

**PARAGONAH TOWN
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 14, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

Attendance/Town Board: Marge Cipkar, Todd Robinson (Mayor), Mike Abbott, Mark Barton. Absent: Trisha Robb

Others in attendance: Nancy Dalton (Chairman - Planning and Zoning Committee), Cassie Waterman, Byron Jenkins. Joined Electronically: Bob and Melissa Arnold
Absent: Jayne Stones (Town Clerk)

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Call meeting to order:** 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. **Open Public Hearing:** Todd Robinson moved to open public hearing. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Receive public comments on the following:**
 - a) Ordinance 20-1, an ordinance amending Title 7 of the Subdivision Ordinance addressing installation of Fire Hydrants on specified construction; and
 - b) Ordinance 20-2, an ordinance amending selected sections of Chapter 9-500 of the Code of Revised Ordinances addressing installation of fire hydrants.

Todd Robinson asked if there were any comments concerning these two ordinances. Suggestion was made under the 4th "WHEREAS" on each ordinance it needs to state that the actual person putting in a fire hydrant must be a certified water contractor.

Cassie Waterman said she has a problem with our ordinance on fire hydrants and we are all wrong on the way we are handling our town.

After much discussion suggestion was made to rewrite the ordinances before approval.

c) Resolution to open budget to include CARES Act funding for expenditures related to Covid-19: Todd Robinson explained the budget needs to be opened to include the CARES Act funding we received to be used for Covid-19 related

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expenditures. The town has received \$32634. Any money that is not used must be returned to the State. There were no public comments.

6. Close Public Hearing and Re-Open Regular Meeting: Todd Robinson moved to close the Public Hearing and Re-Open the Regular Meeting. Mark Barton 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approve minutes of September 9, 2020, regular meeting: Mike Abbott moved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2020, regular meeting. Mark Barton 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Make decision concerning Ordinance 20-1, an ordinance amending Title 7 of the Subdivision Ordinance addressing installation of Fire Hydrants on specified construction: Decision was made to table adopting this ordinance until all wording has been clarified.

9. Make decision concerning Ordinance 20-2, an ordinance amending selected section of Chapter 9-500 of the Code of Revised Ordinances addressing installation of fire hydrants: Decision was made to table adopting this ordinance until all wording has been clarified.

10. Make decision concerning resolution 20-8 to open the 2021 budget to include CARES Act funding for expenditures related to Covid-19:

Todd Robinson moved to adopt resolution 20-8, a resolution to open the 2021 fiscal year budget to include CARES Act funding of \$32634 to be used for Covid-19 related expenditures. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Discuss and make decision concerning lot line adjustment on the Ted Cooke property: Ted Cooke explained he would like to annex 2 acres and is willing to pay for the fire hydrant and will turn over the road access to the Town. 1/3 of the property is already in town. He would like to trade said property for annexation. Todd thinks it would be a good trade. Nancy Dalton said we need the water. Ted will need to start the annexation process. The town will discuss and work out details. This is not a lot line adjustment problem. Cravens and Judds will have to be contacted to see about giving over part of their road.

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12. Mayor's Report: Todd Robinson gave an update on the Carbon Free Power Project. The Department of Energy is waiting on a grant. Some towns are waiting to see if the grant is approved. The Town will have a megawatt shortage by 2030. In August we lost money on the power because of fires in California. There will be a workshop for CDBG monies on October 28th. We are on the list for Water System improvements.

13. Water Department Report: Mike Abbott reported Norm Howard's water problem has been fixed. Dan Burgett installed a new water hook-up for the Davenport's who are putting in a manufactured home. Mike Abbott said they had talked about getting a compactor for Dan to use. He looked into it and they cost around \$2300-\$3000.

14. Power/Fire Department Report: Mark Barton reported UAMPS is still looking into how our power usage figures compare to the usage at their meter. The difference in usage varies a lot and they are trying to determine why. Temporary power has been installed for the Davenports and Jake Barton.

15. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Report: The Planning and Zoning committee still needs to discuss the Parking Ordinance in further detail. At the last meeting they discussed the annexation application rate structure and recommends the Town clarify the annexation application fee must be paid for each acre lot that is annexed.

16. Roads/Park/Building: No report given

17. Open discussion: Discussion took place concerning CARES Act money and what it can be used for. The money the Town received cannot be used for rent, utilities, etc. Melissa Arnold suggested using some of the money to upgrade the equipment used for electronic meetings, such as adding more speakers and upgrading the town computer.

18. Adjourn Meeting/Review Financial Statements/Approve Bills: Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting, review financial statements and approve bills. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.