

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
August 11, 2021 – 7:00P.M.**

Attendance/Town Board Members: Todd Robinson (Mayor), Mark Barton, Mike Abbott, Marge Cipkar, Trisha Robb

Others in Attendance: Nancy Dalton (Planning and Zoning – Chairperson), Randy Riches, Belinda Barton, Florene Barton, Liz Cravens, Pat Kirkpatrick, Jim Kirkpatrick, Royce Barton, Rhonna Barton, Eric Walker, Tim Rees, Julia Hudson, Robert Hudson, Tom Milk, Doug Hirsch, Chris Robb

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1. **Call meeting to order:** Todd Robinson called the meeting to order
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Mark Barton moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes of July 14, 2021, Regular Town Board meeting:** Marge Cipkar had 2 corrections under item 13: 1) She did not make the comment “people are upset because they have water shares and the Canal Company denied them a hook-up”; 2) Add “Marge said the Canal Company needs to put it in writing that they are responsible for any repairs needed to the waterline”. Mike Abbott also had one correction to item 11: The water hydrant (not the water meter) is leaking. The meter may need to be replaced also. **Todd Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, regular Town Board meeting as amended. Trisha Robb seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**
5. **Open sealed bids for sale of Ford Tractor:** The Town received 2 sealed bids for the old Ford Tractor the Town no longer uses. Todd Robinson and Mark Barton opened the bids. The first bid was from Eric Walker for \$460. The second bid was from Jim Kirkpatrick for \$1025. The bid was awarded to Jim Kirkpatrick.
6. **Address concerns about speeding on Main Street:** Jayne Stones explained Ginger Hulet asked if there is anything that can be done about the speeding on main street. It is getting really bad and she is afraid someone is going to get hurt. Comment was made the Utah Department of Transportation owns that road. Summit and Parowan both have speed limits of 35. Why is Paragonah’s 40 especially since the majority of main street is residential? Trisha Robb said she will talk to UDOT and see if

anything can be done. They have put a radar speed display sign on main street before, but they don't bring it over very often. Parowan City bought 2 message signs with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. They have one at each end of town. Maybe Paragonah could use part of our ARPA funds to purchase some messaging signs.

7. Mayor's Report:

a) Todd Robinson explained the Town will be receiving \$64498 from the American Rescue Plan Act. The amount we receive is based on population. We have less restrictions on how we can spend this money. It can be used for water projects. The County is receiving around \$5000000 and said they would match whatever we choose to spend on water projects. The Town sent a letter to Paul Cozzens. He will forward it to the State Governor's Budgeting Office along with letters from other communities asking if the state will also match our funds. This would give the town around \$257992. The Water Board met and prioritized water projects. They feel securing a second source of water should be number one on the list. Todd will be meeting with Sunrise Engineering to discuss options for siting a well. It makes the most sense to work with Sunrise since they are the ones who updated our Water Master Plan.

b) Discuss and make decision on putting a moratorium on the sale of cemetery lots until ordinance can be amended: Todd Robinson explained he is concerned about non-residents buying up all the lots in the cemetery and would like to put a moratorium on the sale of lots until the Planning and Zoning can write something up that is more similar to Parowan's ordinance. Parowan only allows people to purchase one grave for the person who has died and one more if needed for a spouse. Each deed has to have an individual's name on it and cannot be purchased and then deeded to someone else to use. Recently, some out-of-town residents purchased 12 lots. They had someone in Town purchase the lots for them so they could get the residential price and then this person deeded the lots to them. Todd said even though there is nothing on the books that prevents someone from doing this, it is morally not right. Also, the Town lost out on \$7200 because the out-of-town fee was not charged. This money could be used in the future to purchase land to expand the cemetery. The Town does not get any taxes from people who do not live here so that means residents are subsidizing them. After much discussion it was decided to have the Planning and Zoning committee review Parowan's ordinance and see if they can come up with something similar for Paragonah.

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8. Water Department Report: Mike Abbott reported on the Water Board meeting that was held on July 29th. Water Board members prioritized water projects with securing a second water source being first on the list, followed by connecting the water line going up 270 North to the Red Creek Canyon Subdivision, and installing fire hydrants to bring us up to code. They also discussed the rental fee that should be charged for use of the fire hydrant meter. The cost of the meter is \$700. The Town currently charges the same rate as for residents - \$22 for up to 10000 gallons and \$2 for every 1000 gallons over 10000. They discussed charging a daily and weekly fee in addition to the amount charged based on water usage such as \$25 base fee plus \$5/1000 gallons used. Mike also reported he went up and looked at the flood channel and checked the spring after the flooding. There is one spot where the main water line is exposed. Dan will get it fixed. The spring looks good but there is an issue with access to Water System Spring. There is a lot of debris that needs to be moved. Dan does not have the necessary equipment. Todd said he will talk to Mike Bleak about getting some help from the county. Mike reported Tim Rees paid the invoice for his water line extension in full.

9. Power/Fire Department Reports: Mark Barton said a resident hit and damaged a power pole on approximately 100 West 200 South. The pole had to be completely replaced. The person had insurance and was ticketed. The Town will bill the insurance company to see if we can recoup the cost of replacing the pole. Mark reported the company he ordered transformers from last year that never came, increased their price and said it will take 40 weeks to get them here. He decided to go with a different vendor that was cheaper and would have them here in 25 weeks.

The Fire Department responded to a couple of accidents. Royce Barton gave the Town Clerk a list of people that helped with cleaning up the flood.

10. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Reports: Marge Cipkar said there is one section in the Cemetery that is not getting watered. She told Dan and he said he will get it fixed. The Planning and Zoning committee did not meet in July.

11. Roads/Park/Building Reports: Trisha Robb reported Steve Woolsey is working on the waterline/power easement for 270 North. She said they did what they could this year with skin patching the roads but did not get all the roads fixed. One resident yelled at the County worker that was sweeping the roads because of the dust, so their road did not get done. She suggests next year they do more skin patching. Comment was made UDOT has been using a micro seal on the freeway that is supposed to work really good and is fairly inexpensive. This is something we can maybe look into next year.

12. Open Discussion: Julia and Robert Hudson said the sidewalk in front of their house on main street up to the corner of 100 North needs to be fixed. It is very un-even and they are afraid someone might fall and get hurt. Trisha said she will ask the County if they will give us a permit so we can get it fixed.

Randy Riches asked if the Town allows Mother-In-Law houses. Nancy Dalton commented only one house is allowed per lot. The only option would be to add on to their house. Only one kitchen is allowed. Todd Robinson asked if the ordinance actually says you can only have one kitchen. Nancy Dalton said it does.

13. Close meeting to the public to discuss purchase, exchange, or lease of real property: Todd Robinson moved to close the meeting to the public to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. Trisha Robb seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Open meeting to the public : Todd Robinson moved to open meeting to the public. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor.

15. Adjourn Meeting/Review Financial Statements/Approve Bills – Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting, review financial statements and approve bills. Mark Barton seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.