JL
The Home Depot	\$368.11	Water	Couplings, parts	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$114.00	Admin	24th - 17 GMC	JL
Timberline Tools	\$473.66	Admin	Hole Saw, bits, etc	JL
The Home Depot	\$1,343.91	Admin	Battery, ratchets, router, hole saw, etc	JL
The Home Depot	\$505.70	Parks	Restrooms - lights, broom, etc	JL
Costco	\$1,113.42	Fire	Creamies 24th (\$430) and snacks for wildland packs	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$127.01	Fire	E-71 Fuel	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$150.00	Fire	E-71, E-7 Fuel	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$67.29	Fire	E-71, E-7 Fuel	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$150.00	Fire	E-71 Fuel	JB
Stan's Sinclair	\$89.49	Fire	E-71 Fuel	JB

CERT

CERT Coordinator Geri Minton reported that the town's 15 CERT radios had been activated and reprogrammed so that all units—ten Motorola handhelds and five Baofeng units—can communicate with one another. She noted that Council Member Brian Batt coordinated the reprogramming and that the radios are charged and staged at the fire station. She clarified that CERT's role is a support function operating after an emergency event, not in front of it, and may be called out by the mayor for tasks such as sandbagging, traffic control, and general community assistance. She noted that CERT had recently attended a county meeting in Fillmore focused on sandbagging preparation and encouraged willing community members to volunteer to assist Fillmore as well. Coordinator Minton reminded the public that CERT is not legally authorized to perform all tasks that residents sometimes request.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Lorin Shumway was late arriving to the meeting, as he was actively stationed up the canyon. In his absence, Council Member Brian Batt reported on behalf of the department. He noted that Engine 71 had been deployed daily for approximately two weeks to locations including Fillmore and surrounding areas. He thanked the firefighters who had been available to respond, specifically mentioning Travis Taylor, Steven, and Jim. No other fire calls had occurred during this period.

Acting Mayor Whitaker shared additional updates from his time at the springs, including the discovery that Spring 4 produces approximately 65 gallons per minute, while the other three springs combined produce approximately 270 gallons per minute—correcting a long-held belief that Spring 4 accounted for 60–80% of the town's water supply. He also noted that the elevation difference between the dam spillway and the high-line ditch was found to be approximately 0.05 inches, differing significantly from prior documentation which had indicated a two-foot difference.

Planning and Zoning

No building permits were submitted or approved during the current period.

Review, Discussion, and Action Items

*Resolution for Budget Amendment & Enterprise Fund Transfer

Acting Mayor Whitaker reported that two public hearings had been held at 6:30 and 6:45 PM prior to the regular meeting to discuss the budget amendment and interfund transfers. He presented Resolution No. 08122026-2, a resolution authorizing interfund transfers and amending the municipal budget for fiscal year 2026–2027.

The transfers were summarized as follows:

- \$37,234 from the Capital Projects Fund to the Water Fund, to return funds previously drawn from water
- \$25,000 from the Electric Fund to the Water Fund for operating capital, representing approximately 3.7% of the total electric fund balance of \$678,000

The purpose of the transfers was to ensure adequate funds were available to cover incoming invoices related to the well project as well as essential system maintenance.

Resolution **08122026-2** for a Budget Amendment as well as an Enterprise Fund Transfer was approved through a motion by Council Member Dan DeGraffenried. Council Member Brian Batt provided a second to the motion, and all council members voted in favor as noted below:

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker

Aye

Council Members

Dan DeGraffenried

Aye

Tim White

Ave

Brian Batt

Ave

*Resolution for Emergency Declaration Extension and Interfund Loan

Acting Mayor Whitaker presented Resolution No. 08042026-1, extending and amending the original declaration of local emergency. He provided background, noting that Mayor Wenda had issued the emergency declaration on August 4, 2026, backdated to July 27, 2026—the date of the Widemouth Canyon wildfire ignition—in order to access emergency funding. He further noted that Millard County had also declared a countywide emergency on Tuesday August 4, 2026, which placed Kanosh under the county's umbrella alongside Meadow and Fillmore.

The resolution proposed extending the emergency declaration through October 31, 2026, given the continuing wildfire (reported at 129,000 acres and 50% containment as of that afternoon) and the ongoing post-fire flooding, debris flow, erosion, and sedimentation hazards anticipated through the fall season.

As part of the resolution, an emergency interfund loan was authorized, with the Electric Fund lending a maximum of \$200,000 to the General Fund at a fixed interest rate of 3.9% per annum, to be repaid within ten years. Loan proceeds were restricted strictly to non-departmental emergency flood response expenditures. Acting Mayor Whitaker noted that per the State Division of Emergency Management, the town is required to pay all expenses from its own funds and seek reimbursement afterward, with state and potential federal 75/25 cost-sharing to follow.

Overview and Framework

The plan follows a five-tier approach: (1) channel and spring shielding and clearing, (2) sandbag preparation, (3) neighborhood stewardship, (4) public flood awareness and early warning, and (5) emergency mitigation. Mr. Freeman acknowledged that significant progress had already been made on the first two tiers.

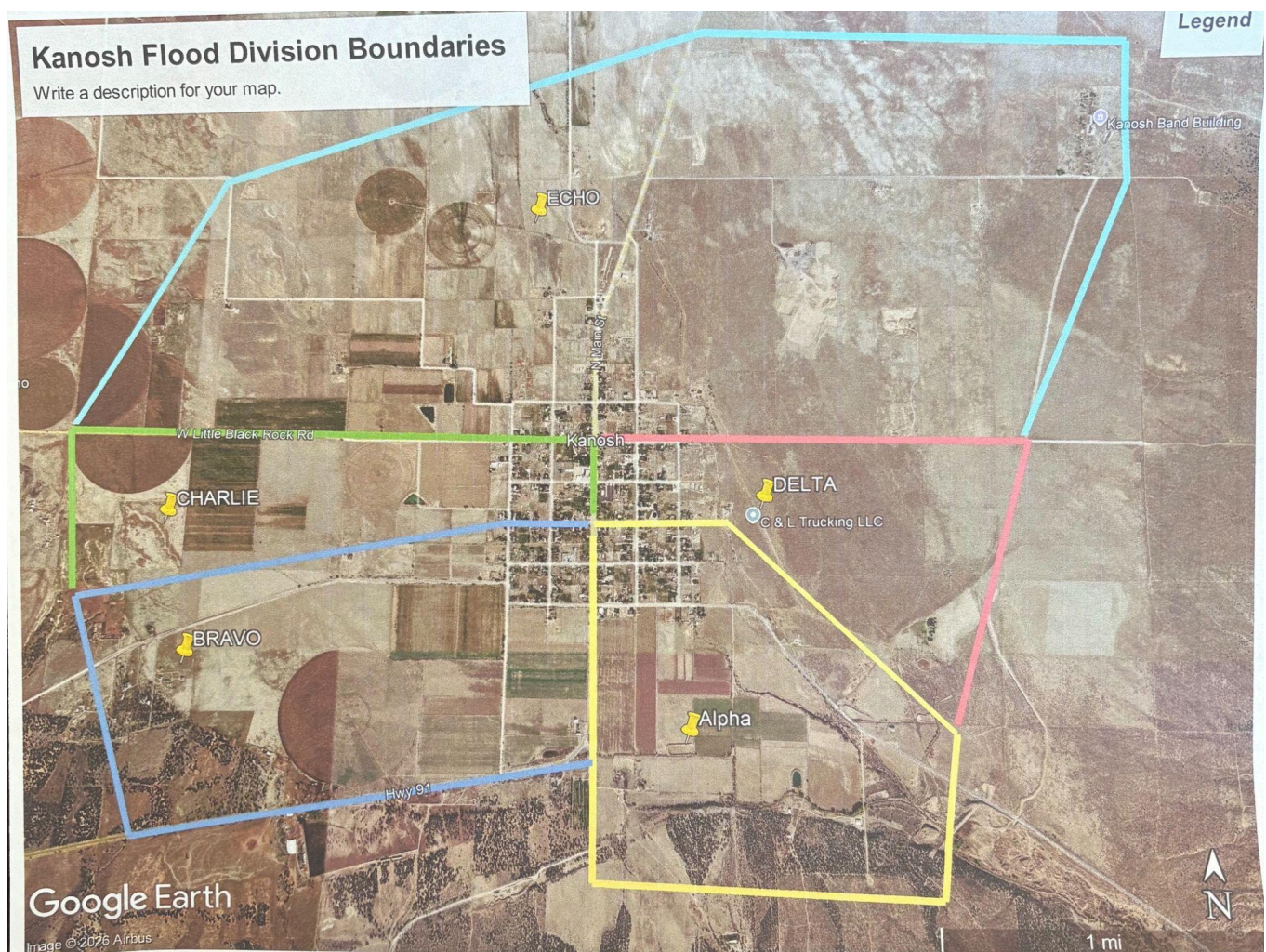
Sandbagging Update

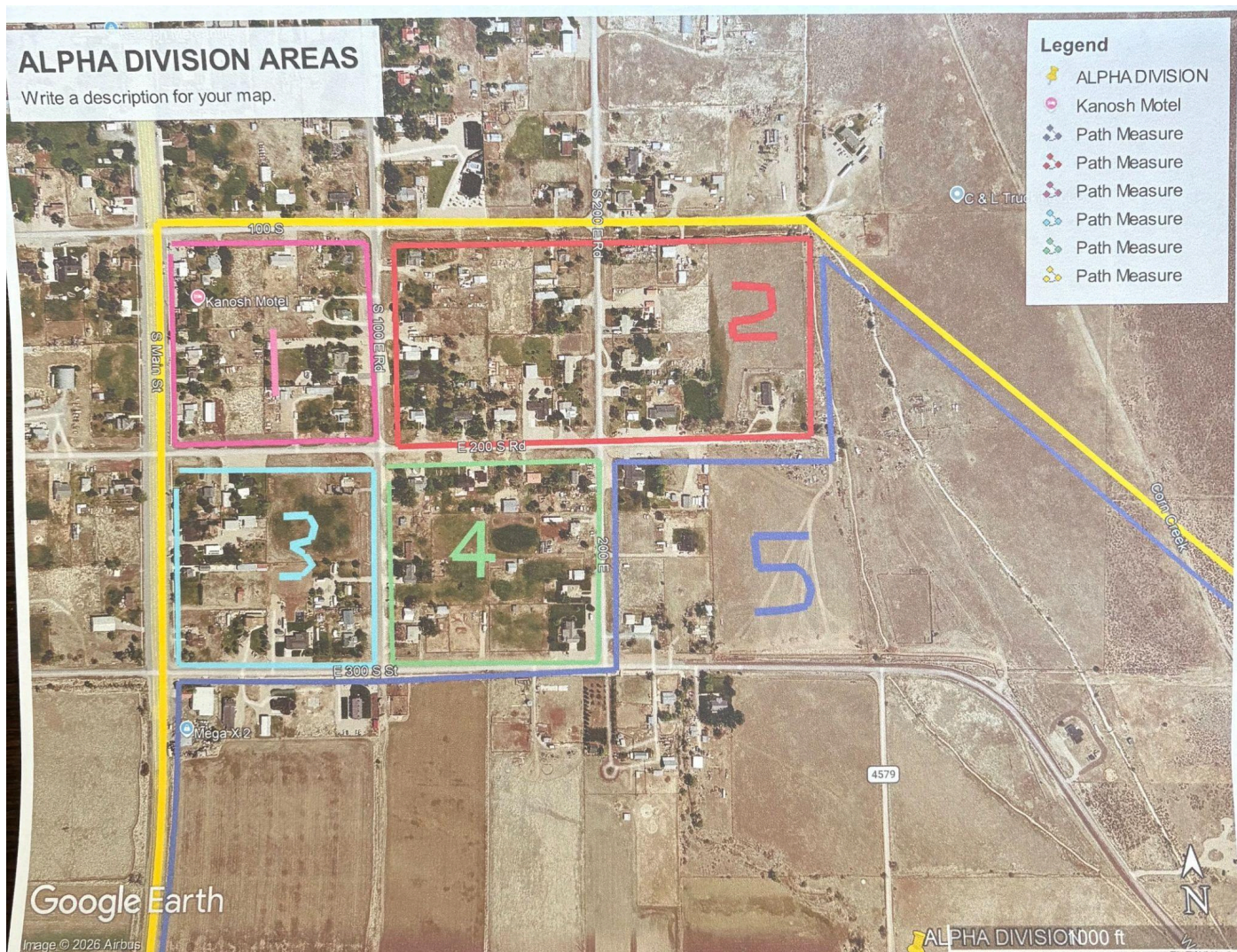
He reported that over 1,200 volunteer hours had been contributed by the community and approximately 13,000 sandbags had been filled locally, with an additional 13,000 provided by Delta. A truck company owner had transported sandbags from Delta, and Provo City delivered two dump trucks of sandbags that morning. The plan calls for every home to have sandbags on a pallet, with pallets to be provided by the town and covers arranged to protect bags from UV deterioration. Residents were encouraged to attend future filling events and track volunteer hours.

Neighborhood Stewardship

Drawing from the ICS (Incident Command System) used in wildland firefighting, early church wagon train organization, and the LDS block captain concept, Mr. Freeman proposed dividing the town and surrounding areas into five geographic divisions (Alpha through Echo), each overseen by a Division Manager. Under each manager, approximately five "Flood Captains" would be responsible for groups of ten to fourteen homes. He emphasized that the program is a community program—not a church program—and is intended to include all residents regardless of religious affiliation.

Flood Captains would be responsible for maintaining group text communication with residents in their area, checking on special-needs residents, identifying homes at elevated flood risk, and reporting up the chain to their Division Manager. Mr. Freeman stressed the importance of volunteers self-selecting for these roles rather than being assigned, noting that willing participants tend to follow through. He also noted the critical need to identify residents who would require evacuation assistance.





Early Warning and Notification

The plan calls for Flood Captains to send regular weather updates to residents in their area, ensuring that even those without internet or social media access are informed of approaching storms. In the event of an imminent flood, notification would flow from the Flood Chief to Division Managers to Flood Captains to individual residents, supplemented by the emergency siren.

Emergency Flood Mitigation Team

Mr. Freeman proposed establishing a forty-person rapid flood mitigation team composed of water experts, heavy equipment operators, swift water trained individuals, and physically capable community members, with a goal of including at least twenty younger adults capable of heavy manual labor. He noted that the realistic deployable count in any given incident would likely be twenty-five to thirty, accounting for work and travel schedules.

He recommended that the fire department not be included on the mitigation team, as firefighters must remain available for fire and other emergency calls, noting that past flood events have historically produced secondary fires.

The team would receive a minimum two-hour swift water awareness training, covering flood hazards, personal safety near swift water, and basic rescue awareness. Mr. Freeman was emphatic that no team member should work within ten feet of swift water without a PFD and safety helmet. He stressed that this team is not a search and rescue organization and will not replace law enforcement, firefighters, or county search and rescue.

A four-person advisory committee of local water experts (including Stan Koyle and Bruce Whatcott) would be empaneled to advise on water diversion decisions, preventing freelancing—i.e., unauthorized individuals

making independent decisions to redirect water, which Mr. Freeman illustrated had caused significant property damage in a prior flood incident he managed.

Evacuation Considerations

Mr. Freeman raised the difficult question of when to call for evacuation, noting it involves significant judgment. He observed that a foot of water spread across town may not be immediately dangerous, while the same volume channeled in swift current could be. He noted that past experience shows a substantial portion of residents will decline to leave even under mandatory evacuation, and that evacuation routes could be compromised if surrounding highways flood simultaneously.

Council Discussion

Acting Mayor Whitaker and council members expressed strong support for the plan. Council Member Brian Batt noted he appreciated that it was a tested system and volunteered for the forty-person team, while acknowledging his frequent absence from town due to work. Acting Mayor Whitaker suggested that division boundaries might align with existing LDS ward boundaries for logistical reasons. Discussion also touched on how this plan could complement the existing CERT framework.

Acting Mayor Whitaker indicated that he would not call a formal emergency adoption meeting until Mayor Wenda returns, expected on Saturday, August 15. He stated he would communicate with her and that the plan would be formally presented and adopted at a subsequent community meeting. In the interim, residents were encouraged to check on their neighbors, particularly with rain in the forecast.

***Review Electrical Rates and Potentially Reset the Surcharge Based on the Review**

Acting Mayor Whitaker reviewed the most recent power billing from Dixie Power. He reported that the cost per kilowatt hour had dropped by nearly \$0.02, but noted that the current billing period included the first month of EDAM (Energy Demand and Availability Management) charges, a new system that had not yet been fully calibrated, resulting in slight overbilling. The six-month running average cost was approximately \$0.08 per kilowatt hour. Acting Mayor Whitaker recommended no change to the current electrical rate, opting to wait for the following month's bill to get a clearer picture of actual power costs under the new system. No action was taken.

***Department reviews – Council Report on Departments**

Park and Cemetery: Council Member Tim White reported no significant issues. The park continues to be utilized. A scheduled park reservation for the prior weekend was canceled due to the fire situation; the party was refunded and was understanding of the circumstances. The next reservation is expected in September.

Roads: Council Member Dan DeGraffenried noted no pressing road concerns. He reported that a long-term approach to addressing goat heads along roadsides is to apply broadleaf herbicide (such as 2,4-D or a similar blend used by Blue Pine) to encourage grass growth, which naturally outcompetes goat head plants.

Electrical: No formal report given beyond what was addressed under agenda item 12.

Water: Council Member Brian Batt reported the well is up and running, as previously discussed. A concern was raised about the potential vulnerability of electrical boxes along Canyon Road to flood damage, which could disable the well pump. Fire Chief Lorin Shumway had been in contact with Dixie Power, who confirmed that sandbags around the boxes are acceptable provided access for utility workers is maintained.

***Utility Delinquency Review**

The council discussed the fact that meter readings had been delayed approximately two weeks due to the fire emergency, resulting in a six-week billing cycle that was pushing some residents into higher usage tiers. The council discussed options including prorating the current billing period at approximately 50% to account for the extended cycle. Acting Mayor Whitaker directed the Treasurer to prorate bills for accounts that were not read on schedule, to fairly reflect that the delay was not the residents' fault.

A separate issue was raised regarding a meter at John Hogan's property that was found to be full of water and broken, potentially giving inaccurate readings. This was flagged for follow-up repair.

Council Members reviewed the monthly delinquency list. It was determined, again, to handle those accounts in arrears according to the established Town policy.

***Public Comments**

Bart Whatcott (resident) reported that he had inspected the culvert running under Main Street at the south end of town (300 S Main). He described significant debris accumulation including plywood, metal roofing material, household garbage, garden hoses, and large rocks and limbs. He expressed concern that a large debris jam could cause the culvert to back up and overflow onto Main Street. He indicated that the volume of material was beyond what hand tools could address and suggested it would require equipment to clean out properly. Stan Koyle indicated the area could potentially be accessed with a compact excavator (dingo) from the dirt side and cleared efficiently. Acting Mayor Whitaker indicated the irrigation company should take the lead on clearing that section.

Bart also raised the issue of meter reading, noting he had only completed approximately half the town's meters at that point.

Follow Up on Old Business

***Well Project**

The well project was confirmed as mostly complete, with work on the well and chlorination building as the final item to be finished up. The well has passed all required tests and is now connected to the town water system. Discussion confirmed that the well house is not anticipated to be at significant flood risk. The issue of protecting electrical panels along Canyon Road with sandbags was briefly revisited; Dixie Power had approved the sandbagging approach subject to maintaining utility access.

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205, acting Mayor Whitaker called for a roll call vote to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Motion to enter into Closed Session was made by Acting Mayor Whitaker. Roll call vote:

Acting Mayor DeGraffenried — Aye

Council Member Batt — Aye

Council Member Whitaker — Aye

Council Member White — Aye.

The Motion Carried 4-0. Motion Passed

The council entered closed session. Stan Koyle, Bruce Whatcott, and Brandon George were asked to remain for the closed session.

The closed meeting began at 9:30PM

Closed Meeting

At 10:33PM the regular meeting resumed

Action on Closed Session

It was agreed to act on the subject discussed in closed session only if advised to do so by legal council through a motion made by Council Member Brian Batt. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tim White. All council members voted in favor, as noted below:

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker	Aye
Council Members	
Dan DeGraffenried	Aye
Tim White	Aye
Brian Batt	Aye

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Council Member Tim White and seconded by Council Member Dan DeGraffenried. All council members voted in favor as noted below:

Mayor Pro Tem Josh Whitaker	Aye
Council Members	
Dan DeGraffenried	Aye
Tim White	Aye
Brian Batt	Aye

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35PM.