

Daniel Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Charleston Town Hall

3454 W 3400 S

Charleston, UT 84032

Council Members Present: Mayor Scott Kohler, Councilmembers Gary Walton, Eric Bennett, Stefanie Grady, Brooke Rose

Planning Commissioners Present: Gary Weight, Heber Taylor, Scott Long, Pam Skinner

Additional Town Officers: Town Planner Bunker, Clerk/Recorder Megan Goodrich, Planning Secretary Jolene Munford

Members of the Public: Mike Ashby, Lisa Dinga, Lynn Jacobsen, Barry Dixon, Jana Dixon, Chip Polvoorde, Jerry Smith, Drew Reilly, Scott Coleman, Kristi Weight, Renee Anderson, Mary Wynne, Paul Ballif, Norm Sperry, Pamela Sperry, Emily Smith, Tim Clark, Gayla Larsen, Todd Bonner, Shelly Olsen, Jed Olsen, Tabatha Benzler, Melanie Seus, Brent McGuire, Jean McGuire, Connie Kummer, Steve Agg, Karen Agg, Bridger Wilde, Cindy Wilde, Scott Bassett, Jalayne Bassett, Julian Stemmer, Carolyn Clyde, JR Coleman, Larry K. Ward, Mary C. Ward, Ethan Grabau, Megan Phillips, Mary Martin, Rich Martin

Mayor Kohler called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to accept public comments in reference to the Town's General Plan, Town code, and land-use.

Planning Commission Chair Gary Weight explained the General Plan and stated that the Town is currently in the process of updating the Plan. He encouraged those in attendance to think of changes, etc. that would make the Town a better place to live.

Town Planner Eric Bunker stated that the General Plan will ultimately be the guide for Town officials when making decisions and accepting applications for the Town.

Ms. Lisa Dinga encouraged Town members to attend Town Council and Planning Commission meetings, each of which are held monthly.

Mr. Scott Bassett spoke to the General Plan as not being highly specific nor being able to cause or prevent certain negative impacts on the Town. He appreciates the mountains and open spaces and stated his biggest concern is allowing industrial and commercial uses next to residential areas.

Mr. Brent McGuire would like to see traffic slow down on 3000 S.

Ms. Melanie Seus is concerned about increased traffic and speeds on rural roads.

Mr. Chip Polvoorde suggested that the Town look at how the zones are defined, specifically Commercial and Industrial zones, as well as defining what is going to be between those zones and residential zones.

Ms. Jalayne Bassett suggested that full-time residents get more involved with the Town, even forming committees to help review the General Plan.

Mr. Kim Norris clarified that Commercial and Industrial has been placed along Highway 189 and Highway 40 to keep the interiors of Daniel primarily agricultural and residential. He has sympathy for those individuals who border industrial zones and stated that Town Code will have to assist in alleviating impacts.

Mr. Jeremy Charchenko expressed thoughts about the Town being unorganized and messy and stated that changes will need to be made in the code to provide stability in the Town.

Mr. Jerry Smith expressed his desire to keep Daniel residential and agricultural. He stated that the Town cannot afford to lose anymore water.

Mr. Jack Rose requested that the Town start planning for a cemetery and a Town park.

Mr. Brad Allen expressed his desire to keep the Town rural and to be sensitive to the areas that border more traffic and other zoning.

Mr. Tim Clark expressed his desire to keep Daniel rural.

Mr. Lane Young spoke to the annexation plan and questioned what the impact would be on the new mine that is near the Storm Haven neighborhood.

Ms. Barbara Norris brought attention to a new mining operation at the mouth of the canyon. She stated that it is a concern for her and other residents of the Town, specifically how it will affect the Town's water. She also questioned the possibility of a cement plant using culinary water.

Ms. Jean McGuire is in favor of barriers between Industrial and Residential zones and expressed concern about mining operations. She stated that members of the public need to be careful about who they elect to the state legislature.

Ms. Marcia Birch expressed her concern with commercial trucks being on Daniels Road rather than Airport Road. She further stated that the Town does not need another gravel pit or cement plant.

Ms. Cindy Wilde stated that solutions need to be found and questioned if changing code is an option. She also spoke to her desire for the Town to remain rural.

Mr. Bridger Wilde expressed appreciation that the Town has kept growth down and maintained its rural atmosphere. He further stated that maintaining the Town will come with a cost and that Commercial and Industrial ventures will generate revenue for the Town. These funds would allow the Town to invest in trained professionals to work on a full-time basis. Another option the Town could consider would be to raise property taxes.

Ms. Nancy Jarvis stated that big trucks are not wanted and that they are not paying the Town's street fees. She would like to see the big trucks off the back roads.

Mr. Larry Ward spoke to concerns he has about water and code restrictions from the state.

Councilmember Gary Walton stated that input from Town residents is crucial as the Town prepares the General Plan.

Mr. Polvoorde questioned whether there was interest in increasing taxes to allow the Town to take over its own roads. Ms. Wilde questioned how Town members could stop the state from being aggressive in the codes that they pass and enforce.

Ms. Merry Duggin stated that the best way to deal with the state is to accommodate them. She further mentioned the Town Website, www.danielutah.gov, as well as the Public Notice Website to stay informed with Town news. She spoke of the high cost to the Town if it was to take over the roads.

Ms. Renee Anderson questioned if the Town would consider broadcasting their meetings via Zoom. Clerk/Recorder Goodrich stated that all meeting recordings and minutes are posted on the Town Website and Public Notice Website.

Mr. Todd Bonner questioned if the Town of Daniel follows Wasatch County code. Planner Bunker stated that, when the Town was incorporated in 2006, the County Code was used as a template, with provisions that did not apply to Daniel omitted or modified to create a code specific to the Town. He further stated that all code changes in the Town could be viewed on the Town Website.

Planner Bunker stated that road funds come in from the state, who regulates the roads, and upkeep of the roads would take a budget that is more than the Town can afford. He clarified that the Town gets authority from the State of Utah so when something is changed, the Town follows and abides by the changes. He stressed the importance of staying involved on a state level.

Planning Commissioner Scott Long commended Planner Bunker for the work that he does for the Town, as a Planner and a Code Enforcer. Commissioner Long is in favor of a tax increase to provide additional help to Planner Bunker.

Ms. Carolyn Clyde requested that the State Senator and State Representatives be posted on the Town Website.

Ms. Wendi Stewart questioned if a financial analysis had been done on Commercial and Industrial properties and if any statements were available.

Mr. Jason Stewart questioned industrial uses in commercial zones and requested that any future commercial uses be approved only after consideration of how it would benefit the Town.

Mayor Kohler adjourned the meeting at 7:16 PM.

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Clerk/Recorder