PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH, UTAH
JANUARY 9, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.

Attendance/Town Board: Marge Cipkar, Mark Barton, Todd Robinson (Mayor), Earl Olsen, Mike Abbott

Others in Attendance: Mike Berg (Parowan Police Chief), Jim Kirkpatrick, Pat Kirkpatrick, Amy Merrell, Scott Merrell, Eric Walker, Tom Milk, Tim Carlson, Sharon Carlson, Robert Almont, Dennis Miner, Robert Valenzuela, Joe Free, Sharon Free, Donald Phillips, Teresa Pabon, Regina Jackowiak, Dart Judd.

1. Call meeting to order: Todd Robinson called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None declared.

3. Adopt Agenda: Todd Robinson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Earl Olsen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approve minutes of December 12, 2018, Regular Meeting: Earl Olsen moved to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018, regular meeting as presented. Motion not seconded. Todd Robinson moved to approve the minutes with one correction under Mayor's report: "each town has 3 votes as a member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns". Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Civic Committee projects/ideas: Regina Jackowiak introduced herself as the president of the Paragonah Civic Committee. The Civic Committee would like to get another dumpster at the turn going up to Red Creek. Comment was made the dumpster is owned by the County. She explained it is always overflowing with trash. Suggestion was made to talk to the County about putting up a sign that the dumpster is to be used only by those who live up the canyon. Regina said some ideas the Civic Committee have been discussing include sponsoring a craft fair, geo caching, a scavenger hunt, a street dance, a Halloween haunted house, and a meet and greet Santa event. They would need permission from the Town to use the town square property for the craft fair. People would sell their own crafts and keep the profits. They would be charged a small fee to rent a space. Vendors from out of town would be charged a higher fee. The craft fair would be held in August or September and possibly in conjunction with the ATV rally. Suggestion was made it could be held on July 24th as part of the activities. They will need to make sure to get the necessary insurance and permits. The Civic Committee has funds they need to spend but cannot agree on how to spend them. Some will be used to add names to the Veteran's Memorial. Other ideas include getting new carpet for the Town Hall, or sand for under the playground equipment. She welcomed ideas from the Town Board. Regina said the Civic Committee will talk more about these ideas at their February meeting and she will get back to the Town with more details and dates.

6. Introduction of new Parowan Police Chief: Mike Berg introduced himself as Parowan's new Police Chief. He explained he has worked for 2 ½ years as the Parowan High School Resource Officer. Parowan has 3 new officers in their department - Aaron Dunlap, Jed Townsend, and Kayler Matthews. He is happy to come to the Town Board meetings each month if necessary. He loves working with the public and wants to make sure they are providing good service to Paragonah. He is familiar with issues that face small towns as he grew up in Milford. Last year, they responded to 152 calls in Paragonah for a total of 381 hours (Parowan had 3000 calls). The top problems were dogs, domestic, custody and drug crimes. 17 were search warrants and 3 were federal cases. Discussion took place concerning the problems with dogs. It was suggested the Town review our dog ordinance. The Town needs to make sure licenses are not issued without proof of rabies. Jayne Stones commented the Town already has this policy in place. Mike Berg said he would send a copy of Parowan's ordinance to the Town to review and make applicable to Paragonah. He explained one of their jobs is to enforce town ordinances. Jayne Stones said Parowan has a copy of our ordinances. Carla Hickman commented there is a problem with people speeding on main street. She said the Town put up some signs but someone took them down. Mike Berg told her main street is owned by UDOT and they probably are the ones who took them down because they have certain rules and regulations they must follow. In order to change the speed limit they would have to do a traffic count study. He said he could see about bringing the speed trailer over and providing more patrols. Todd Robinson asked if they have been told to just respond to emergency calls. If someone was speeding have they been told not to issue a ticket. Mike Berg explained it is up to the officer whether or not he issues a ticket. It is his understanding the agreement with Paragonah also includes ticketing people if necessary. They do like to be more pro-active and educate people. He said the phone numbers for dispatch are 586-9445 or 477-3383.

7. Mayor's Report: Todd Robinson reported he attended a Rural Transportation Executive Committee meeting where they gave an update on the Cedar Valley Belt Route Study. They are looking at different possibilities for alignment. A map showing all of the possible alignments for the proposed belt route is available online. It would start by the Kanarraville exit and go North to the other side of Enoch and end up at the Summit interchange. Also discussed at this meeting was Cedar Highlands Town corridor preservation purchase. It will cost around $162000 to purchase property to do a road going to the subdivision. The County has Corridor Preservation Funds that are to be used to preserve corridors for future growth. $10 of every vehicle registration fee goes to this fund.

Todd also reported on the Iron County Coordinating Council meeting he attended. They discussed the same map for the proposed belt route. A legislature update was given by Evan Vickers and Brad Last. There will be 800 bills going through the legislature between now and

the middle of March. There are several bills that will affect Iron County water issues including the requirement to meter secondary water. Two Mayors and the Commissioners will be going up weekly to attend the legislative sessions. Affordable Housing Plans were discussion. Because of Paragonah's population we are not required to have a plan. Medicaid expansion was also discussed. Discussion took place concerning sales tax received by the Town. The Town receives approximately $55000 in sales tax revenue each year. Todd said whenever anyone in town orders online, the tax on that sale comes to the town.

Todd Robinson reported so far, the results of the Town Survey is as follows:

1) Should the building lot size requirement be changed from 1 acre to ½ acre?
   Yes – 10
   No – 22
2) Should the number of building permits continue to be limited to 2 homes per year?
   Yes - 26
   No - 8

The Town needs to look into hiring someone to take care of the parking strip along main street.

8. Water Report: Mike Abbott reported the Parowan Valley Water Users are holding a meeting on the 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Parowan City Offices. There is more water being used from the aquifers than what is going in. Some wells have had to be dropped 80 feet. The state is threatening to take away water rights issued after 1951. They are looking for ideas on how to slow down water usage. Question was asked if Paragonah uses the same aquifers as Parowan. Comment was made everyone from Summit to Beaver Ridge use the same water basin. Paragonah does not have to pump any water since all of ours come from a spring.

Todd Robinson reported someone has been messing with the valve up by the tank. The water going in went from 230 gpm to 185 gpm. Dan Burgett fixed it and put in a lock so no one can mess with it anymore. Comment was made it could have been someone in the subdivision up the canyon. They get 2 gpm and if there is too much water they can get bypassed.

9. Power/Fire Department Report: The fire department held its annual elections. All officers remained the same. The Neighbors have temporary power. There was a broken power pole on 200 East.

10. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Report: Marge Cipkar said she will talk to Kaye Lefevre about having a Planning and Zoning meeting to review the dog ordinance.

11. Roads/Park/Building Report: Discussion took place concerning the Canal Company line that needs to be fixed by Carla Hickman's (Main and Center Street). There was a Precision Pipe truck there and Ralph Lister was going over things with them. They are working on getting it fixed.

Earl read a letter received from Beaver Landscaping. They will take care of the lawn at the town square for $2614.16 which would include 26 weeks of mowing and 4 applications. The Board was asked to think about this and decide what they want to do this year. They offer a 7% discount if we will pay in advance. Todd Robinson said he talked to Supreme Green about spraying at the Cemetery this year.

12. Open Discussion: Dart Judd said he would like a copy of the Dog Ordinance. Jayne Stones said she would email him a copy. Teresa Pabon asked about putting in a bench at the cemetery in honor of her father who is a veteran. She was told she will need to purchase some lots. The cost is $200/lot for residents.

As soon as the Water Master Plan is complete, the Water Board needs to have a meeting and review it.

Carla Hickman asked if the fire siren can be turned down. She said it is right by her house and is deafening when it goes off. Mark Barton said there is no way to adjust the volume.

13. Adjourn meeting/review financial statements/approve bills: Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting/review financial statements/approve bills. Mark Barton Seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.