

WALES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

January 13th, 2026

HELD IN THE WALES TOWN HALL

Meeting commenced at: 7:07 PM

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor James Roberts

ROLL CALL:

Council members in attendance: Mayor James Roberts, Councilmen Brian Smith, Hayden Nicholes and Brandon Rees.

Town Clerk Kevin Washburn, Deputy Town Clerk Doug McMullin

Residents in attendance: Jaime Dyches, Byron Davies, Stu & Helen Clawson, Mikyn Galpin, Wendle Roberts, Austin Shepherd, Ron Garff, Liz Rees, Miriam Cottam and Ron Thompson.

Others:, Kevin Danials(Towns attorney) Lynn Wall, Shelby Christianson, Alanna Bean

- Approval of the minutes of the regular town council meeting held on December 2nd, 16th, & 18th, 2025.
- Councilman Smith moved to accept the minutes as presented seconded by Hayden Nicholes.
- Approval of payment of December 2025 invoices
- Councilman Rees moved to accept the minutes as presented seconded by Councilman Smith.
 1. **Vote: in favor**, Mayor Roberts, Councilman Nicholes, Smith and Rees
 2. **Opposed:** none

BUSINESS & PETITIONS:

- a. Interview and appointment by Town Council to fill former Councilman Roberts seat.
Questions were asked by Council and residents of Helen Clawson, Byron Davis and Ron Garff.

Councilmember Nicholes nominated Helen Clawson for the Councilman position.

a. **Vote: in favor**, Mayor Roberts, Councilman Nicholes, Smith and Rees

b. **Opposed:** none

Swearing in of Helen Clawson as an appointed Councilmember of Wales Town was conducted by Kevin Washburn.

2. Lynn Wall Boost Pump Project review & tank cover.

It was decided to approve adding heat to the building at this time. Plans for the new lid for the main water tank were viewed and given general approval.

3. Valentin Franco - Request for reduction of water bill due to leak.

Motion by Councilmember Ress seconded by Councilmember Nicholes to approve reduction of water bill overage by 50%.

a. **Vote: in favor**, Mayor Roberts, Councilmembers Nicholes, Clawson, Smith and Rees

b. **Opposed:** none

4. Approval vote on Ordinance 2026.01 Engine Brake Restriction
Approval was given.

Motion by Councilmember Nicholes seconded by Mayor Roberts to approve Ordinance 2026.01 Engine Brake Restriction.

a. **Vote: in favor**, Mayor Roberts, Councilmembers Nicholes, Clawson, Smith and Rees

b. **Opposed:** none

Reports by town officers and boards

Mayor James Roberts:

1. Administration

2. Emergency Preparedness-Mayor Davis/Denice Seda

Council member Brandon Rees: Water Dept.

1. EMR class announced for February
2. Discussion was had about replacing the present plow truck.

Council member Brian Smith: Streets Dept.

1. Bids to repair cracks/potholes in town streets

Council member:

1. Park: bids to install an awning on front of the town hall
2. Replacement of Park playground equipment some grants are open in March.
3. Planning & Zoning: Nothing to report

Council member Hayden Nicholes:

1. Cemetery:
2. Animal Control: Dennis Springer's dog concerns were discussed in detail.
3. Fire Dept. - Chief Shawn Robison:

Administration--Kevin Washburn, Erika Anderson, Doug McMullin

1. Status of Credit Union accounts transfer was updated.
2. Status of Xpress Bill Pay will be training clerks next week it will be going live next week.
3. 2026 Annual Training follow-up for Council

Brandon Rees made the motion to adjourn, seconded by council Member Brian Smith.

VOTE: In favor, Mayor Roberts, Council members Nichols, Clawson, Smith and Rees.

Opposed: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mayor: James Roberts

Date

ATTEST:

Deputy Town Clerk: Doug McMullin

Date

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