

APPROVED
P. Rowe

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON JUNE 17, 2020
AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL
52 SOUTH PARK STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH
THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:04 P.M.

Mayor and Council Members Present: Mayor Brian Johnson, Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht and Jeremiah Harding. Lacey Burrows asked to be excused.

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 05-27-20.** Dana made a motion to approve the minutes as written for 05-27-20. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's Report.** No sheriff was in attendance.
- 4. Public Hearing Upon Proposed 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget.** At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for comments. Copies were provided for those in attendance. Beginning with the 2020-21 Final Budget, in Revenues there was a change to the grant money of \$50,000 which put the total at \$270,000. The Fire Department expenditures budget will be left \$12,000, with the fire truck at \$15,300. Also, in Expenditures, Utilities was increased, Roads was put at \$52,000, Parks & Recreation at \$12,000 and Cemetery at \$6,000. Park Renovations with the grant of \$30,000 and Rodeo Grounds is \$20,000. There was no discussion and the public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m. See item 7 for motion to adopt.
- 5. Public Hearing Upon Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Amendments.** At 7:13 p.m., Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for comments. Looking at the budget from last year, Tooele County Distributions was amended to include \$700 more. Building permits and licenses revenue is estimated at \$35,000. Roads was higher than usual, so it was amended. Cemetery was also amended because we sold several lots. We received donations for the Rodeo Grounds, and it was amended, as well. Utilities was up and Cemetery was slightly over budget due to some p-card invoices that were paid late due to an oversight. The water tank and hydrant were added as a separate line item of \$15,888. There was no discussion and the hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.
- 6. Consideration of Ordinance Establishing a Compensation of the Elective, Statutory and Appointed Officers of the Town of Rush Valley for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.** Mayor Johnson asked for discussion about the pay scale. The current salaries are: Council Member - \$50 per month; Mayor - \$250 per month; Clerk/Recorder - \$450 per month; Treasurer - \$50 per month and Fire Chief - \$100 per month. It was mentioned that there had not been a raise in quite a while and the Mayor suggested that we should give everyone a raise of \$25 per month. Mayor Johnson made a motion

to increase the pay \$25 per month. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. This will go into effect on July 1, 2020.

- 7. Consideration of Resolution Adopting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget and Setting the Tax Levy for the Town of Rush Valley.** Our tax levy is .000862 percent of real property tax and the revenue we will receive is \$27,096. Dana made a motion to adopt the tax levy for the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. Dana amended the motion to also adopt the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Consideration of Resolution of Amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the Town of Rush Valley.** Mayor Johnson made a note that with all the conservative spending this year, we have a carryover from fund balance of \$6,169 which will add to our “rainy day fund” to \$35,922. Dana asked about the Rodeo Grounds grant money and Brian explained that the total bill was \$11,333 and they brought in over \$20,000. The chutes and dump fees were also included in their costs, so we are basically even. Brian said that moving forward if they need money, it can be taken out of the “rainy day fund” to get them going on a project. Pete made a motion to adopt the amended budget for 2019-2020 fiscal year. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 9. Declaration of Town Grader as Surplus.** Jeremiah said the grader is only worth scrap and the trucking to move it is approximately \$2,500. Mayor Johnson made a motion to declare the grader as surplus with a minimum bid of whatever scrap value is. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 10. Fire Department Report.** Pete reported that we are looking good at growing the supplies with leftover budget. The tanker is getting new wiring installed and the new military truck is now usable. The inspections have been done. With the 4th and 24th of July holidays coming up, we must watch out and be very careful. There is a map showing the fireworks restrictions and we are allowing fireworks at the town hall. We will be patrolling the town during the holidays.
- 11. Council Reports.** Roads – Jeremiah received several bids on street signs with the best being \$3,427.99 from Intermountain Traffic and Safety. Some of the posts need to be repaired or replaced. Mayor Johnson made a motion to add an agenda item for next month’s meeting for the Roads department to purchase signs. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The dump truck did not pass inspection and repairs will have to be made before we start plowing. The dump truck is heavy and is extremely hard on roads when plowing. It may be time to start looking at purchasing a lighter truck. Jeremiah started a new system to track safety inspections on each of the Roads department vehicles.

Cemetery – Lacey was not present at the meeting.

Parks – Dana reported the main break on the water tank has been fixed and the tank in St. John is full. Jason will put some locks on the tanks for extra precaution. There has been some grading done at the rodeo grounds and they are going to purchase some panels.

Mayor Johnson worked on town budget and fire study. He meets with the county government who are over a list of capital improvement projects (Community Impact Board Grant-CIBG). Does Rush Valley have a project they would like to add to the list? Jeremiah suggested a road shed. We will need to have an idea of what the cost of the project would be. We will also seek a bid for the remodel of the Town Hall. Mayor Johnson does not know if road improvements can be included.

12. Safety Topic. Mayor Johnson presented the safety topic. COVID is still on the rise and we need to still be practicing the hygiene guidelines and social distancing of six feet.

13. Payment of Bills for June. Pete made a motion to pay the bills as written with the addition of the inspections on the fire trucks for \$431.50. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

14. Public Comments. Mert and Dan Russo from the West Desert Amateur Radio Club are starting an online course for people to get an amateur radio technician license. There is no participation from Rush Valley currently and it would be good to have someone licensed in case of a county-wide emergency. The county pays the tuition and the club asked us to advertise it around town.

Doug Kinsman of Ensign Engineering said that all permits have been returned to the town. He said that there are some grants available and we just need to look for them. It would be nice to have a discussion with the county to coordinate projects in the future. We need to get a plan for maintaining our town roads. Mayor Johnson said that with the help of the attorney we will start talking with people who are living in RV trailers around town for longer than is allowed. We need to start enforcing conditional use permits, which will require power and sewer inspections. He asked Doug if they could conduct those inspections and he said yes, for a cost. The town attorney and the mayor will start compiling a list of property owners that will be sent a letter.

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 8:55 p.m.