

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RUSH VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 25, 2022 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, Lacey Burrows, Dana Gardner and Jeremiah Harding

Appointed Officers and Employees Present: Fire Chief Jason Bolinder, Attorney Rob Clegg and Clerk/Recorder Patty Rowe

1. Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 04-27-2022. Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 04-27-2022. Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

3. Sheriff's Report. A representative from the sheriff's office was not present at the meeting. Mayor Johnson said that he had a conversation with Deputy Mert Russo and she said that she would start making more rounds in Rush Valley.

4. Consideration to Adopt Tentative 2022-2023 Budget. Mayor Johnson presented the tentative 2022-2023 budget and said that we are in line with how things usually are. On revenue, he did add \$31,500 in the Grants column, which includes \$17,500 from the tourism board for the Clover Church project and \$14,000 that was received from the Tooele County Recreation Special Service District to finish the tennis courts. On the Roads Funds, we were awarded \$300,000 for the third quarter sales tax from county revenue. We need to spend the money this summer.

Mayor Johnson discussed changes on Expenditures to include bumping up Payroll. Under Fire Department if we receive the \$20,000 grant and the town gives \$5,000 the budget will be \$25,000 and Mayor Johnson would like the fire department to pay for the final truck payment. If the \$20,000 grant payment does not come through, the fire department budget will be \$15,000 from town funds and the town will make the truck payment. For Highways and Streets, the budget is \$52,000 and Capital Outlay is \$300,000. Parks & Recreation budget is \$15,000 and Cemetery is \$6,000. With the Parks money, Rush Valley Days will be held this year. Parks Renovations budget is \$14,000 from the grant. The CARES (ARPA) budget to date is \$30,000 in expenditures. Under Clover Church we will spend \$35,000 and receive \$17,500 back. This year's budget looks very similar to last year's budget.

Mayor Johnson also noted that we have reserves in a Capital Projects Fund (rainy day fund). With grants and ARPA money, we have been able to keep this fund built up. We can only have a certain amount of money on hand. In that fund, there is rodeo grant money that will

be spent this summer as Grantsville's FFA works on the arena. Councilmember Burrows made a motion to adopt the tentative 2022-2023 budget. Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.

Approval to Spend Tooele County Recreation Grant Money. Councilmember Dana Gardner reported that he applied for a grant and received \$14,000. He would like to use it to finish the fencing and concrete work around the tennis courts. Mayor Johnson said that two bids must be solicited by publishing a request for proposal in the newspaper. Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to begin the process by soliciting bids for the tennis court project to be paid for with Tooele County Recreation Grant funds. Councilmember Burrows seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. Once the bids are received, Dana will come back to the council for approval.

5. **Consideration to Lease Water for the Clover Cemetery.** Councilmember Lacey Burrows said that the Gardiner's, who live next door to the cemetery, have agreed to let the town lease water for the new shrubs. Lacey would like to pay them \$50 per month for a two-year contract with terms including that either party can terminate the contract at any time with 30 days notice. The contract will be seasonal from May 1st through October 31st. Councilmember Albrecht made a motion to begin a contract with the Gardiner's to lease water for the Clover Cemetery. Councilmember Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. Attorney Clegg will prepare a contract.
6. **Fire Department Report.** Councilmember Pete Albrecht wanted to remind people how dry the season already is and to be mindful of that. Fire Chief Jason Bolinder reported that the department continues to get training. Tooele County, facilitated by Dan Walton, will place dumpsters at the town hall on June 6-12 for the town residents to use. Pete also mentioned that the town council and some residents had a successful training session at the Tooele EOC this month. He would like to have similar training sessions every other month.
7. **Council Reports.** Roads – Councilmember Jeremiah Harding reported that he did not receive any bids for the RFP for asphalt and culvert work that was posted in the newspaper. He has been reaching out to people and has found somebody to do the culvert work. They are currently working on a bid. They are also preparing a separate bid for the crossings on South Park Street and Johnson Lane. Jeremiah is meeting with a representative from Staker to look at asphalt work for Charles Hill and the south end of Johnson Lane. They are also going to look at chip sealing work that needs to be done. Mayor Johnson said that we have to get a bid in order to receive the \$300,000 grant money.

Cemeteries – Councilmember Lacey Burrows said they have been preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. She had Dennis Sagers fill in some sunken graves in the St. John Cemetery and Kary Gardner is going to install some shrubbery in the Clover Cemetery.

Parks - Councilmember Dana Gardner said that he had the HVAC units serviced in the town hall and the fire station. He also had the lawns treated and maintenance done on the weed

eater and blower. Dana also reported that a father and son outing was held at the pavilion and town hall, and it turned out well. There were a lot of compliments on how nice our facilities are. Dana said that there are issues with the toilets in the town hall and outdoor bathrooms and he will need to replace them. Mayor Johnson said that he can use ARPA funds for that.

Mayor Johnson reported that there was a meeting regarding the Clover Church restoration and there was a lot of excitement from volunteers that would like to get involved. We received a \$300 donation from a family in Tooele. Mayor Johnson authorized up to \$500 for a campaign to generate some revenue to work on the building. It was asked if there is water at the site and there is not and we may eventually have to address that.

- 8. Safety Topic.** Councilmember Gardner presented the safety topic on distracted driving.
- 9. Payment of Bills.** Councilmember Burrows made a motion to accept the bills as written with the addition of Sunset Heating and Air for \$158. Councilmember Jeremiah Harding seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried.
- 10. Public Comments.** None
- 11. Adjourn.** Councilmember Gardner made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Albrecht seconded the motion. All present voted in favor and the motion carried. The meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.