



Paradise Town Council

February 18, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Paradise Town Hall, 9035 S. 100 W.

Council Members Present: Mayor Larry Johnson, Devin Thomas, Doug Jewell, Whit Gale, Steve Gibbs, Alyssa Petersen-Recorder

Community Members' Present: Dakota Bodily

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 February 4, 2026, were emailed to the Council members previous to the meeting. Doug made a motion to approve the Minutes as sent, Whit seconded that motion, all in favor.
4. **Bills-** Devin read the bills. There was discussion on getting a better rate for Comcast. Whit made a motion to approve; Devin seconded that motion.
5. **Public Comment-** Nothing at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-** Lee submitted two Public Works purchase requests, one was for two new nets for two volleyball nets, and tennis net for a total of \$687.86. Devin made a motion to approve; Steve seconded that motion. All in favor. The second purchase request was for a Black Widow groomer for the arena. Cache County uses a Black Widow groomer. The bid for a new groomer was \$9,150.00. Doug made a motion to approve, Devin seconded that motion, all in favor.
7. **Isaac and Alyssa Short-5k-** Dakota Bodily attended the meeting in place of the Shorts. The 5k and one-mile run is an annual fundraiser they do every year. The one-mile route does not cross the highway, the 5k does cross in two locations and they will have a flagger in each location. They would like to hold the fundraiser on Saturday June 6, 2026.
8. **Resolution 2026-01-Paradise Town Employee Policies and Procedures-** Mayor Jonson- Aye, Devin Thomas-Aye, Whit Gale-Aye, Doug Jewell-Aye, Steve Gibbs-Aye. Resolution 2026-01 passes.
9. **Unfinished Business-**
 - Tractor Lease- There was discussion on leasing a 100 hp tractor for about \$8,100.00 per year. The Council was in favor of trying out a tractor lease for a year and seeing how it worked out.
 - Non-Compliant Properties- There was discussion on the non-compliant properties. One Paradise ward is going to try and help one property get the right-of-way clean in front of the home this next week if weather permits. There will be letters going out to other property owners keeping items on the right-of-way and other properties that need to remove nuisances and bring their properties into compliance.
10. **New Business-**
 - DNR Fire Drill- The DNR reached out to see if they can hold a weekend Fire Drill at the south park in Paradise over the last weekend of May or the first weekend in June 2026. They would have approximately 100 people during the day and some would be staying overnight; they would leave during the day and perform different drills in the mountains in Avon and then come back for night. We need to check when ball games will be scheduled and see if there will be any conflicts.
 - Food Trucks- The Council discussed having a few Food Trucks during the summer. The Council would like to take this year off and see if community members miss having the food trucks periodically or not.
11. **Council Reports-**
 - **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Nothing new at this time.
 - **Water- Whit Gale-** Nothing new at this time.

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- **Community- Steve Gibbs-** A T&B Days meeting will be held in March to prepare for this year’s event.
 - **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Doug reported on the RAPZ application he has completed. He completed two applications. One for concrete for the baseball field and for all the things that were discussed when Kevin Norman attended the last meeting, and the other is for portable bleachers that could be shared among other towns. There was discussion on adding the arena groomer to the RAPZ application for maintenance equipment. Doug would prefer to leave the RAPZ Application the way it is and use the funds from the park capital improvements account for the groomer. The Council reviewed both RAPZ applications. They will need to be submitted by mid-March. There was discussion on the walking path that goes around the new park. It would be 5 ft wide. A few of the bids Doug received were for about \$9.50 per sq ft for a total of about \$180,000.00. Doug reported that the Fire Department is looking into a grant. The Council discussed the proposed Fire Department budget.

12. Adjourn- Whit made a motion to adjourn, Devin seconded that motion, All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 7:59 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor

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