



Paradise Town Council

July 01, 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: Lee Atwood (City Manager), Brandon and Carrie Albrecht, Stuart and Sidney Davis, Tricia Thomas, Sidney McGee, Liz Jenkins, JD and Courtney Maughan, Skarlet Bankhead, Jared Erickson, Wayne Ruud, Cody Ruud, Joe and Becky Weeks

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 June 17, 2026, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Doug made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Whit read the bills, Whit made a motion to approve the bills as read, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
5. **Public Comment-**
 - Brandon Albrecht- Brandon addressed the Council with concerns over a proposed machine shop at the corner of 9000 S. and 200 W. He brought up bridge and safety concerns along 9000 S, hours and shift concerns, noise and light pollution, there is a noise ordinance and will this fall under the noise ordinance, the business location, a machine shop is industrial not necessarily commercial, where commercial benefits the community, there should not be mixed use according to Paradise ordinances, scaling and how big the business and building could potentially become, Paradise is special and not sure this type of business is a great fit for Paradise.
 - Stuart Davis- Stuart addressed the Council concerning the proposed machine shop. He brought up infrastructure concerns, road and bridge concerns, no stop signs or light on 9000 S. and more traffic if business goes in, there is only one point of access unless they add a bridge over the canal, will UDOT have to increase road size if that's the case? There was talk on closing canals and would they remove the trees? Most people of Paradise enjoy driving by trees and vegetation. Will they want to use the entire property for business? How loud will machine shop be? Is lighting turned off at night? This area is mainly a residential area and is concerned business will push the boundaries.
 - Tricia Thomas- Tricia addressed the Council with concerns over the proposed machine shop. She brought up parking lot and parking lot light concerns; she brought up that she enjoys seeing the stars and is worried about bright lights from the business. She is concerned about noise and what kind of things can go on that property and if it will interrupt life for all the neighbors on daily basis.
 - Liz Jenkins- Liz addressed the council over the proposed machine shop. She brought up security concerns. She would like more information regarding business plans and what the benefits and costs would be to the community and a cost benefit analysis. Her understanding is that the business will hire between 3 to 9 individuals and would like additional info on the business plan and ultimate business goal.
 - Wayne Ruud- Wayne is one of the potential buyers of the property. Wayne reported that machine shop is not noisy. Wayne says if you don't like it "buy the property" the taxes will benefit the city; they will provide employment etc.
6. **Purchase Requests-**
 - Gates for Rodeo and Arena- There was a purchase request for \$3,175.92 for a total of 6 gates and 8 bags of concrete to install them. Doug made a motion to approve the purchase request; Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
 - 6' V-wedge Concrete Barriers- We need up to 15 concrete blocks to put in the swale area where there are kids riding motorcycles, and then we will use some around stored dirt and asphalt at the new park. They can fit 13 blocks on one

semi-load, so the mayor suggested we get a full 26 blocks or two semi-loads. This is a road department purchase. The total cost will be \$6,418.51 but that includes sales tax. Alyssa will call and discuss with the company that the Town is tax exempt. Devin made a motion to approve the purchase request; Doug seconded that motion. All in favor.

Planning and Zoning

- **Sidney McGee- Lot Line Adjustment- 248 E. 9300 S.-** The Lot Line Adjustment was approved at the Planning Commission meeting. Both lots will be over 1.25 acres and will have more than 165' of frontage. Devin made a motion to approve; Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
- **John and Skarlett Bankhead- New Home- 150 W. 8900 S. –** There was a discussion on impact fees. The owners will tear down the old home that sits on the property now and build the new proposed home. There is an old barn that has fallen on the property that needs to be removed before occupancy. There are two sheds that are on the property that the owners will be using, and one other barn that is intact and standing that they will use. Devin made a motion to approve the home; Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
- **Dave Otterby- Shed- 210 E. 9100 S.-** The Planning Commission has approved the application. Whit made a motion to approve the application; Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
- **Joe Weeks- Steel Building/Shop- 9135 S. 200 W.-** The Planning Commission approved the application. Devin made a motion to approve the building contingent upon the water shares being transferred into Joes name, Doug seconded that motion, all in favor.

7. **Cody Ruud- Machine Shop and Commercial Property Discussion-** Cody reported on his business plan and what his long-term idea is for the proposed machine shop. There was a lengthy discussion among the community members present, the Council, and the Ruud's concerning the potential Machine Shop building and property. Cody is at the end of his "due diligence" process as a potential buyer and potential business owner. Steve reported that he has worked for UPS and FedEx and reported that whenever he delivered to or picked up from a machine shop you wouldn't hear them and wouldn't sometimes know if anyone was there or not. He recommended that everyone who is concerned go visit some machine shops and see what they really are, because he feels that maybe they are thinking it will create more noise and mess than it will.

8. Unfinished Business-

South Cache Fire District Steering Committee- Mayor Johnson reported he will be meeting with Cache County Fire Chief Brady George tomorrow to go over a breakdown of training costs for Fire Department and EMS personnel. He will report back to the steering committee at the next meeting.

Non-Compliant Property Discussion- There was an update on the non-compliant properties and how and if they were bringing the properties into compliance. Lee walked through one of the properties and he reported that the property owners have removed more items from the property. The property is still not in compliance, but the owner has been making progress. The Council discussed how to move forward.

Commercial Property Discussion- The Council discussed the difference between commercial and industrial and what that means for businesses.

9. New Business-

10. Council Reports-

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Nothing new to report.
- **Water- Whit Gale-** The pipe that goes from the spring to the trough was blocked by a rock, but it is clear now and flowing well. There have been a variety of leaks fixed around town in the past few weeks.
- **Community- Steve Gibbs-** Movie in the park will be July 11, 2026. The Council will meet at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Square. It had to be postponed due to the weather. Steve reported on the Trout and Berry Days meeting that was held this past Sunday. Steve has planned a Youth Council meeting on July 9 at the Town Square.
- **Fire/Grants- Doug Jewell-** Doug discussed potential grants and funding options for the walking path. Alyssa will log in and see what the most recent RAPZ awards are. The County is switching completely to an online platform in order to apply for grants and in order to receive the funding and to submit the requests for funding.

11. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourns at 10:11 p.m.

Alyssa Petersen, Clerk

Larry Johnson, Mayor