



Paradise Town Council

October 2, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Paradise Town Hall, 9035 S. 100 W.

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

Community Members Present: Cache County Fire Chief Rod Hammer, Brad Noal with Star Landscape, Fire Chief Ashley Smith,

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance-** The pledge of allegiance was said.
- 2. Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Whit gave an opening prayer.
- 3. Minutes-** The Minutes of September 18, 2024, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Devin suggested one change at the end of the discussion on roads. Doug made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended, Whit seconded that motion, all in favor.
- 4. Bills-** Doug read the bills. Whit made a motion to approve the bills as read, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
- 5. Public Comment-** Brad Noal with Star Landscape attended the meeting to discuss lawn care costs. He has managed the lawn care for Paradise for the past 22 or 23 years. He wondered if there were any issues with the lawn care or anything the Council would like to see done differently. They have not had to increase prices the entire time they have managed lawn care in Paradise. Brad reported that they will need to adjust pricing this coming year. He is anticipating that costs will be \$45.00 per hour or \$342.00 per park. It has been \$236.00 to \$250.00 per park. He reported that the hourly rate of \$35.00 for sprinkler repair and other additional work will not increase. Additional work has included spraying for weeds, fertilizing, fixing sprinklers, spraying for bugs, etc. Brad will submit a bid within the next few weeks and so the Council can see it in writing and then decide if they want to continue using him.
- 6. Cache County Fire Chief Rod Hammer-** Cache County Fire Chief Rod Hammer attended the meeting to discuss Cache County Fire District and what it means for Paradise. He went over what the fire district offers to municipal fire departments. Cache County responds along with all the municipal departments to any fire in the county. They have helped get supplies for municipal departments and own some municipal fire engines. The county manages the ambulances for the south end of the valley. The fire district has not been a taxing entity and has been funded by the county general fund. The proposal now is that they levy a county-wide tax to fund a pot of money that would pay for fire service throughout the district. This would fund the individual departments instead of the cities/towns funding their fire departments. The hope is that the cities then could lower their taxes due to the fact they would no longer be funding their own departments, but a new tax would be levied county wide to fund each department within the fire district. Chief Hammer is conducting a study to

find what the cost would be and what a program like this would cost the taxpayers in Cache County. The fire district board bylaws are being reviewed now and would potentially be built of mayors throughout the county. Chief Hammer is hoping to have all the data back by June of next year so that the cities can plan for that in their budgets.

7. Purchase Requests- Nothing at this time.

8. Unfinished Business-

Car Service Property- The owner of the Car Service building was asked to remove the building. The building has come down and is being removed.

Hearing administrative officer- We have reached out to the judge in Hyrum to see if he would be interested in working on an as-needed basis as a hearing officer for residents that have received code violations and request a hearing. We have not heard back from the Judge yet but will reach out again.

9. New Business- Nothing at this time.

10. Council Reports-

- Roads- Devin Thomas- Nothing from Devin at this time. Mayor Johnson noticed a pothole by the stop sign at the four-way stop that needs patched. The Council discussed getting some patch and patching some of the potholes ourselves.
- Water- Whit Gale- Whit reported that the spring project is moving forward. The contractor has had to stop doing some work for funerals and things. They should have equipment at the spring this week and be back to work at it the beginning of next week.
- Community- Steve Gibbs- Steve would like to move forward with the truck and tractor parade. The Council is all in favor of hosting that parade again. The Council discussed the wreaths across America event coming up on December 14. Paul has some equipment and could speak for a short time at the parade.
- Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell- There was discussion about Chief Hammers visit and the Fire Department Budget.

11. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, meeting adjourns at 9:48 p.m.