

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 22, 2024 AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL
52 SOUTH PARK STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH
THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor and Council Members Present: Pete Albrecht, Lacey Burrows, Dana Gardner and Jeremiah Harding

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Attorney Rob Clegg, Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 04-24-2024. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 04-24-2024. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Sheriff's Report. Sergeant Bleazard reported four details in the month of April. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding mentioned that he has noticed a lot of semi-trucks on the Mormon Trail. Councilmember Dana Gardner said there are trucks on Meadow Lane, too.

4. Consideration to Adopt Tentative 2024-2025 Budget. Mayor Brian Johnson presented the tentative budget and said that for the Roads funds we have \$400,000 on the books because we did not do a project last year. We do have a project planned for this summer that will use up some of those funds. Class B&C Roads funding has increased due to a legislative decision. The Fire Department received additional income that included a fire response on federal land. It is undetermined how much additional the fire department will receive in the next fiscal year, but they will receive \$5,000 along with \$44,000 from the county.

On the revenues side, utilities were much less than last year. The fire department budget will be adjusted to \$64,000. The highways budget will be adjusted depending on B&C Roads revenue with capital outlay for roads at \$400,000. The parks and recreation budget will be \$16,000 and cemeteries will be \$8,500. Park Renovations includes the \$18,556 grant we received from the Tooele County Recreation Special Service District. Councilmember Pete Albrecht asked about building permits and it is not expected that we will receive much as construction is slower than in past years. The current property tax amount is what is coming in from Rush Valley residents based on a very small tax rate. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the tentative 2024-2025 budget. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. Consideration to Set Date for June 2024 Budget Meeting. The budget must be voted on before June 22nd and there are conflicts on the 19th, so it was proposed to hold the meeting on Wednesday, June 12th. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to hold the June 2024 budget meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

6. **Review of Ulrich & Associates Annual Accountant's Report.** Due to the higher amount of money in the bank account, the audit was more intense this year. The clerk/recorder said that many hours were spent preparing documents for the accountant's review. The report was discussed and suggestions for improvements were made. A conflict of interest disclosure policy needs to be implemented and a privacy policy needs to be added to the town website. Overall, the town did very well on the audit.
7. **Approval to Purchase Shed for Clover Cemetery.** Councilmember Lacey Burrows would like to purchase a shed for the Clover cemetery because the shed is very old and in disrepair. A new shed was purchased for the St. John cemetery last year. The estimate for the shed is \$3,716 and that includes ramps and painting. She would like to purchase shelving for it. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the purchase of the shed with \$300 for shelving for a total of \$4,016. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
8. **Approval for Additional Cost of Concrete for Mow Strip for New Fence.** Councilmember Dana Gardner received a grant from the Tooele County Recreation Special Service District for \$18,556 for the fencing project and would like to use the remainder of it to complete the mow strip. The grant will cover all but \$2,990 which will need to be paid for by the town and he needs extra money for incidentals. Councilmember Gardner stated that Tooele County Recreation SSD issued a check for \$18,556 to the fencing contractor and they will have to pay \$5,760 for the concrete to Tuff Country. The town will not receive any funds from the SSD. Mayor Brian Johnson made a motion to approve up to \$3,500 to cover the difference. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
9. **Fire Department Report.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht reported that the department is staying very busy with a great response to 70 calls this year. With the dry weather coming, we need to be mindful about minimizing fire hazards. Burn permits are acquired online and the fire chief and assistant fire chief can help out with questions.
10. **Council Reports. Roads** – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding said that Staker will be here next Tuesday morning (05/24) to start paving with a final walkthrough this Friday. He is still waiting for a bid for shoulder work. Mayor Johnson said that he asked the county for \$284,000 but they only gave us \$200,000. They said they will give us the other \$84,000 if needed. Next week's paving will start on Charles Hill and then move from the south end of Johnson going north. The notice of paving will be put on the Rush Valley 24/7 Facebook page.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows has been cleaning up the cemeteries with the help of eight youth from Rush Valley that were paid. The cemeteries are ready for Memorial Day weekend. Mayor Johnson is working on payment to Blaine Russell for the piece of property that we are purchasing for the St. John cemetery. That money should be taken out of the general fund, not the cemetery budget.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht reported that he was not able to attend the emergency management meeting in St. George due to his work schedule. He was not charged for any expenditures relative to this trip. He continues to support county emergency management meetings and activities.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner has not been able to water the lawns because he needs to replace a pump. He had the pump pulled out and will have it repaired. He had to purchase a sump pump to get the water moved out of the vault.

Mayor Brian Johnson said we hosted a father and son outing at the town hall and everyone was extremely impressed with our facilities. For the small community that we are, we have an awesome place to gather. Mayor Johnson said that things are really coming together on the Clover Church restoration project and encouraged people to go over and see it. Mayor Johnson suggested that we use Good Times Grill to cater Rush Valley Days using some of the grant money from Communities That Care and the town council agreed.

- 11. Safety Topic.** Councilmember Jeremiah Harding presented the safety topic on fire prevention.
- 12. Payment of Bills.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the bills as written. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 13. Public Comments.** None
- 14. Adjourn.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:31 p.m.