

**Paragonah Town Board
Regular Meeting
44 North 100 West, Paragonah Town Hall
March 13, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

Others in attendance: Jim Kirkpatrick, Pat Kirkpatrick, Don Phillips, Teresa Pabon, Tim Rees, Vicki Finley, Robert Almont, Mary Almont, Jayne Stones (Town Clerk), Tammy Hulet, Eric Walker

1. **Call meeting to order:** Mayor Todd Robinson called the meeting to order.
2. **Declaration of conflict of interest:** None declared.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Mark Barton moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes of February 13, 2019, regular meeting:** Mike Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2019, regular meeting as presented. Earl Olsen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Discuss and make decision concerning Statewide Utility License Agreement with the Utah Department of Transportation:** The Utah Department of Transportation is updating and replacing all Statewide Utility License Agreements that are more than 5 years old. The last one they have on file for Paragonah is dated March 9, 2014. Justin Wayment has reviewed the agreement and said it basically outlines what the town needs to do when applying for encroachment permits and adopting the agreement will just make the process go faster.
Todd Robinson moved to adopt the Statewide Utility License Agreement with UDOT as presented. Earl Olsen seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Discuss putting a municipal sales tax on gas and other services:** Jayne Stones reported she has contacted several other municipalities, and some get a municipal tax back from Questar and some don't. She did find out that if the town wants to put a municipal tax on natural gas services, we need to adopt an ordinance. She explained she talked to Justin Wayment to see if he had any information and is waiting to hear back from him.
7. **Discuss animal ordinances and how many animals are allowed per lot:** Town Board members reviewed the ordinance concerning how many animals are allowed per lot. One lots 39000 square feet or more livestock or animals may be kept and raised in combinations of not more than 4 animal units, 40 fowl, and 4 pigs. On lots less than 39000 square feet livestock or animals may be kept or raised in combinations of not

more than 2 animal units and 20 fowl and 2 pigs. All livestock or animals must be housed in enclosed corrals, stable or other enclosures with open fence exercise areas located a minimum of fifty (50) feet from any dwelling. Animals used for grazing and weed control must be located a minimum of 10 feet from any dwelling. The definition of an animal unit is 1 cow and present offspring, or 1 horse and present offspring, or 6 sheep and present offspring, or 6 goats and present offspring.

The Town has received a complaint concerning a meat processing business. It is causing a very foul odor in the neighborhood and there is concern about ground and air contamination from wasting animal material that is not being removed in a timely manner. The odor is so bad their neighbors can't enjoy their backyard because the smell is so strong. Dogs go in and out all day dragging stuff around. This has been going on for several years and it is just getting worse. When the business first started up there were no problems because they had a truck they drove around to get the animals and butcher them. They did not do it on their property. The Town issued a business license to this person for custom meat processing. The business has been raising pigs and shooting them on their property. Shooting is not allowed within town limits and poses a danger to residents. Comment was made they had as many as 40 pigs at one time. The Town sent a letter to them last year telling them they were in noncompliance and needed to move the pigs. They said they would move the pigs to their property which is out of town as soon as they built a fence to keep the coyotes out. They never moved the pigs. Todd Robinson delivered a second letter to them asking them to comply. He said the owner is going to work on getting it cleaned up. Comment was made the Town should issue them a citation. Todd Robinson said he would first like to try working with the owner to resolve the issue.

8. Discuss lawn care at town square and along main street: The Town needs to find someone to take care of the lawn at the Town Square and along main street. Jayne Stones was asked to put up a notice that the town is accepting bids. Watering on main street was discussed. Comment was made the Town needs to put in a timer, otherwise, Dan or whoever gets the bid will have to manually shut it on and off.

9. Discuss getting a building permit – Tim Rees: Tim Rees said he would like to build a home in the near future. He understands the town has already issued the allowed number of building permits for this year. He talked to Jayne about getting on the waiting list and was told there is no list. He said it is difficult to get financing etc., if you do not know when you will be able to get a building permit and it would help to know when you are next in line. Also, what if 4 people show up at the office at the same time at the first of year. How is it decided who will get the permit? Town Board members said it would be difficult to go by a list. People next on the list may not be ready and

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someone else may come in and be ready. He asked if he would be able to get a building permit for a barn/shed. Town Board members said yes because accessory buildings are not included in the moratorium because they do not require water. Tim asked if he would be able to get power to the building. Town Board members could not see a problem with running power to him.

10. Mayor's Report: Discussion took place concerning the Interlocal Disaster Agreement with Iron County that the Town did not sign last month. Jayne Stones reported Justin Wayment and Mike Berg are working with the County on this to make it more favorable for the town. Todd Robinson said UAMPS will be holding a meeting to discuss nuclear power on March 15th at 1:00 p.m. at the Parowan City Offices. He invited all board members to attend. UAMPS will also be holding training in St. George on April 24th from 1 – 4 p.m. Todd said the training is usually very informative. Anyone who wants to attend needs to register by April 17th. The sidewalk in front of Ginger Hulet's house is very uneven and needs to be fixed. Todd also reported the legislative bill concerning secondary water having to be metered was tabled.

11. Water Report: Mike Abbott had nothing to report. Question was asked if the town has changed the lock on the spring that someone was getting into and adjusting the water. Mike said he was not sure if Dan has been able to change the lock. Jayne Stones said she will ask Dan about it in the morning.

12. Power/Fire Department Report: The fire department responded to some accidents this past month and a fire out on U-20. Mark Barton said he has been working on trimming trees out of the power lines.

13. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Report: Marge Cipkar said she will call Supreme Green and see if they can come spray the cemetery in April and in May so it will be green for Memorial Day. She had nothing to report for Planning and Zoning. Todd Robinson said the section in the Zoning Ordinance about lot size, width, and yard requirements needs to be changed to read "set back requirements". A public hearing will need to be held before the ordinance can be changed.

14. Roads/Park/Building Report: Earl Olsen reported the dirt pile by the fence along 300 West looks like it has been cleaned up. He will see if he can get the roads scheduled for chip sealing sometime this spring.

15. Open Discussion: Tammy Hulet said the annual Sprint Triathlon will be held this year on July 20th. They will follow the same route they have every year. She wanted to make sure she had the Town's approval and there were not problems that need to be addressed. Town Board members said they did not have any problems. Todd Robinson suggested Tammy talk to Regina Jackowiak. The Civic Committee would like

to do a craft fair and the park and maybe they could do it in conjunction with the triathlon.

Robert Almont asked for clarification on the building lot size requirement. He was told a lot must be 1 acre if it was divided after December of 1996. Any lot divided before this date is a buildable lot as long as it meets the setback requirements. Discussion took place concerning the Garth Jones lot. Todd Robinson explained the original deed to this lot was owned by Shane Jones. The legal description on the deed shows it is two separate lots even though it was owned by one person.

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