

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON OCTOBER 27, 2021 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: Pete Albrecht, Lacey Burrows, Dana Gardner and Jeremiah Harding.

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Jason Bolinder, Attorney Clegg and Patty Rowe

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call.**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 09-22-2021.** Dana made a motion to approve the minutes as written for 09-22-2021. Pete 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. Approval for Asphalt Saw and Cold Mix Asphalt.** Jeremiah said that he would like to get an asphalt saw to help with filling potholes. The cheapest one is \$1,429 but the one that is needed is \$1,919. It comes with a cradle and water tank and can cut concrete and metal. It also comes with a blade, but we will need to purchase a few more. Jeremiah will also need to buy some cold mix which will cost approximately \$2,500. His credit card limit will need to be increased to \$7,500 for the next 30 days. Pete made a motion to approve the purchase of the saw, with the cradle, water tank and additional blades, along with the cold mix for the price of \$1,919 and \$2,500. Lacey seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

On this subject, Mayor Johnson asked the following question: Who would have the liability if a person damaged their car when they hit pothole on a Tooele County Road (Main Street or Meadow Lane). Attorney Clegg said that he will have to look into this.

- 5. Consideration to Add Two More Cameras to the Town Hall.** Dana said that we have a camera installed that will pick up license plates, one that shines down on the front door, one on the back that shows the tennis court, one that shows the propane tank and one that shows the back door. There is not one that shows the fire department. The installer recommended purchasing two more cameras with a total cost of \$770. We did save money on the system. Mayor Johnson said we should be able to see all areas. Pete said that since we already have the system in place, we should make sure all our assets are secure. The cameras can be watched via phone app. Attorney Clegg said we need to make sure the

cameras are powerful enough to identify subjects and we should ensure we have proper lighting for the cameras to work properly. Pete made a motion to add two more cameras to the town hall at \$770 along with the appropriate lighting needed to identify subjects. Lacey seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. This will be paid with ARPA funds.

- 6. Consideration to Purchase New Tables, Chairs and Dollies for the Town Hall, Fire Station and Pavilion with ARPA Funds.** Dana has been looking around for chairs and tables in different catalogues but is not really prepared to present prices. Brian made a motion to table this item until the November meeting. Dana seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 7. Consideration to Update Furnaces in the Town Hall with ARPA Funds.** Dana said last year when the maintenance was done on the furnaces, the contractor said that they are old and are starting to rust out. Dana asked for a quote on new 96% efficient furnaces and was given a bid for \$9,612 for two furnaces with thermostats. The furnaces need to be repaired every year with parts replacements. The furnaces have been in since the approximately 2005. It would be a healthier environment if cleaner air were being circulated. Mayor Johnson said that we will need to use the purchasing policy and post in the newspaper for bids. Lacey made a motion to move forward with updating the furnaces by posting in the newspaper and seeking bids. Jeremiah seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The bids must be open for a certain amount of time, bids can be emailed and will be opened on a certain day. It has to be posted and we may get no bids, but it must be posted.
- 8. Consideration to Paint Main Room and Hallway in Town Hall with ARPA Funds.** Dana made a motion to table this item. Pete seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 9. Consideration to Replace Toilets in the Town Hall, Fire Station and Pavilion with ARPA Funds.** Dana talked with Matthew's Plumbing about replacing four toilets in the town hall, two toilets in the fire station and two toilets in the outdoor bathrooms. For toilets, including the ADA certification, the cost would be a total of \$535 per toilet for a total of \$4,280. The seats are \$50 each for a total of \$400. Grand total is \$4,680. The two in the pavilion are leaking, cracked and very difficult to clean. Mayor Johnson asked if we should seek bids to tile for ease in cleaning. Dana does not think tile would be a good idea, but maybe we could put epoxy on the floors and wall to just spray them down. Mayor Johnson suggested that we hold off on replacing the toilets in the outside bathrooms because we may need to do some major renovations. Pete made a motion to replace the toilets in the town hall and fire station and seek other options for the outside bathrooms. Jeremiah seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

10. Fire Department Report. Jason said that he is finally able to get helmets that were approved back in May. All of the boots have been purchased, as well as the masks. There will be a wildland class held at our station on November 9, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 20. Jason has rooms reserved for winter fire school.

11. Council Reports. Roads – Jeremiah has been trimming trees on Johnson Lane using a chipper that Dan and Jason were able to get from the DNR. His goal is to try to alleviate the hazards on the road in the wintertime. He is also working on the drainage on that road. Jeremiah said the little red truck broke down and is being worked on. He is also going to have the dump truck serviced with batteries replaced before winter.

Mayor Johnson said that the county was allowed to put together a 3rd quarter sales tax with a fund of \$2.5 million. He and Jeremiah applied for \$1.2 million and were granted \$300,000. Some of the ideas to use it is to repair all potholes and chip seal all 11 miles of the roads in town. We can apply next year for more money. Jeremiah said once the roads are done, he would like to look into getting a new truck so that we don't tear up the roads. He would like to eventually get a lighter truck with a 10-12 foot plow with a salter in the back. We are using gravel now in a big truck and it is beating up the roads.

Cemetery – Lacey said the lawn mower has been broken for a long time and she has been using her personal mower. She did get it fixed and put away for the winter. The new mower that was purchased months ago has been received. Lacey got the cemeteries cleaned up for the winter and she had some fill dirt put into some graves that were low. She would like to buy some ramps to get the new mower in and out of the shed. Dana suggested that she have concrete poured instead.

Parks – Dana said he got the sprinklers blown out and the outdoor bathrooms winterized. He has not heard anything about the grants he applied for. Mayor Johnson will call Kendall Thomas and ask for a status.

Mayor Johnson has been working on the roads grant. He is working on the Clover Church restoration and has signed a contract to get us on the historical registry. We pay a contractor \$2,500 plus expenses and once we have paid that, there is a grant that will reimburse us. He thinks we will be on the registry by summer of next year. The work on the building will start sometime in December.

12. Safety Topic. Dana presented the safety topic on snow and winter driving.

- 13. Payment of Bills for October.** Pete made a motion to pay the bills as written. Lacey seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 14. Public Comments.** Blaine Russell asked if the town bought a gopher machine. Dana said it is a seeder that makes a trench and drops pellets.
- 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 8:23 p.m.