

APPROVED
P. Rowe

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2020
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, Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht and Lacey Burrows

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Joe Cartwright, Patty Rowe and Jason Bolinder

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.** Lacey Burrows, Pete Albrecht, Dana Gardner, Mayor Johnson

Mayor Johnson announced that Bill Harding has resigned his position as town council member. Also, Julie Cheatham has resigned her position as Treasurer.

- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 10-23-19.** Lacey Russell said that some townspeople have expressed that the price of \$250 for an interment fee is too high. The new price was voted on and decided at the last meeting, but can be brought back up for discussion. Lacey suggested that some people had asked for a lower price because they were lifelong residents. After discussion, it was decided that the price would stay at \$250, but until July 1, 2020, the price will be \$150. Dana made a motion to approve the minutes as written for 10-23-19, and also amend the cemetery ordinance. Brian seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's Report.** Lieutenant Clinton reported that in October there were seven total details, in November, five details, and in December, seven total details. There were no significant incidents during these months. Lt. Scharmann has taken a new position and Lt. Wayman has been moved over to patrol. Sgt. Arranda has been promoted to Lieutenant over Investigations. Lt. Wayman is now the person to call to request assistance.
- 4. Consideration of Appointment to Fill Councilman Vacancy.** Mayor Johnson said that the vacant position was posted for two weeks and we received one applicant, Jeremiah Harding. Lacey made a motion to accept Jeremiah Harding as the new councilman of the Town of Rush Valley for the two years left of the vacancy. Brian seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. Jeremiah was sworn in to his new position and he took his place at the table.
- 5. Consideration of Appointment of Treasurer.** Mayor Johnson mentioned that the division of treasurer and clerk/recorder duties that occurred early last year was not working out. He proposed that we go back to a clerk/treasurer that does Quickbooks and financials, in addition to meeting minutes, etc. This is the way it was done for many years when Amie Russell was employed. He proposed that we hire a new Treasurer that will only handle PTIF transfers and the banking. The mayor presented Lacey Burrows as the person to be the Treasurer. Because of her experience, she will be able to do the job easily. Patty Rowe will take on the role that Amie Russell historically had.

Because the mayor will not sign checks with Patty Rowe, Lacey will be the person that signs checks with either of them. Pete made the motion to accept Lacey Russell as the Treasurer, as well as councilman in charge of Cemeteries. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

6. **Consideration to Hire Employee for Roads Department.** Jeremiah Harding said that Wyatt Harding would like to take on the position. He holds a CDL license and has worked as a Roads employee previously. Brian made a motion to accept Wyatt Harding as an employee for the roads department. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
7. **Consideration to Increase Clerk/Recorder Monthly Salary.** Mayor Johnson proposed that because Patty Rowe will be taking on the additional Treasurer duties, we increase the clerk/recorder salary to \$450 per month. This is the same salary that Amie Russell received. Because Patty has been doing the job for two months, the mayor proposed that she receive backpay of \$200 per month for December and January. Pete made a motion to increase the clerk/recorder salary from \$250 to \$450 per month with backpay. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
8. **Payment of Recertification Fees for Fire Department (Codee Bolinder & Kevin Russell).** Jason Bolinder stated that the fee is \$60, five dollars for each certification that is due. The fees are due every four years. Pete made a motion to pay the recertification fees for Codee and Kevin. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
9. **Review and Signature of Fire Department Documents:**
 - **Mutual Aid Agreement for Wildland Fire between Rush Valley and Tooele County.** This agreement has been held for several years and is very beneficial to us.
 - **Radio Purchasing Agreement.** Pete mentioned that we are receiving radios at a lower cost (50% or less) with this agreement. We currently have three updated radios and four handhelds. The agreement includes the radios, as well as support for them.
 - **MOU between Rush Valley Fire Department and the State of Utah.** This has been a very beneficial thing to have in place and we should continue with it.

Pete made the motion to sign all three documents. Lacey seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

10. **Fire Department Report.** Mayor Johnson added an agenda item, the addition of a new fire department member, which will be placed on next month's agenda in order to ratify it. Wyatt Harding has volunteered to be a member of the Rush Valley Fire Department. Pete made a motion to accept Wyatt Harding as the newest member of the fire department. Brian seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

The department will be going to St. George next weekend for training. The classes will count toward certifications. As per Mayor Johnson, the town fully supports the travel because of the efforts that our volunteers make.

11. Council Reports. Roads – Jeremiah Harding had nothing to report. Mayor Johnson said the Johnson Lane is a mess, so with that, Jake Clegg from Ensign Engineering has applied for a grant from Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP). The grant is for cities that have roads that give access to the BLM and the BLM will contribute money to the cost of the new road. If we get this grant, the town's cost share will be 6%. Jeremiah would like to start working on getting road signs up to code.

Cemetery – Lacey stated that Cody Burrows is almost done with his Eagle Scout project.

Parks – Dana has been working with the rodeo committee to get them to spend the grant money. We still have \$10,000 that needs to be spent before a new grant can be received. Dana worked on the safe in the office and ordered a new keypad for it. Dana gave all members and employees a new code for the front door of the town hall.

Mayor Johnson said that Beehive is currently installing the new fiber optic into homes and it is as good as they promised. It has been installed in the town hall and also the fire station.

Mayor Johnson gave an update on the Canyon Meadows subdivision. There are still a couple of punchlist items that have not been completed. The bond that was paid to the town is for performance of the subdivision, not completion of it.

12. Safety Topic. Mayor Johnson talked about OSHA trends that are taking place in the workplace.

13. Payment of Bills. Pete made a motion to approve the bills as written. Lacey seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

14. Public Comments. Patty Rowe complimented the Rush Valley paramedics on their timely response to an incident at her home. Their personal service was really noticed and appreciated. Holli Harding spoke for Bill Harding saying his time spent on the council was really well spent and he cares about the town very much!

15. Adjourn. Pete made a motion to adjourn and Dana seconded it. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.