



Paradise Town Council

February 21, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Paradise Town Hall, 9035 S. 100 W.

Council Members Present: Mayor Johnson, Doug Jewell, Devin Thomas, Whit Gale, Steve Gibbs, Alyssa Petersen (recorder)

Community Members Present: Troy Fredrickson

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The pledge of allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Troy Fredrickson gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of February 7, 2024, were emailed to the Council before the meeting. Devin made a motion to approve the Minutes, Steve seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Steve read the bills. Devin made a motion to approve, Steve seconded that motion. All in favor.
5. **Public Comment-** Nothing at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests –** There were two purchase requests. One was for the lighting at the south park arena, and one was for the Fire Chief’s training that Ashley went to in Saint George.
Fire Chief Training: Ashley had asked about going to the training beforehand and gone over some of the expected expenses. She turned in all the receipts and the total came to just over \$500.00. Ashley would like to send more Fire Fighters from Paradise to the training next year.
Arena Lighting: The Council reviewed the 3 bids submitted for the lighting at the arena. The cheapest bid is through border states electric. Whit made a motion to approve the border states bid for \$32,661.50, Doug seconded that motion. All in favor.
7. **Unfinished Business-** Mayor Johnson reported on a property in town that is causing the town some concern due to its location within our source protection plan and if it is having or may have any effect on our water. There are possibly old fuel and oil tanks in the ground and there is no information on if they were removed or the condition of the tanks. Mayor Johnson asked the Council if they felt there was a need to raise taxes. They each felt the tax rate was good as it was now and opted not to raise taxes.
8. **New Business-** Nothing at this time.
9. **Council Reports-**
 - **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Devin reported that the plows had the roads clear, despite the heavy snowstorm that hit today.
 - **Water-Whit Gale-** Whit reported that owner of the Coldwater ranch property has responded that he would review the paperwork sent and he would potentially like to run the trough slightly higher in the canyon than where it is now. The town offered to purchase a new trough in lieu of payment for the property. The owner would like to put solar and a pump in place to pump into the trough. He will cover the bill for the pump, solar, and additional piping. We will cover the cost of the trough itself. We got an estimate close to \$163,000.00 from a contractor currently re-developing a spring now in Box Elder

County. Our engineer feels the total cost will probably come close to \$180,000.00 for the entire project. Lee and Whit are hoping the project will take less than a month. Mayor Johnson discussed our Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) with the Council. There will be a meeting in Hyrum concerning the fire district's Emergency Operation Plan. Mayor Johnson would like Whit to go as the Council member over water. There was discussion on each Council member's role in Paradise's emergency operation plan. There was discussion on getting a set of good radios for the Town in case of an emergency.

- **Community- Steve Gibbs-**

Trout and Berry Days Rodeo- Troy Fredrickson attended the meeting to discuss hosting a rodeo at the arena for Trout and Berry days. He addressed the Council to find out how much funding could be put towards the rodeo. The stock contractor is willing to provide the stock for bareback, saddle bronc, bulls, clowns, judges, pickup men, and the announcer for \$9000.00. The Council discussed offering kids an opportunity to ride something. Troy and Jason would like to hold a youth rodeo before the regular rodeo and take the youth finalists and include them in the regular rodeo. The Council wondered about concessions. There was talk of possibly doing the trout dinner and the rodeo on the same night and eating your dinner while you watch the rodeo or holding the rodeo the weekend before. Troy also asked about whether the Council would like to purchase 6 chutes from Sanpete County for \$13,000.00. We bought 3 chutes for a total of \$4000.00, but Troy thinks we could sell the 3 chutes we purchased and put those funds towards the cost of the 6 chutes. The goal was to purchase and have 6 chutes at the arena for rodeos. Troy would like to find lifetime sponsors for each of the chutes and hang signs on them. Larry asked the Council how they felt about spending the \$9000.00 on the stock contractor. Each council member said "yes."

Youth Council-Steve reported that there were a few kids that would like to join the youth council and he will start contacting them and getting them organized.

- **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Doug was able to get the RAPZ application finished and got feedback from the Council. He asked Alyssa to get that uploaded on the County RAPZ website. Doug reported on the lunch he and the mayor attended with the Fire Chief and the Assistant Chief. There was discussion on swearing in the new Fire Chief and when she may be available for a small swearing-in ceremony.

10. Adjourn- Whit made a motion to adjourn, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Larry Johnson, Mayor

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk