

Paradise Town Council
August 17, 2022
7:30 p.m.
9035 S. 100 W.

Council Members Present- Mayor Larry Johnson, Jason Winn, Devin Thomas, Doug Jewell, Whit Gale, Alyssa Petersen (recorder)

Community Members Present- Public Works Director Lee Atwood, Kyle and Jocelyn Smith, Cache County Road Department, Heidi and Mike Johnson, Valerie Palmer

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Doug gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The Minutes of August 3, 2022, were emailed to all Council members previous to the meeting. Devin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting, Doug seconded that motion. All in favor.
4. **Bills-** Whit read the bills. Doug made a motion to approve the bills as read, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.

5. Purchase Request-

Optec Sign- A part on the large Town sign quit working. The technician with Optec reported that a new part is needed. The part's cost is \$1852.00. Optec alerted the town that the sign needed some updates a few months ago. They sent a technician to install the new parts and updates after they switched providers for the data. Ever since the update was installed, the sign has not worked. Mayor Johnson has been trying to sort out what the issue is with the sign manufacturer and the Tech since that time. The warranty has expired so the Town would be responsible for the part cost. The Council would like to talk with our attorney and have him write a letter to the sign company.

T&B Days Expenditures- Devin made a motion to approve the T&B Days expenditures for the rodeo. All the money for the rodeo was donated by a variety of different community members. The expenditures were included on the check list approved by the Council.

6. **Public Comment-** Community members that would like to build homes and subdivide property addressed the Town Council to learn where the Council is on lifting the moratorium or looking for additional water sources, and when the Council is planning on lifting the moratorium. Mayor Johnson explained that the Council is waiting for the flow study to come back from the Engineer's office before they feel they can responsibly lift the moratorium or if they need to further extend it. The community members asked if there was a timeline for when the information would be back. The Public Works Director Lee Atwood addressed the Community members and let them know that Intermountain Environmental is still extracting the data from the laptop to

send to the Engineer. Kyle Smith was on the Council for a few terms and had some concerns about whether the well was the problem, or the system was the problem. He asked for some additional information on how the wells are pumping and where the water issue is. Lee addressed the Community members and gave a report on the current water situation. He reported that the pumps are not pumping as much as they once did, nor is the spring running at what it did. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the moratorium and water situation.

- 7. Public Works Department Pay-** Mayor Johnson proposed that Lee get a raise as Public Works Director. He currently is at \$22.00, and the mayor proposed he gets \$28.00. Doug made a motion to approve the raise for Lee and to title him as "Public Works Director" and to increase his pay \$6.00 per hour. Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.

8. Unfinished Business-

Animal Control Issues- There are some issues with too many dogs around Town and running around. Animal Control is looking into it.

COG- Mayor Johnson is on the COG committee. The committee is working on a master plan currently. The projects for Paradise that Mayor Johnson added to the master plan were widening the bridges around Paradise.

Garbage- Mayor Johnson attended a meeting concerning garbage pickup. They are working on writing their bylaws. A few cities have dropped out of the group and are going to investigate their own garbage pickup options.

Pavilion- The pavilion floor is level. There is some damage to the block on the pavilion. There is a crack, and it is getting bigger. Lee used a level to check, and it is still level. There are a few cracks, and we need a brick mason to fix the block on it. Lee fixed the sprinkler line that is leaking around the pavilion. There was some sitting water around the pavilion, and it may have made it appear that the whole pavilion was "sinking."

Cache Humane Society- There is a bill that has been sent to the Town from the humane society that was for 2020 for 4 different impounds. The Council discussed the need to bill the individuals whose dogs were picked up and impounded. They did not think it was the Town's responsibility to cover the cost of the impound for the 4 dogs that were picked up by their owners. The Council will send invoices to each individual.

BBQ- The Council will be BBQing for the Fire Department and Youth Council. It will start at 6:00 p.m.

9. New Business-

Cache County Roads- Joel and Jeremy with Cache County Road Department came in to discuss the chip-seal work they did in town. Cache County can assist us with snow removal. They came to discuss what the snow removal contract would include. They would be happy to help as much or as little as we need. For a mile of road (up and back) they would charge \$65.00 a mile for salt and plow. Just salt would be \$45.00 per mile. They estimate 14 miles in town. Based on that it would cost us about \$910.00 per storm. The Council discussed the availability with the County. If they could get to us in a reasonable amount of time. They responded that they could get to Paradise by about 6 to 7 a.m. The Council discussed all the specifics.

10. Council Reports

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-** Nothing more at this time.
- **Water- Whit Gale-** Nothing more at this time.
- **Community- Doug Jewell-** Doug reported that he attended the outdoor planning meeting last week and that a lot of the communities seem to have a lot of similar problems. They are making a list of all private trailheads and asked Communities to gather that information. There will be another of these meetings in the spring to put the information all together. Doug will not be at the Trout and Berry Days meeting tomorrow; Mayor Johnson will attend. There was a discussion on potential projects around town and how they would benefit the town and Trout and Berry Days.
- **Fire/Grants- Jason Winn-** Jason reported that they will be losing a member of the Fire Department after Trout and Berry Days.

11. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
Meeting closes at 10:43 p.m.