

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JULY 17, 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: Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe and Fire Chief Jason Bolinder. Attorney Rob Clegg and Engineer Doug Kinsman were excused.

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 06-12-2024. Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 06-12-2024. Councilmember Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Sheriff's Report. The sheriff's office reported ten total details in the month of June with one arrest in a domestic violence case. There were some neighborhood disputes, and the department is working on another situation. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding asked for the sheriff's office to watch West Park Street where cars are going extremely fast and not stopping at the stop sign.

4. Amend Approval for Additional Cost of Concrete for Mow Strip for New Fence. Councilmember Dana Gardner said that due to unforeseen changes the cost increased by \$1,000. Because the original bid does not match the invoice, an amendment is required. Mayor Johnson made a motion to amend the approval for additional cost of concrete for mow strip for new fence from \$3,500 to \$4,500. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. Discussion for the Mayor's Recognition Award Nomination. Councilmember Burrows said that Amy from Communities that Care would like to fund a program for a monthly Mayor's Recognition Award. She would like the winner to be recognized each month at the town council meeting with a picture of the winner and the mayor. It was decided that one month would be a youth and the next month would be an adult and so on. The first award will be presented at Rush Valley Days.

6. Approval to Spend Utah Fire Department Assistance Grant Money. Fire Chief Jason Bolinder said that out of \$10,000 available, we were awarded \$9,958 with no matching funds. The money can be spent on communications and equipment, and he would like to purchase two BK radios. The new radios will enable the fire department to have easier communication with everyone on scene that are on different frequencies. The allowable cost per radio through the grant is \$2,000, so \$4000 will be covered. The radios can be purchased through Strategic Communications Solutions for \$2,089.99

each with a total of \$4,179.98. The amount of \$179.98 will come out of fire department funds. Jason also received a quote from the BK Radio Store for \$2,218.25 which is higher so the radios will be purchased through Strategic Communications Solutions.

The other part of the grant money will be used to put together six hose packs for wildland trucks to improve fire response capabilities. The remaining \$5,958 of the grant will be spent on equipment to build the hose packs.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to approve the purchase of two BK radios to be paid with \$4,000 grant money and \$179.98 fire department funds and equipment for hose packs to be paid with \$5,958 grant money. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 7. Approval to Buy Suction Hose and Fittings for Brush Trucks.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder said that at a recent fire even though there were several water sources, there was not enough suction to draft. He would like to purchase four sections of suction hose and fittings for two brush trucks. The total amount for hose, strainers and adapters is \$1,607.68 from Fire Hose Direct. A bid from Fire House Supply was the same price. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to purchase the suction hose and fittings for a total of \$1,607.68 with fire department funds. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Approval to Install Emergency Lights and Accessories on New Rescue Truck.** This agenda item was tabled until the new rescue truck is delivered. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to table the agenda item. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 9. Approval to Buy Tires for Brush Truck 91.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder said that Brush Truck 91 is the primary quick response truck for wildland fires and is also used as the rescue truck until the new one is in service. It needs all six tires replaced and he received a quote from Les Schwab for \$1,602 and Victor's Tires for \$1,226. The tires will be purchased from Victor's Tires. Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to purchase six new tires for a total of \$1,226. Councilmember Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 10. Fire Department Report.** Fire Chief Jason Bolinder said the total payout for 2nd quarter earnings was \$1410 at \$10 per call. If the responders are employees of Mountain West Ambulance the calls are paid for by the ambulance service. If the fires are reimbursable by the State, the firefighters are paid \$33 per hour. The department has been working on the brush trucks to improve response and building shelves in the back of the station. Since the last meeting on June 12, the department has responded to 27 calls: 10 medical, nine fire and eight traffic accidents with six calls in town and 21 out of town.

- 11. Council Reports.** Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding has been mowing in

preparation for shoulder work that should begin on August 1.

- 12. Safety Topic.** Councilmember Jeremiah Harding presented the safety topic on heat and hydration. Councilmember Pete Albrecht wanted to remind the community that Rocky Mountain Power is at liberty to shut down power any time there is a fire or high winds within a certain vicinity. During these times we must stay hydrated and remind older people in town to do so.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht reminded us that grass is very high and dry, and we should be watching for hazards including sparklers for the celebrations. Pete has been attending emergency management meetings. The county is preparing for all emergencies but with all the gatherings like County Fan Fest, the excessive heat makes people more stressed and volatile. We need to concentrate on gathering ourselves and not escalate an incident. We will invite the sheriff's office to Rush Valley Days.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner has been working on the sprinkler system and got the tires fixed on the riding mower. He has also been working on Rush Valley Days which will be held on September 13 and 14. We received a grant from Communities That Care that will be used to pay for the catering and some prizes.

- 13. Payment of Bills.** Councilmember Dana Gardner made a motion to approve the bills as written. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 14. Public Comments.** Lacey Burrows wanted clarification on when the Mayor's Recognition Award will be presented. The August and September winners will be awarded at Rush Valley Days.

- 15. Adjourn.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:08 p.m.