

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 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: Pete Albrecht, Dana Gardner and Jeremiah Harding.
Lacey Burrows asked to be excused.

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Jason Bolinder, Attorney Rob Clegg, Town Engineer Doug Kinsman and Patty Rowe

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 08-25-2021.** Pete made a motion to approve the minutes as written for 08-25-2021. Jeremiah seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 3. Sheriff's Report.** There was not a representative from the Sheriff's department in attendance at the meeting.
- 4. Rescindment of Fire Restriction Order.** Mayor Johnson officially rescinded the fire restriction order that was implemented at the beginning of the season. The open burn season is from September 15 through October 30, 2021. The index must be above 500 in order to burn during the winter. In order to burn legally in the town, a resident must get a burn permit. There is no charge for the permit.
- 5. Acceptance of Bid for Restoration of the Clover Church.** Mayor Johnson reported that we followed the procedure to collect bids for the project. We only received one bid from Abstract Masonry Restoration for \$35,000 with a \$7,000 donation which will result in \$42,000 worth of work. The proposal has been signed and they will start work in December. There will be some work required of the town. Dana made a motion to accept the bid for the restoration of the Clover Church. Jeremiah seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 6. Approval for Winter Fire School.** Jason requested approval for winter fire school which was cancelled due to COVID-19 last year. The event will be held January 21-22, 2022. They would like to purchase eight hotel rooms and registration fees. The fees are due on November 19, 2021. Dana made a motion to approve the winter fire school. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

- 7. Approval to Spend ARPA Money on SCBA Masks and Structure Boots.** Jason said that the turnout suits for Carl and James are eight months out. Mayor Johnson proposed that we pay for them upfront to commit the ARPA funds. Jason said that the SCBA masks are old and need to be replaced. The firefighters are also sharing the masks. Due to COVID-19, Jason requested that we get each of firefighters their own mask for a total of eight (8). The masks are \$330.00 each for a total of \$2,640.00. New boots are \$445.00 per pair, and they need six (6) pair. Two pairs were approved at the last meeting with Fire Department money, but it was decided to change it to ARPA funds later in the meeting. Mayor Johnson said we should replace all the boots with ARPA funds. Mayor Johnson made a motion to purchase eight (8) SCBA masks and six (6) pair structure boots, plus two (2) turnout suits with boots approved at the last meeting with ARPA funds. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 8. Fire Department Report.** Pete expressed his appreciation for the preparation the fire department put into the 9/11 memorial event. Jason said that the Peterbilt was in the shop for service and minor repairs. They had to buy two batteries for one of the tenders. They are waiting for the brush truck to be wired.
- 9. Council Reports.** Roads – Jeremiah said that the contractor came out and fixed Johnson Lane. He has also installed some road signs. Mayor Johnson said that Jeremiah will have to move some equipment out of the Clover Church and we may need to get a Conex. He talked with Beehive, and they are moving a lot of their stuff out of their yard across the street to Lake Point. This may leave a building open and we may be able to rent a portion of the building from them.
- Cemetery – Lacey had nothing to report.
- Parks – Dana thanked everyone for the 9/11 memorial that was held. He felt that we had a great turnout. He said that the camera system and locks will begin installation next week. The contractor was able to get us 16 cameras for the price of eight (8).
- Mayor Johnson reported that we had 40 volunteers for the 9/11 service project at the Clover Church. We had over 100 hours of service given in our town that day. Mayor Johnson was very appreciative to everyone that participated in the event.
- 10. Safety Topic.** Mayor Johnson presented the safety topic on back pain and injury.

- 11. Payment of Bills for September.** Dana made a motion to pay the bills as written, with the addition of a check to Kari Johnson for \$327.44 for reimbursement for the 9/11 memorial. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 12. Public Comments.** Della Frost who lives on Johnson Lane said she had talked with Jeremiah last week. When they did repair on Johnson Lane, on the driveway approach to their house, the contractor tore it up different than the old road, leaving a 14-inch gap in her driveway. Where they had asphalt that met the road, they now have a 14-inch gap of dirt before the new road. If we have a lot of snow this winter, it will be a pain to shovel dirt. Della thinks that the contractor should make sure that it was the way it was before they tore it up. Mayor Johnson commented that it had been a year since the work was done and Della said that she texted Jeremiah in August. Mayor Johnson said the dirt in question is really ground up and solidified road base that has been treated. It is harder than the asphalt that was there originally. He asked if there are any ruts or depressions in the area? He said that they can check with a tool to see if the road has been treated. If it is solid all the way to the oil, they will consider it finished and probably better than what it was. He said he will have to check the ordinance to see how much the town will do. Della also said that Jeremiah will need to do some shoulder work. Mayor Johnson said that her property is an area where some shoulder work has to be done. During a storm, the rain was coming across the road and pooling where it should not have. The town chose not to put in a culvert, so they are going to put in a ditch. Della said they will need access to their property. Mayor Johnson said a culvert will be placed if needed.
- Della also asked what are ARPA funds? Mayor Johnson said they are funds for COVID-19 relief and we received \$43,000.00 last year and this year we have received \$58,000.00. The idea is to make cleaning easier to protect against coronavirus.
- 13. Adjourn.** Pete made a motion to adjourn and Jeremiah seconded it. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.