

Paradise Town Council
July 20, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Council members Present: Mayor Larry Johnson, Jason Winn, Devin Thomas, Whit Gale, Alyssa Petersen (recorder)

Excused: Doug Jewell

Community Members Present: Jacob Schiess

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The pledge of allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer-** Devin gave an opening prayer.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of July 6, 2022, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Devin made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022. Jason seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Devin read the bills. There was discussion on the Humane Society billing and impound services. The contract the Town signed enabled the Humane Society to bill the Town if the fee isn't paid by the owners when they pick up the bill. The Town Council would like the owners of the dogs that had been impounded to have to cover their own costs for the impounded animals. Alyssa will look into how to bill the owners. The Council feels it is right for the owners to cover their own costs, and the town should not be liable.
5. **Public Comment-** Jacob Schiess attended the meeting to get updates on the water and what the status is. The Engineer is working on the flow study in order to get precise data on what the spring flow is and how it affects the Town and potential building.
6. **Fire Department Purchase Requests-** Mayor Johnson asked for some additional information on the purchase requests from the Fire Department. They needed new tires for the brush truck. They also need a fan that would cost approximately \$5100.00 so 3 bids were required per Paradise Town purchasing policy. Jason submitted the three bids. The fan would assist with ventilation when the Fire Department goes on a call and would ventilate a building. Jason made a motion to approve the Purchase request, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
7. **Unfinished Business-**
 - Earth view Study- The Council has discussed purchasing some property in town. The property is a small lot, and no septic tank or plumbing could be put on the property due to its location next to one of our wells. The Town would like to investigate the property and what could be underground on the property. In order to do this, an underground study needs to be done and it would cost the Town some money. The Council discussed getting the study done. The property could have old gas tanks underground. The property owner claims that the tanks have been removed, but Utah Environmental Quality does not have record of the tanks being removed. The verbal quote was for \$1,350.00 and travel costs for the study. The Council is worried about doing the study and then letting the owner know the outcome of the study and how that will affect his pricing of the property. The property owner has given his permission to access his property and perform the study. The Council does not want to do the study right now and feel the property owner should do the study. The Council thinks they should sit on it for a while and maybe revisit this later.
 - Non-Compliant Property- Devin reported that some of the neighbors of the non-compliant property have been complaining about the property getting filled up with junk again. It was cleaned by the

Town in July 2021. The neighbors are considering potentially bringing a lawsuit against the property owners, or even the Town, due to the property values of the neighbors being negatively affected due to the junk yard next to them. The last court date was postponed due to the property owner being hospitalized. We have asked our Attorney to get it back on the court calendar.

Fire Department Drain- There is a drain that doesn't work in one of the sinks in the Fire Department. The plumber cannot find where the original drain is located. Mayor Johnson asked the Fire Department if they could cut an access hole under the stairs to get to the original plumbing. The plumbers either need to locate the original drain or run new plumbing for a new drain.

8. **New Business-**

9300 S. Highway 165- There are telephone lines hanging down on the easements. Most people have gone to cell phones, so the phone lines have been neglected. The Council would like the telephone company contacted and have them come investigate which lines need repaired and then do the repairs.

UDOT Survey- UDOT sent out a long-term planning survey. Mayor Johnson wanted to make sure the Council had received the survey and recommended they get on and provide input. There was discussion on housing in the valley and potential growth.

9. **Council Reports**

- **Roads-Devin Thomas-** Devin didn't have anything new to report. Jason reported that the County will plow the road in the winter for the same amount that our previous contractor had charged us. The Council would like to meet with Jeremy the Cache County Road Foreman and see what kind of agreement they can come to concerning hours, money, and roads plowed etc.
- **Water-Whit Gale-** Whit wondered if the other Council members want to take a fieldtrip and see where the water system air-reliefs are being replaced and what will be going in to update the system. The council members would also visit the spring and get a better understanding of the spring and the system. Most Council members can meet on a Friday afternoon. Whit asked where we were with the garbage program and potential contractors. Mayor Johnson reported that he has a meeting tomorrow to meet with the potential contractors. The contractors will be responding to the request for bids that was sent out last week.
- **Community-Doug Jewell-** Doug was not present. Nothing at this time.
- **Fire/Grants-Jason Winn-** Jason reported that the Fire Department was awarded an \$8000.00 grant by the state of Utah that they will use to purchase radios. Fire restrictions went into effect. The restrictions will apply to unincorporated areas and state lands. Jason reported that the County is doing a traffic study from the south end of Paradise out through Avon.

10. **Adjourn-** Whit made a motion to adjourn, Jason seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:27 p.m.