October 21,2026

Town Council: Mayor Kerry Barney, Kurt Sawyer, Russell Riggs, Gary Goble, and Kerri Justus
Staff: Carly Burrows, and David Barnhurst
Public: Mellissa Mack

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Kerry Barney called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. David Barnhurst offered the opening prayer and Mayor Kerry Barney led those present in the pledge.

2. Approval of September 16, 2026 Minutes

2.1 Councilor Justus motioned to approve the minutes with change of date from July to August in the financial portion of the minutes and Councilor Riggs 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

3. Review September Invoices, checks & financial report/budget

Councilor Sawyer motioned to approve the September expenditures and Councilor Goble 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

4. Public Hearings

5. Petitions, Remonstrations and Communications

5.1 Compensation for extra work

Mayor Kerry Barney proposed developing a policy to compensate town employees or others for substantial work beyond their usual duties, such as grant-related paperwork or mechanical work. Council members generally supported compensating significant extra work, while noting the need to distinguish it from routine duties and volunteer service. Councilor Sawyer suggested tracking hours and considering hourly rates; Councilor Riggs emphasized that compensation and the rate should be approved in advance, before the work is performed. Members also raised concerns about keeping costs manageable.
No compensation policy or rates were approved at this meeting. The town clerk was asked to draft a proposal for council review at the next meeting, with further refinement.

6. Ordinances

6.1 Cargo Container Ordinance

Prior to the regularly scheduled public meeting, the Town Council held a work meeting to review and discuss a draft proposal for amendments to the current Cargo

Container Ordinance. The discussion was preliminary in nature. No formal action was taken, and no changes or amendments were approved.

7. Report of Officers - boards - committees

7.1 Water Department - Water Usage

The water operator, David Barnhurst, reported that the town used 1,154,000 gallons from Well Five in September and continued using Well Five in October while waiting for repairs to the radio communications needed for Well Four. The operator planned to switch to Well Four in November and use it during the lower-demand months, reserving Well Five for periods of higher summer demand. Until the tank-filling system is repaired, filling is being managed manually; the operator said they were trying to run the pump at night when electricity rates are lower.

The water operator presented a $4,236 estimate to clean and inspect the water tank. Council members discussed possible extra charges depending on sediment depth and whether special reports were requested. The operator had contacted other companies for estimates, and the council agreed to wait until the next meeting and document which companies were contacted and when.

The water operator said the Consumer Confidence Report had been completed with help from a rural water representative. The operator's license had been reinstated but was not yet linked to the town's account, and they planned to pursue cross-connection certification at an upcoming water conference in St. George.

The town's Gmail account appeared to be missing older messages. Members discussed possible recovery and noted that some records might be available in town files or through the state. David Barnhurst also reported that copper and lead sample bottles were on the way and that sampling was overdue because the due date had been missed. Paunsagaunt Cliffs still listed Tyler as the town contact, so notices were going to Tyler's email.

In response to a question about sulfur odor from a well-fed faucet, David said it could be caused by stagnant water or sulfur in the water, with stagnant water considered more likely.

7.2 Fire Department

Mayor Kerry Barney reported that Jon and Tony were continuing to train personnel and doing as much as they could. The water operator said Jon expected a report from the person who had visited to conduct flow and pressure tests, likely within the next week or two. Councilor Goble asked whether the report could be sent to the state, and David Barnhurst said it could.

The water operator, David Barnhurst, added that it was unclear whether the report would include the pressure-test results. The state had advised that, with the diffuser now in place, a photograph of the test would satisfy the reporting requirement. At the time of the earlier test, the system could not maintain 20 pounds of pressure until valves that should have been closed were found.

7.3 Road Department-

7.3.a. Street Lights

Residents had complained that some lights were too bright and shone into their homes. The council discussed the balance between reducing glare and maintaining enough light for people walking at night. Councilor Goble suggested that affected residents contact the utility to request a shield or shroud to direct the light downward. A broader dark-sky restriction would require an ordinance.

7.3.b. 100 West L7 road

The council discussed drainage near the driveway and the town's recent work to direct runoff south. Councilor Riggs expressed concern that the berm might not be high enough and that the driveway appeared to direct water north toward the irrigation ditch, potentially contributing to flooding or sediment buildup. Council members noted some water was pooling near the road. Councilor Riggs voted to send the property owner a letter explaining that the town had done work to help divert the water, but the owner remained responsible for managing runoff from their property, Councilor Sawyer 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous.

7.4 Parks & Recreation-

7.4.a Halloween Trunk-o-treat

The Town Clerk reported that most supplies had been purchased, including canned chili, serving trays, and other items for chili dogs. The event would include a costume contest and trunk-or-treat. Council members discussed decorating and invited anyone who wanted to help Amiee with decorations.

7.5 Grants-

Mayor Kerry Barney noted the town's recent success with grants and asked what other funding opportunities it should pursue, including possible grants for playground improvements and repairs to the town building. He also mentioned a UDOT technical-planning assistance opportunity, but the council was unsure what town project would fit. Kurt Sawyer noted that CIB may fund planning assistance.

Councilor Riggs cautioned against taking on additional debt, noting the town still had a substantial loan balance and another amount owed. Council members said grants with little or no local cost would be preferable. The council

also agreed to use Richard Chamberlain, whom the town had worked with before, as bond counsel for grant applications.

7.5.a. CIB Grant Update

7.6 Planning & Zoning Commission

7.6.a. Planning and Zoning Appointments

Mayor Kerry Barney said he had not yet been able to find a Planning and Zoning Commissioner. He invited council members to suggest potential candidates and said the town needed to fill the position. No other updates or decisions were reported.

7.7 Cemetery

Mayor Kerry Barney reported that a family had donated a memorial, expected to be placed behind or beside the Barnhurst headstone. It would include family photographs and information; members noted the existing marble headstone had been damaged and that replacing it with marble would be costly.

A resident complained that a sprinkler near their parents' grave was damaging a letter on the headstone and asked that it be removed. Council members discussed the need to irrigate the cemetery and the difficulty of watering around above-ground headstones. Mayor Kerry Barney said the council would look at the sprinkler placement but made no commitment to remove it. Members also discussed whether cemetery rules should address above-ground headstones, but no policy change was decided.

8. Public Input

A resident expressed concern that town regulations were being applied inconsistently and could gradually restrict property rights. They cited differences in rules about house colors, how close buildings may be to lot lines, and whether cargo containers are allowed and how they may be used, including for residential or commercial purposes. No action or decision was recorded.

9. Unfinished or New Business

10. Adjournment

Councilor Sawyer motion to adjourn, Councilor Riggs 2nd the motion, the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm