



Paradise Town Council

April 15, 2026

7:30 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: None.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Devin gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of April 1, 2026 were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Devin made a correction on item #9 where the final thought was not finished. Alyssa made the correction. Devin made a motion to approve the Minutes, Whit seconded that motion, all in favor.
4. **Bills-** Devin read the bills. Doug made a motion to approve the bills as read.
5. **Public Comment-** None at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-** There was one purchase request for the protective mats for the baseball and softball fields. The cost of the mats was mostly covered by a donation leaving the town with about \$200.00 to cover that expense. Devin made a motion to approve; Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
7. **Council Quarterly Reports-** The Council quarterly report was emailed to the Council previous to the meeting.
8. **Unfinished Business-**
 - Training Opportunity- The Council received an email inviting them all to auditor training. Alyssa attended the training held April 7, 2026.
 - Movie in the Park- The Council discussed which movie to show for Movie in the Park. The Council discussed multiple movie options for the upcoming Movie in the park.
 - Employee Insurance- Mayor Johnson would like to provide a \$700.00 per month stipend to cover insurance for each Lee and Alyssa to put towards insurance.
 - Part-time Summer Help-
 - South Park Swales- We received one bid to install rock in the swales around the park, and the bid came back at more than \$200,000.00. The Council discussed the possibility of fencing instead. There have been kids riding dirtbikes in the swales around the park, and neighbors have been complaining and concerned about safety.
 - County Fire District- The Mayor and Lee attended a meeting on the Fire District last week. There was a lot of information discussed, and the County wanted all the municipalities to make a decision by the end of April. Cache County Executive George Daines sent out a letter a few weeks ago outlining a voucher system where the County would collect tax funds and then pass them on to the municipalities and the municipalities would take care of their own fire support, or contract with other larger cities, etc. There is still the option to move forward with the County Fire District as it has been outlined in the bylaws and resolution recorded with the Fire District documents, but the expectation is that the majority vote will rule. The mayor then reached out and asked George Daines some questions concerning the district. He wrote back and the Council discussed his responses on what the voucher options, and the Fire District option would look like for Paradise.
9. **New Business-** Whit brought up the bidding process and what we require as far as proof of insurance. He brought up some ideas on what we should require and the appropriate forms that should be filed with the City when contractors do work for the City.
10. **Council Reports-**

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- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Devin reported that the gravel roads had been brined. The chip seal, patching at the south park, and pothole work still need to be done.
 - **Water- Whit Gale-** Whit reported on the spring. The water samples have come back clean, and the water will be incorporated into the rest of the system as soon as the state approves it. The fence needs to be bid still and Chris the town engineer will draft fence plans that can be bid.
 - **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Steve reported on the grand opening for the baseball field planned for May 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The first summer “movie in the park” is planned for June 20, 2026, for about 9:30 p.m.

11. **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Doug sent Alyssa the information for some signage at the baseball field. The UORG grant requires their logo used for all signage. Doug reported on the fire department wildland grant. They received a grant for wildland clothing and some tools including chainsaws, nozzles, etc. Ashley did send a list of sizes to Alyssa, but Doug requested additional information concerning what provider the Fire Department wants to use and what the specific tools are. Ashley reported to Doug that the two new recruits to the Fire Department have finished their certification and need to get turnouts. There was discussion on the County portion of the budget and if the county was going to put half of the funding into the Fire budget for the County support that the Fire Department provides to the outlying areas of Paradise. There was discussion on what Fire Department equipment needs to be updated/replaced soon.

12. **Adjourn-** Doug made a motion to adjourn, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:54 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor