



Paradise Town Council

March 18, 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: Assistant Fire Chief Travis Hulme,

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 March 4, 2025, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Devin made some grammatical corrections. Whit made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Doug seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Whit read the bills. Doug made a motion to approve the bills as read. Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
5. **Public Comment-** None at this time.
6. **Purchase Requests-** There were three purchase requests: one for baseball equipment, one for water tank cleaning, and one for tree removal.

Baseball Equipment- Kevin Norman submitted a list of baseball/softball items needed at the meeting he attended in February. He reached out to the supplier and got a bulk price for all the equipment with a discount of \$880.00. There were 3 items that would go on the softball field not the baseball field and we could potentially cut those out if the Council didn't feel there was funding available at this time. The funding for the equipment was included in one of the RAPZ applications. The Council discussed the fact that the RAPZ funding could be less than expected. In order to hold a "ribbon-cutting" ceremony the end of April and to host a baseball game at the ceremony, these last few things would be needed so that the field can be used. The items included in the PR are things like benches for the dugout, a handheld mat drag, bat rack, and a homerun fence. The RAPZ application also included some concrete for the baseball field.

Water Tank Cleaning- We need to get the water tanks cleaned and inspected. The bid is for \$2950.00 for a diver to get in the tanks and clean them and inspect them.

Tree Removal- A large pine tree broke at the DUP park with the last windstorm. The large branch that broke needs to be removed, and the rest of the tree needs to be removed along with the stump grinded. There are also quite a few trees that need to be trimmed at the park that are interfering with wires. Whit also got a bid for tree removal and trimming that the Council will compare to bid the Council reviewed.

7. **Unfinished Business-** Doug reported after talking with Kevin Norman that DuraEdge will be back to finish the baseball and softball fields completely in approximately two weeks. Kevin would like to rent a ride-on roller to roll the fields. The Council was ok with a roller rental in order to get the fields rolled. The Council discussed what color the roofing should be on the dugout at the baseball field. The pavilions and shed roof at the south park is red.
8. **New Business-** Mayor Johnson presented the proposed contract from Cache County Sheriff's Department for the next three years. This year Paradise paid approximately \$8060.00. The proposed rate for 2026-2027 is \$10,380.00, for 2027-2028 is \$12,352.00, and for 2028-2029 is \$14,484.00. Sheriff Jensen will attend the next meeting to discuss the statistics for the previous year and discuss the contract moving forward.
9. **Fire Department-** The Fire Department attended the meeting. It was decided between Doug and the Fire Department that a Fire Department representative would attend Council meeting at the second meeting of every odd month. There was discussion on a Firefighter Assistance grant the Fire Department applied for. That grant funding would be

used specifically for wildland gear. Travis will send a copy of the grant application to Doug. There was discussion on the Fire Department Budget and Cache County Allocation.

10. Council Reports-

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Devin reported that we received a bid from Cache County for grading and brining the gravel around town for \$8000.00. Lee and Devin will review the budget and decide what other potential projects need done.
- **Water- Whit Gale-** Whit reported on proposed water repairs. He and Lee will be going up to the spring to check on progress within the next few weeks as weather permits. Whit talked with Lee about what water infrastructure needs to be updated.
- **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Steve reported on the Trout and Berry days meeting that was held on the 12th. The Council discussed when they wanted to hold the Movie in the Park. The Council decided on June 20 for the first movie and Saturday August 15 for the second movie.
- **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** The Fire Department texted Doug during the meeting that they received their grant. Doug reported on the recreation grants he has been looking into.

11. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:35 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor