



Paradise Town Council

July 17, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Paradise Town Hall, 9035 S. 100 W.

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

Excused: Steve Gibbs

Community Members Present: Shane Nelson, Troy Fredrickson, James and Peggy Oberding,

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The pledge of allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Whit gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of July 3, 2024, were emailed to the Council before the meeting. Doug made a motion to approve the Minutes as written, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Devin read the bills. Whit made a motion to approve the bills as read, Doug seconded that motion. All in favor.
5. **Public Comment-** No public comment at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-** Troy submitted a purchase request for gates for the arena and for cement for the fencing posts. He asked about an outlet to be placed for the announcer stand. Devin reported that it can be done. The expectation is that the announcer will be placed by the bucking chutes. The request is in the amount of \$1,776.00 for 5 gates. These gates will be at the bucking chutes, stripping chutes, etc. The other purchase request was for \$1,535.56 for winner buckles. We have received sponsor money for the buckles. Each Council member voted yes on both requests.
7. **Unfinished Business-** There was discussion on a rental agreement for the arena and what is defined as an "event." There was a discussion on the ordinances that we have been reviewing. The garbage ordinance is pretty straightforward, and we will hold a public hearing at the next meeting for the annexation of the road, and for the garbage ordinance and potentially the rental agreement for the rodeo arena.
8. **New Business-** Whit was concerned about taxes after hearing about other surrounding cities and towns raising taxes, and wondered if we needed to raise taxes in Paradise at some point in the near future.
9. **Oberding- Home Occupation Discussion-** Peggy Oberding explained to the Council that her retirement plan is to board dogs. She would like to build a large building with 8 kennels on her property and keep the animals in the building. The building would be air conditioned and heated. The square footage would be 560 sq. ft. on a foundation with a cement pad. The outdoor area would be caged and there would be an indoor area caged also for the dogs. This would be a business that

would make some additional money. She specified that her plan is different than a “doggie daycare” and would be a boarding facility not something where she watched a lot of different dogs daily. There would not be multiple cars per day to drop off and pick up dogs. The Council wondered about the noise with multiple barking dogs. The Oberdings reported that the building is insulated so they didn’t think the sound would travel far. Shane Nelson, a neighbor of the Oberdings attended the meeting and expressed his concern about the current zoning of the property and the noise of the dogs. He was also concerned about the surrounding property values and concerned about the setbacks. The Council is currently working through some ordinance changes. They will be reviewing the “home occupation” and “Conditional use permit” ordinances. Mayor Johnson responded that once we work through those ordinances, the Council can then give them a yes or no answer.

10. Council Reports-

- Roads- Devin Thomas- Lee is working on getting some cold patch for big potholes. Morgan paving is in town doing some crack seal work and street fogging.
- Water- Whit Gale- The 3 bids should be turned in by the 23rd on the spring work. The work request for that job has gone to the State. Spring flow is still high.
- Community- Steve Gibbs- Steve was excused from the meeting. Fred Summers told the Council he will not be the chairman for the Trout and Berry Days next year. So, there will need to be a new one next year. Doug reported that there has been a lot of good feedback on the pickleball court updates.
- Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell- Nothing new at this time.

11. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 9:37 p.m.