TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TOWN OF HIDEOUT, UTAH
January 29th, 2026 - 5:00 P.M.
10860 N. Hideout Trail, Hideout, Utah

Special Meeting

I. Call to Order and Closed Executive Session

The Town Council of Hideout, Wasatch County, Utah, held a special meeting on January 29, 2026, at Hideout Town Hall, 10860 N. Hideout Trail, Hideout, Utah, and electronically via Zoom. Mayor Ralph Severini presided. The agenda provided for a closed executive session beginning at 5:15 p.m. for purposes permitted under Utah Code Section 52-4-205.

The supplied meeting dialogue begins after the closed session and does not contain the initial call to order, opening roll call, motion or vote to enter the closed session, or the closed-session proceedings.

II. Special Meeting Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

At approximately 7:04 p.m., Mayor Severini led the Pledge of Allegiance. No public-input period was included on the special meeting agenda.

III. Roll Call

Mayor:	Ralph Severini
Council Members:	Jonathan Gunn, Carol Haselton, Tanya Brady, Brian Cooper, and Robert Nadelberg
Town Staff and Advisors:	Jan McCosh, Town Administrator; Maria Devereux, Town Recorder; Polly McLean, Town Attorney; and other Town staff and advisors
Presenters and Participants:	Dr. Steve Powell and other members of the public

A quorum was present.

IV. Agenda Items

1. Appointment of Two Planning Commissioners

Mayor Severini nominated Dr. Steve Powell and J.D. Cronin to fill two Planning Commission positions following the expiration of the prior commissioners' terms. Dr. Powell summarized his professional and board experience, his interest in preserving Hideout's environment and livability, and his willingness to complete the required land-use training. Mr. Cronin had previously served on the Town Council and led Economic Development Committee.

Council discussed the expiration of the existing terms, the Mayor's appointment authority subject to Council consent, the candidates' experience, and the required Planning Commission training.

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Brady and seconded by Council Member Jonathon Gunn to consent to the appointment of Dr. Steve Powell to the Planning Commission.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Gunn, Yes
Council Member Haselton, No
Council Member Brady, Yes
Council Member Cooper, Yes
Council Member Nadelberg, Yes

The motion passed 4-1.

Motion: A separate motion was made by Council Member Haselton and seconded by Council Member Gunn to consent to the appointment of J.D. Cronin to the Planning Commission.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Gunn, Yes
Council Member Haselton, Abstain
Council Member Brady, Yes
Council Member Cooper, Yes
Council Member Nadelberg, Yes

The motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

The Council approved the appointments of Dr. Steve Powell and J.D. Cronin to the Planning Commission. The newly appointed commissioners were to take the oath of office before participating in a Planning Commission meeting.

2. Appointment of New Legal Counsel

Mayor Severini reported that four firms responded to the Town's request for proposals and that the evaluation process had produced two finalists: Fabian VanCott, represented by J. Mason Kjar, and Gordon Law Group, represented by Corbin Gordon. Council Members Jonathan Gunn and Tanya Brady and Town Administrator Jan McCosh had participated in the interview and evaluation process.

The Council continued the appointment to the February 12, 2026 regular meeting to allow additional evaluation and discussion. The request for proposals and the finalists' responses were to be provided to all Council Members so they could prepare questions and provide advice and consent after the Mayor selected and recommended a final candidate. No formal action was taken.

3. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

The Council discussed filling the Mayor Pro Tempore position previously held by former Council Member Chris Baier. Town Attorney Polly McLean explained that the Council, rather than the Mayor, elects one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore and that the election must be entered in the minutes. The Mayor Pro Tempore may preside and perform the Mayor's duties when the Mayor is absent, unable, or refuses to act.

Motion: A motion was made by Council Member Tanya Brady and seconded by Council Member Cooper to elect Council Member Jonathan Gunn as Mayor Pro Tempore.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Nadelberg, Yes
Council Member Haselton, Yes
Council Member Cooper, Yes
Council Member Gunn, Abstain
Council Member Brady, Yes

The motion carried. 4-0, with one abstention. Council Member Jonathan Gunn was elected Mayor Pro Tempore.

V. Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Nadelberg and seconded by Council Member Gunn to adjourn.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Council Member Nadelberg, Yes
Council Member Haselton, Yes
Council Member Cooper, Yes
Council Member Gunn, Yes
Council Member Brady, Yes

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting concluded at approximately 7:23 p.m.

These minutes were prepared from the meeting agenda and contemporaneous video recording and were approved by the Hideout Town Council on August 13, 2026.

Maria Devereux, Town Recorder.