

APPROVED
P. Rowe

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23, 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 Johnson, Dana Gardner, Pete Albrecht, Lacey Burrows and Jeremiah Harding

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

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 08-26-2020.** Dana made a motion to approve the minutes as written for 08-26-2020. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's Report.** Sargent Goss reported that there were 10 details, one arrest and one citation. An intoxicated driver crashed into a fence near Main Street and Highway 199. Increased patrolling of canyons has also been happening.
- 4. Wattsmart Study by Rocky Mountain Power.** Neil Dymock presented the study which included the ballasts and light bulbs being changed out with LED lighting in all the town buildings. For the fire station, the estimated savings is \$533 per year. For the town hall, the estimated savings is \$505 per year. It will also include the maintenance building. The study did not include the pavilion or outside restrooms. We pay approximately \$1,100 up front and Rocky Mountain Power pays the rest. Jeremiah made a motion to move forward with the Wattsmart customer installation. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 5. Approval to Spend BLM Grant Money and Fire Department Funds for Wildland Fire Packs.** Jason Bolinder has been working with BLM and we are eligible to receive \$2,143.00 if we spend some of it on mitigation. Jason would like to get a couple more chainsaws with accessories and some chaps. The mitigation will be done around an abandoned home in St. John that has a lot of sagebrush, dry weeds and old trailers. We have a lot of old abandoned houses around town that are a fire hazard and mitigation around them needs to take place. Pete made a motion to approve the spending of the grant money. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 6. Approval to Purchase Cold Mix Asphalt.** Jeremiah would like to get another load of cold mix for the winter. He would use some to patch Charles Hill. The cost would be approximately \$2,200 for 16 ton. Lacey made a motion to approve the purchase of cold mix asphalt. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 7. Approval to Purchase New Fuel Tank.** Jeremiah said that we have a sixteen-year-old fuel tank that is cracked and rusty. The cost of a new 100-gallon tank is around \$590. He can get a custom-built tank with baffles made of aluminum for \$1,000. He will also put on a new pump and filter system.

Pete made a motion to approve the new custom aluminum tank with pump and filter system. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.



8. **Fire Department Report.** Jason reported that the state has also given approval to purchase some wildland fire packs (should have been discussed previously on the agenda). A fire pack holds your fire shelter, drinking water, etc. The ones we currently have are not adequate and are extremely uncomfortable. Dana made a motion to approve the spending of approximately \$2,000 for wildland fire packs. Jeremiah seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Pete reported that the department had some great training where they demolished a car while practicing on it.

9. **Council Reports.** Roads – Jeremiah reported that he has been working on Johnson Lane to get it prepped for reconstruction, including mowing, trimming trees, removing a culvert, etc. The new signs still need to be installed around town. Mayor Johnson reported that it took 80,000 gallons of water for the Johnson Lane reconstruction instead of 40,000 gallons.

Cemetery – Lacey did not have much to report on the cemeteries.

10. **Parks** – Dana reported that Mayor Johnson placed some panels around the new tennis court. Patty Rowe reported that the insurance on the tennis court is included with the basketball standard area for \$60,000 and liability, as well. Dana got some bids on finishing the fence around the tennis court which were around \$6,500. The high cost includes a large gate. Dana is going to have it re-bid without the gate. Dana also got a bid on remodeling the bathrooms which was approximately \$7,000. Pete made a motion for approval to move forward with the bathroom remodel. Lacey seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Johnson reported that he has been working with the new Tooele County Roads Supervisor, Jed Bell. He acquired a map of the roads showing Mormon Trail, Meadow Lane, Indian Mountain Road and Penny Lane as county roads. Mr. Bell said that from now on the county will improve and maintain those roads. They are currently re-paving Meadow Lane and our contract says that the Town of Rush Valley will pay for culverts. The culverts will cost \$5,200 and we have until the end of the year to pay the bill. Jeremiah asked if the contract stated anything about the town hauling off the old culverts and anything with us doing signs and delineation. Mayor Johnson said that unless Jed Bell brings it up, we are not responsible for it.

11. **Safety Topic.** Jeremiah presented the safety topic on safety in work areas.

12. **Payment of Bills for September.** Dana added an invoice for maintenance on the Toro mower (\$240), leaf blower (\$78.24) and string trimmer (\$78.27). Dana reported that all grant money for the tennis courts has been spent and we still have \$9,600 to spend for the rodeo grounds. Dana made a motion to pay the bills as written with additions. Lacey seconded it. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

13. Public Comments. None

14. Adjourn. Pete made a motion to adjourn and Lacey seconded it. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.