

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON MAY 27, 2015 AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL, 52 SOUTH PARK  
STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.

**Mayor and Council Members Present:** Mayor Brian Johnson, Council Members William Harding, Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht and Alan Anderton.

**Appointed Officers and Employees Present:** Attorney Joel Linares, Clerk/Recorder Amie Russell and Treasurer Lacey Burrows and Assistant Fire

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**1. Roll Call.** Mayor Johnson, Alan Anderton, William Harding, Pete Albrecht and Dana Gardner.

**2. Approval of meeting minutes for 04/22/15.** Dana Gardner made a motion to accept the minutes for 04/22/15 as written. William Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**3. Public Hearing upon Proposed 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget.** The current budget is in line. Mayor Johnson commented the Fire Department brought in \$17,370.00 by being diligent in filing paperwork to receive payment. Revenue is about the same. Dana received \$10,000.00 grant for Parks from the Tooele County Recreation Special Service District. It was budgeted to take money out of the capital improvement fund for the shed and also for the fire truck payment. It will be necessary to take out \$12,000.00 to cover the shed expense. He again thanked the Fire Department for working to get income to help make the truck payment. There was about \$20,000.00 budgeted for utilities, about \$13,000.00 was spent last year for propane and electricity. Dana commented the Town Hall is used a lot for meeting and also for community use. There were no further public comments offered. The Public hearing closed at 7:08.

**4. Adoption of tentative 2015-2016 budget and set public hearing on proposed on proposed budget.** Dana motion adopt tentative budget and set public hearing for June 16, 2015 and cancel the regular scheduled meeting for June. Pete Albrecht seconded motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**5. Consideration of Setting special Town Council Meeting for June 2015 and cancelling regular June meeting to comply.** Dana motion adopt tentative budget and set public hearing for June 16, 2015 and cancel the regular scheduled meeting for June. Pete Albrecht seconded motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**6. Consideration of scope of work for ballpark grant.** Dana part of the project will involve pouring 16 yards of concrete. Scouts and parents will help with the work and also have a contractor oversee. Estimated \$3,000.00 for the purchase of concrete. Will most likely need to be

hyrodseeded. This work is in conjunction with Eagle Scout project. Attorney Linares commented to see if concrete is on the state purchasing website. Attorney commented if it is under \$2,500.00 two phone bids will be required as long as it doesn't surpass the \$2,500.00 required in the procurement policy. If a special meeting is required to approve any selection of items bid out, there will need to be a quorum of three councilmembers present and have a unanimous vote. There will be several small projects involved. There will be concrete in dugouts, behind backstop and concrete lip towards the park and fence. The fencing will be in concrete as well. The fencing will be purchased from separate vendors. A check can be cut to pay the vendor and then provide invoices and proof of payment will be sent to Tooele County Recreation Special Parks Services for reimbursement. Bill Bradbury may need to assist with tilling and preparing the field and they are also getting information on the best method for dealing with the weeds. Dana Gardner made a motion to move forward with the scope of work as presented and to authorize spending up to \$2,500.00 per vendor with two phone bids, with authorization from the Mayor. Alan Anderton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**7. Consideration of Reciprocal Fire Protection Agreement.** Pete Albrecht feels the army depot is a great support to our department. He didn't know if there is any reimbursement to them or us for service. It is written there is an option to opt out and terminate the agreement, with a 30 day notice, see page 2 of agreement. Pete Albrecht made a motion to accept the agreement between the Rush Valley Town and Army Depot. Dana Gardner seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**8. Fire Department Report.** Pete Albrecht commented the calls have slowed down, but he appreciates all those who support the fire department in responding to the calls. All equipment has passed inspection requirements with the exception of the tanker. There have been new patches made for the Fire Department and wants to make sure all the volunteer members. Thanked Tooele County Emergency Management (TCEM) for their donation of 5 new SCBA's with bottles to the department, which are valued at \$5,000.00 each. The packs are at ROSS Equipment being pressure tested and having the hydro completed. This is estimated to cost \$350.00-\$375.00. Grass is growing quickly and as it warms up it will dry out quickly, be aware of surroundings. There is training twice a month and Pete invited current members to attend an also invited those who want to attend to come to these meetings. Kevin is working on an accountability system for Tooele County. There is a new system being put in place and new numbers are being assigned to each community. The military duce will be turned back in to the state, the town does not have the funds to maintain this vehicle.

## **9. Council Reports**

**Cemetery.** Alan reported the Nickie completed the book for the St. John cemetery. There are 70 veterans buried in the cemeteries. Mayor Johnson thanked Alan for his efforts and commented the cemeteries looked very nice.

**Roads.** William had nothing to report.

**Parks.** Dana commented there were repairs done to pipe in the ball field, he needs to have some work done on the mowers. He thinks the water coming into the pump area which was previously discussed is coming through the lid. He is concerned this will get to the wiring. Recommended getting a new lid.

**Mayor.** Planning and Zoning has been quiet. Mayor Johnson recently issued a stop work order on a renovation. Dana Gardner asked if you can live off generator power and renovate a garage to be living quarters. Cannot remodel your garage to live in. If you are renovating a place to live in it needs to be presented to planning and zoning commission and reviewed by engineering to ensure health and safety and code requirements are met. Must follow proper procedures.

Sherriff's Report – Sherriff Wimmer commented it has been a busy week and he had nothing to report. He asked for any comments or questions from the council. Mayor Johnson commented that there seems to be confusion between animal at large and a dog. The mayor cannot enforce anything more than dogs, because the town only has an ordinance for dogs. Livestock is a County Sherriff issue. They can be impounded if the owner is unknown. Mayor asked if he could help so there is a better understanding of this at dispatch. Recently there was an issue with a goat, dispatch referred the complainant back to the mayor. Sherriff Winder is aware of this specific issue and it has been discussed. The Mayor and the Attorney Linares researched the state code for clarification on the County Sherriff's responsibilities with this matter. Mayor Johnson commented dispatch is quick to give out his cell number in regards to this issue, when the Mayor receives a call, there isn't always a message left. If there is no message he doesn't return the call. The Council is respectful of the dialog that has gone on with Sherriff Wimmer over the past few months. He appreciates the feedback, if the sheriff's office isn't informed there are problems, there is no correction made. He appreciates the comments and concerns being brought to his attention. Pete Albrecht commented it is the beginning of summer and people seem to have broken out their race cars going to Dugway. There was a car estimated to be going about 80 mph, passing 6 cars at once. People are driving very fast on the commute to and from Dugway. Lacey Burrows also commented there are particular cars repeatedly going very fast. Mayor Johnson commented on his experience with the traffic while working in Dugway is very similar, excessive speeds going to and from work.

**10. Safety Topic.** Dana Gardner presented the safety topic and talked about myths about lightning storms. Crouching down doesn't make you any safer during a lightning storm, get indoors. Lightning does strike the same place twice. There can be lightning strikes up to 15 miles outside of the center of thunderstorms, even if there isn't rain. Cars are not safe during a storm. The human body doesn't store electricity, you can perform first aid on someone who has been hit by lightning. Metal objects attract lightning.

**11. Payment of Bills.** Alan requested donation of \$350.00 be made to the Scouts for their help cleaning up the cemeteries. Dana commented he had to fix a toilet at the Fire Station. William Harding motion to pay the bills as presented to include the payment of \$350.00 to the Scouts. Alan Anderton seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

**12. Public Comments.** No public comments were offered.

**13. Adjourn.** Alan Anderton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pete Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.