Town of Davis
Council Meeting Minutes
August 26th, 2026

Meeting: Regular Council Meeting
Date: August 26th 2026
Place: Davis Town Hall

Mayor Tomson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Roll Call by ***Recorder Jess Tucker***

Attending: Mayor Alan Tomson, Councilmembers- Jennie Helmick, Doug Martin and Recorder Jess Tucker

Absent: Councilman Joe Holmes (excused)

On the phone: Councilwoman Carrie Hawkins and Councilwoman Catherine Fleischman

Guests: Lori Quattro, Liz Courtney, Matt Cloak, Shaena Crossland, Craig O'Connor, Ben Herrick, Walt Ranalli and Josiah Leisher

Pledge of Allegiance

***Motion to approve Minutes of Regular Council meeting of August 12, 2026 with corrections, made by *Recorder Tucker*, Second by *Councilman Martin.* All in favor, Motion carried.**

***Motion to Dispense with Regular Order of Business made by *Councilwoman Helmick* Second by *Recorder Tucker*. All in favor, Motion carried.**

Guest - Ben Herrick brought up the proposed sound ordinance – public nuisance definition. Noise outside ***Town*** limits could be challenged.

Guest – Craig O'Connor, quote for property purchase by the Town.

Guest – Walt Ranalli came to listen to Parking Ordinance and suggested adding only during snow events.

***Motion to return to Regular Order of Business made by *Councilman Martin,* second by *Recorder Tucker*. All in favor, Motion carried.**

Guest on the Agenda – Josiah Leisher

Resolution – No resolutions for water and sewer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE: ***Mayor Tomson*** presented accounts payable.

***Motion to approve the payment of bills was made by *Councilwoman Helmick,* Second by *Councilman Martin*, all in favor, Motion carried.**

STREETS, ALLEY, WATERWORKS: Jobs performed by shop employees and report from **Chief Water Operator Frank Sharp** placed in ***Councilmembers*** folders.

Water tank fixed today. Tank had a leak in the seam.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS: ***Mayor Tomson*** presented ***Councilmembers*** with the second reading of the proposed Industrial Noise Ordinance for ***The Town of Davis***.
***Motion was made to approve the second reading by *Recorder Tucker*, second by *Councilwoman Helmick*. All in favor, motion carried.**

Winter northbound parking closure William Avenue. Suggestions for alternatives, no parking for snow events, will be towed and no parking at night.

CEMETERY: Currently working on drainage.

PARKS AND RECREATION: None

BUILDING COMMISSION: None

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Updates

Sewer Project Update – should be finished mid-September. Some paving may be in the Spring.

Sidewalk Project Update – may be in the Spring.

HB 2014 – Local Control micro grid projects – Protest on 9/14/2026 in Charleston (Capitol). ***Mayor Tomson*** will be there.

BWSD Update – BWSD continues to evaluate options for the future of wastewater treatment on the mountain. An initial proposal for a larger treatment plant is estimated at $50–$60 million and could result in residential sewer bills approaching $200 per month. ***THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NOT BE APPROVED!***

Let me be clear: we are not raising sewer rates to pay for this project—now or in the future.

We are exploring more affordable alternatives, including a $15–$20 million option using the existing Thomas treatment plant, as well as seeking additional grant funding. **No decision has been made to move forward with any option.** We will continue working toward a responsible long-term solution while protecting our residents from unreasonable sewer rates.

Stagger ***Council*** Terms – County taking over Municipal Elections – 2031 – due to State law, proposing to do staggered terms. Will continue to next council meeting,

NEW BUSINESS:

Josiah Leisher drainage issues – Has drainage issues on his property that were not included in the new sewer project. He has contacted WV Department of Highways (DOH), Public Service Commission (PSC), Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (IJDC). Comments are not quite what was stated. ~~Sub~~ sump pump is illegally connected to an old sewer line. Currently there is no known engineering solution for this issue. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Town may let them stay that way. Trying to figure out a solution. Would like DEP to come look at the problem.

Appointment of Tucker County Development Authority ***Davis*** Representative – ***Council*** needs resumes before appointing. Tabled to next meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS: *Christy Hughes – 429 7th Street, roof correction and extension for covered porch.
***Motion was made to approve by *Recorder Tucker*, second by *Councilwoman Hawkins*. All in favor, motion carried.**

BUSINESS LICENSE: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PROPERTY: None

PERSONNEL: None

***Motion to Adjourn made by *Councilman Martin*, Second by *Recorder Tucker*, all in favor, Motion carried. Time of adjournment 7:45 pm.**

Date of Approval: 9/9/2026
As read:
As Corrected: X

Alan Tomson, Mayor

Jess Tucker, Recorder