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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2025 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: Lacey Burrows and Jeremiah Harding. Pete Albrecht and Dana Gardner were excused.

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 11-20-2024.** Councilmember Jeremiah Harding made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 11-20-2024 and Mayor Brian Johnson seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's Report.** No representative from the sheriff's office was present.
- 4. Setting of Dates, Time and Place for Regular Town Council Meetings for 2025**
Calendar Year. The June meeting will be held on the 18th and the November meeting will be held on the 19th. Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve the town council 2025 meeting schedule with changes that were discussed. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 5. Mayor's Assignment of Duties to Councilmembers.** Mayor Johnson did not have any changes to the councilmember assignments and made a motion to keep the assignments as they currently exist. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 6. Annual Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) Training.** It was suggested that the training could be done online and the clerk will send out the link to view the training.
- 7. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements.** Mayor Johnson made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Approval of Clover Church Painting.** An invoice was received for the amount of \$600.00 for the completion of the painting in the Clover Church. Mayor Johnson made a motion to approve payment of the painting and Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

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9. Consideration of New Fire Department Members – Dason Houston and Kaydon Bolinder.

Chief Jason Bolinder presented two new fire department members, Dason Houston and Kaydon Bolinder, for approval. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding made a motion to approve the new department members and Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

10. Updates to the Cooperative Wildfire System. Chief Jason Bolinder reported that the agreement we have with the State is that if there is a fire in town they will cover the cost of it as long as we are meeting our commitment which is \$16,287 with 50% spent on mitigation (removal of weeds, cedar trees, etc.), prevention and preparedness. He is currently updating the report.

11. Fire Department Report. Fire Chief Jason Bolinder reported that some department members will be going to winter fire school this month. The department has been working on training and have completed the CPR portion. All of the fire trucks are in working condition and the new rescue truck is almost ready to put on the road.

For the year 2024, the fire department responded to 200 calls, with two members responding to 100 plus calls. Since the last meeting, the department has responded to 19 calls: nine medical, eight fires, and two traffic accidents. There were two calls in town and 17 out of town.

12. Council Reports. Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding has been working on winter preparations and securing a loader for occasional use. He is also working on a bid for work on Park Lane.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows had nothing to report.

Councilmember Pete Albrecht was not present at the meeting.

Parks – Councilmember Dana Gardner was not present at the meeting.

Mayor Johnson has been working on Clover Church projects and state-imposed tasks. He met with county leaders and senate representatives to present Tooele County's vision and agenda. Monies are still being secured for the Mormon Trail project and it should be on track.

13. Safety Topic. Mayor Johnson presented the safety topic on taking necessary precautions with the cold temperatures we are experiencing.

14. Ratifying of December 2024 Bills. Mayor Johnson made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

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15. Payment of Bills. Mayor Johnson made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

16. Public Comments. Shayna Harding works for Tooele County and said that they have transportation benefits for senior citizens living in Rush Valley. Seniors that are 60 years and older can get a voucher to be reimbursed for travel to medical appointments. There is a qualification requirement and reimbursement paperwork that must be filed through the county. Shayna is the point of contact for Rush Valley Town.

17. Adjourn. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Lacey Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.