



Paradise Town Council

May 20, 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: Cody, Wayne, and Travis Ruud, Jared Erickson, Travis Hulme

PUBLIC HEARING-WASTE STORAGE ORDINANCE CHANGE- No community present. No Public Comment concerning the Ordinance change at this time.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Doug gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of May 6, 2026, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. 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; Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
5. **Public Comment-** None at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-**
 - Fire Department- Portable Tank and Hose. The Fire Department submitted a request for a portable tank that goes with the water tender so they can empty the water into a portable "pool" and then pump out of it. The pump they have now is having some issues and is older so they are needing a new one.
 - Bathroom Doors- The doors on the bathrooms at the Town Square have keyed locks on them right now. The doors have gotten wet and absorbed water and swelled up and then they have been ground down a few times and the doors don't close well. We have been experiencing some vandalism in the bathrooms lately and we would like to get automatic locks on them in order to cut down on vandalism. In order to replace the doors and install the locks it would cost approximately \$6062.84
 - Bathroom Equipment Provider- We received a bid from BradyPlus for bathroom supplies. BradyPlus will install and provide all the dispensers and then we would buy all the soap, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. The bid for approximately \$1220.05 should get us through the end of the year.
7. **Cody Ruud- Discussion on commercial property at 9000 S. 200 W.** There was discussion on the 2.5-acre parcel of property located at approximately 9000 S. and 200 W. Cody would like to build a machine shop on one of the lots and would like to switch the current conformation of the lots so that they run north and south. The shop would be about 4 to 5000 sq ft and the office would be 1500 sq ft. They may do storage units or a shopping space on the other parcel of property. They wondered if there was a possibility of building a road down the middle of both properties and then accessing them both off of that road. There was discussion on noise and lights and concerns. The Council worried about a potential shift going until 1:00 a.m. Cody wondered about the possibility of closing the doors and working inside until 1:00 a.m. as long as it was quiet after 10:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. There was discussion on traffic coming and going in the night. There would be a max of 5 to 8 people and possibly 3 to 4 people that would work swing shift. He is hoping to run until about midnight. This would be up to 5 years later. Cody thinks that once the doors are shut no one will be able to hear him in his shop. He has multiple customers, but they do not come to the shop. They ship all orders out using UPS or freight. He does bring equipment in periodically and the trucks are larger. He gets material deliveries a few times a week that would need to load and unload. He machines motorsports, aerospace, drone parts, etc.

Regular meeting closes at 8:20 p.m.

8. Executive Session- Discussion of character, competence, or health of an individual-

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- 9. Fire Department-** Travis attended the meeting to report on what was happening at Fire Department right now. Doug discussed budget items with Travis. Travis reported on the specifics of the portable tank included in the purchase request. There was discussion on the two sets of turnouts that have been ordered. Travis reported that they have two new members finishing up Fire School this week. Justin Thomas and Braden Winn will finish up this week. They will have Fire 1, Fire 2, and Hazmat Ops at the end of schooling which would then enable them to respond to fires. There was discussion on expiring equipment and what needs to be done to replace it.

10. Unfinished Business-

Cache County Fire District- Mayor Johnson attended a meeting on the County Fire District. The county has proposed a voucher system where they collect taxes from the homeowners and then send that money to Paradise Town for the Fire Department. Paradise would prefer to support a county-wide fire district where the money is collected and then used to fund the district, but other Mayor's are not in favor of a county-wide district. There are meetings being held regularly to discuss the options and what each option means to different communities. Smaller communities may be impacted differently than larger communities if the voucher system is implemented. There has been concern about each of the options and no official decisions have been made.

South Mayor Fire District Meeting- Hyrum invited the South Cache Valley Community Mayors to a meeting to discuss a potential south fire district within the cache fire district. Mayor Johnson reported on that meeting. No decisions were made at that meeting.

Non-Compliant Properties- Updated drone photos have been taken of the non-compliant properties the Town has been trying to get cleaned up over the past year. The Council reviewed the pictures to see what progress has been made on the properties.

Diamond H Rodeo Stock Contractor- The stock contractor submitted a 3- to 5-year contract. It is proposed that the price increases 3% annually. This year the proposed price is \$15,500.00.

Movie in the Park- There was discussion on how and where to set up and how much popcorn is needed.

- 11. New Business-** Nothing at this time.

12. Council Reports-

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** There was discussion on the cemetery roads that need repaired. Mayor Johnson reported on the UDOT planning meeting he attended.
- **Water- Whit Gale-** Nothing new at this time.
- **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Nothing new at this time.
- **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Nothing new at this time.

- 13. Adjourn-** Whit made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:59 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor