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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 27, 2020
AT THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN HALL
52 SOUTH PARK STREET, RUSH VALLEY, UTAH
THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:02 P.M.**

Mayor and Council Members Present: Mayor Brian Johnson, Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht, Lacey Burrows and Jeremiah Harding

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

1. **Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.**
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for 04-22-20.** Dana made a motion to approve the minutes as written for 04-22-20. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
3. **Sheriff's Report.** Sergeant Bleazard presented the February, March and April stats. February was a rather quiet month except for a phone scam where someone was pretending to be law enforcement asking for money and gift cards. Law Enforcement will **never** solicit money. In March, a deputy responded to a suspect at the fire station who also had multiple warrants. He was captured and booked into jail. They also responded to a domestic call. There were 12 total details, 2 arrests and 4 citations. In April, there was increased patrolling in the camping areas. There are thousands of people coming to Tooele County to camp and they are seeing record numbers of people. This in turn, results in a lot of accidents. There was concern of some drug dealing at the end of Russell Lane. After watching the vehicle, it was determined that the suspect is just hanging out. The vehicle was stopped and there was no sign of drugs. Lacey mentioned a squatter on Russell Lane, but the sheriff had not heard anything about that.
4. **Consideration to Adopt Tentative 2020-2021 Budget.** Mayor Johnson explained the tentative budget, saying that except for some May and June transactions, we currently have an approximately \$30,000 surplus. Expenditures show Parks and Rec at \$9,300 of a \$12,000 budget; Cemetery at \$2,500 of \$6,000 and Fire Department \$7,600 of a \$12,000 budget. Mayor Johnson pointed out that in permit fees we had expenditures of \$13,000 and have brought in \$22,000. This is due to Ensign Engineering helping us capture the costs. Historically, the town had been funding building permits. We were issuing building permits at a low price that did not even cover our costs. We are also charging for re-inspections currently. We have not noticed a decline in revenue due to Covid-19. Also, in revenue, is a \$21,000 bond from Canyon Meadows that will be repaid based on performance. We have received some follow up bills (expenses) and we will hopefully pull money from that bond to pay the expenses. We are not expecting another bond. As far as grants go for the next fiscal year, Dana shared that we received \$30,000 for the tennis court and \$20,000 for the rodeo ground. Class C Road Fund allotment is budgeted for \$50,000 in revenue and Homeland Security Grant is \$3,000. Fire Department is budgeted at \$14,000 in revenue and Cemetery is

\$2,500. Interest Earnings is \$4,000 and Rents, Concessions and Donations is \$5,000. Total Revenue is budgeted at \$267,500.

Expenditures including Administration, Professional Services and Engineering Services & Permit Fees were estimated high and Utilities was bumped up a little. Insurance is \$9,500; Payroll is \$17,000 and Fire Department is budgeted for \$12,000 with \$15,300 for the Fire Truck lease. There is also some for Animal Control. Highways & Streets is budgeted for \$50,000; Sanitation is \$800; Parks and Rec is \$12,000; Cemetery is \$6,000; Park Renovations \$30,000, and Rodeo Grounds \$20,000. Rodeo Grounds have spent \$13,293 to date with income of \$21,900. Last year, money was borrowed from the capital project fund to pay for bucking chutes (\$2,175) and dump fees (\$5,655), totaling \$7,830. Because they have not spent last year's money, we will cover the expenses with the left-over grant money. Their budget for next year is \$20,777.

Lacey made a motion to approve the tentative budget for 2020-2021 as presented. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

5. **Consideration of Setting Special Town Council Meeting for June 2020 and Cancelling Regular June Meeting to Comply with Requirements to Adopt Budget.** The budget must be submitted to the State by June 22, so we must have the meeting before that. Pete made a motion to change our regular June meeting to Wednesday, June 17th. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
6. **Approval of Grant Funds Awarded for Tennis Court and Rodeo Grounds.** Dana requested approval to move forward on getting the tennis court completed and get going on the rodeo grounds. The tennis court will be covered with a new surface. The rodeo committee has a master plan for the next steps. Brian made a motion to approve the grant funds. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
7. **Approval to Digitize the Clover Cemetery.** Lacey received a quote from Gateway Mapping for \$3,380. They are the same company that did the St. John cemetery and we are happy with them. The quote also includes the smaller cemeteries that are in various places around town. Lacey would like to use the rest of her budget left from this year to pay for part of it and pay for the rest with next year's budget. Brian suggested that we pay the entire invoice with this year's budget, since the funds are available. Pete made a motion to digitize the Clover Cemetery to be paid with 2019-2020 budget funds. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
8. **Fire Department Report.** Pete reported that the dumpsters that were brought in for cleanup were very well utilized. Thanks to Dan Walton for all the effort and financial support he put in to getting them. Dan has also been instrumental in getting repairs done on our trucks. Pete mentioned that fire season is upon us and could be really bad this year because of the dry weather. We must be extremely cautious when welding, etc. During one weekend lately, there were eight fire calls that our department responded to. The hydrant system was installed on Juniper and the fire truck was filled at 2,650 gallons in 11 minutes just off flow. The fire trucks will be inspected on June 10th.

The 10,000-gallon tank and 988 feet of pipe were installed, and we now have 11,500 gallons of water ready to go at any time. The grant from Shambip and Rush Valley Water Conservancy District chipped in \$35,000, which covered the tank installation. The town agreed to pay \$15,888 for the pipe and hydrant, and installation of them.

9. **Council Reports.** Roads – Jeremiah reported they have been potholing and spraying weeds. He is getting prices on new signs to meet code with two good bids and he is working on another bid. Jeremiah wants to dump leftover asphalt into a pad so that he does not have to waste it. Brian suggested dumping it around the corner of the town hall.

Cemetery – Lacey reported that flags were placed on Memorial Day. The trash can at the cemetery keeps disappearing and is not being used for its intended purpose. We will discontinue paying for that trash can. Affordable Lawn Care sprayed the cemetery grass for weeds, but it did not work because there was no rain, so Lacey hired Dean Alder to spray with something else that did work.

Parks – Dana reported that we had our condenser replaced with a much nicer unit than we were expecting for the same price. The building is being reserved for the summer. Dana is working on a broken water line to the building. Brian asked about Rush Valley Days due to COVID-19. Dana suggested that we should start planning it with the understanding that we may have to cancel it.

Mayor Johnson has been working on the budget and orchestrating the placement of the tank in St. John.

10. **Safety Topic.** Pete presented the safety topic based on an incident that occurred with hand sanitizer. An employee used an alcohol-based sanitizer and before it was completely dry, he touched a metal surface. Static electricity created an ignition source and flames occurred. The worker received 1st and 2nd degree burns to both hands.

11. **Payment of Bills for May.** Pete made a motion to pay the bills as written. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

12. **Public Comments.** Lacey had some compliments given to her and a big thank you to the town council for the management of the fire department and the dumpsters for the town clean up. She also received a call that Indian Mountain Road is really bad, and people are having a lot of tire blow outs. Lacey meant to say Meadow Lane, not Indian Mountain Road. This is a county road, not a town road.

13. **Adjourn.** Pete made a motion to adjourn and Dana seconded it. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.