

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
September 8, 2021 – 7:00P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Robert Hudson, Doug Hirsch, Nancy Dalton (Planning and Zoning – Chairperson), Eric Walker, Julia Hudson, Ted Cooke, Tim Rees, Byron Jenkins, Mckayla Meinhardt

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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. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes of August 11, 2021, Regular Town Board meeting:** Mark Barton moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2021, regular Town Board meeting as presented. Trisha Robb seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Review Utility Easement for 270 North:** Town Board members reviewed the paperwork for the utility easement on 270 north. The easement is 10 feet wide and goes from the property owned by Judd's Hay to Frank Cravens home. Todd Robinson commented that Lynette Judd told Jayne, Judd Hay will not sign the easement until Russell Judd is hooked up to the 6-inch line. This stipulation was put in the agreement. If the water is not hooked up within 90 days from the time the agreement is signed, the easement will be null and void. Jayne was told to tell Dan to put this next on his list after he is finished with the Tanner's water line. He will need to connect Russell Judd, Frank Cravens, and Sam Dodd to the 6-inch line. Kelly Judd, Wes Meacham, and Martha Kirk, are all hooked up to the water line going up Todd Robinson's street.
6. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Robinson explained some of the names on the easement for the road for Ted Cooke's annexation needed to be changed. Trisha Robb said she talked to Steve Woolsey and he will send the paperwork with the correct names to Cal Robinson so he can correct it and we can get it signed.

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Mayor Robinson also reported Paragonah will receive \$64501 in America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The County has offered to match our funds which will give us \$129002. The County asked for letters from all the cities/towns in Iron County to send to the State asking if they would match the town and county's funding. If they do, Paragonah will have \$258004 in funding that can be used for water projects and we could begin siting and securing a well.

The San Juan coal power plant will be shutting down June 30th. Enchant Energy is in the process of buying the plant with the idea of seeking to capture CO2 for sequestration purposes and electricity production by investing in state-of-the-art environmental technology at San Juan Generating Station. Their goal is to reduce its statewide CO2 output, and support New Mexico's economy and provide reliable, low-cost and extremely low-emission wholesale electricity. If the purchase goes through it will extend our deadline for finding another resource from 2030 to 2037. The Carbon Free Power Project is moving along. They have begun working on building roads, drilling, etc. The Department of Energy is providing funding like they said they would.

7. Water Department Report: Jayne Stones reported Robert Almont will be done being Paragonah's Certified Water Operator on December 31st. The Town will need to find someone to take his place. Nancy Dalton commented her son John does this for Parowan and he may be willing to help. Todd Robinson asked Jayne to tell Dan Burgett he needs to finish the Tanner's water line.

8. Power/Fire Department Reports: Mark Barton reported he re-ordered the transformers and this time he got an acknowledgement from the factory saying they received his order. The 3-pad transformer has been received. The transformers are \$1500/piece. Mark went up to the power plant with Jeremy Franklin. Parowan is thinking about selling it. It would not provide enough power for Paragonah to use all the time but could be used as a backup. However, he thought the deductible for the insurance was in the \$100000 range.

9. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning Reports: Nancy Dalton explained the Planning and Zoning is continuing to work on several ordinances, including recommendations for Conditional Use Permits and discussing rules for having more than one dwelling on a lot. Todd Robinson commented he does not think it says anywhere in the ordinances that 2 kitchens are not allowed and if it does it is very vague and needs to be clarified. There are several homes in town that have 2 kitchens. Todd also reported if the state passes a bill that has been submitted concerning affordable housing, the Town may not

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have a say in the matter and will have to allow duplexes, rentals, etc. The Planning and Zoning Committee is also working on clarifying the Cemetery Ordinance. Approving the 6-month moratorium on selling cemetery lots needs to be put on next months agenda.

10. Roads/Park/Building Reports: The slide at the park has a crack in it and the coating is coming off the stairs. Jayne will find out where we purchased the equipment from and see if they have parts we can order to fix it.

Trisha Robb reported she talked to UDOT about fixing the sidewalk on main street. It is not a big enough job to get any funding. We would have to add something like put in more curb and gutter. The Town will have to get a permit from Matt Rhodes before we can fix it. We can get someone to tear it out and measure how much concrete we would need. Trisha also talked to UDOT about lowering the speed limit on Main Street and they said they will do a speed study. She looked into the costs of getting electronic signs. Signs on a trailer are \$6000 and on a pole it is \$4500. A street sweeper costs \$3000.

11. Open Discussion: Eric Walker reported on the Civic Committee meeting. There are 16 names that need to be added to the Veteran's Memorial. They are having a hard time finding someone who will come over and do it. The porta potty at the park will be picked up soon. They will fund it again next summer for 3 months. The Annual Deer Hunter's Bake Sale will be held on October 22nd and 23rd. They will be selling homemade chili, baked goods, and some crafts. The Veteran's Day celebration will be held on Friday, November 12th and they will be honoring our Veterans, those turning 80, and also the Citizen of the Year. They will be donating \$300 each year to purchase wreaths for the "Wreaths Across America" program for our Veterans. Allie Eisenach will be doing another newsletter to distribute to all the townspeople. It will cost \$350 to print. Eric asked if the Town would think about maybe helping with some of the costs. They would also like to see if businesses in town would like to place an ad in the paper. Comment was made the pile of debris in the Town yard which is right next to the cemetery is an eyesore. The Town used to burn the pile every year, but this is no longer an option. Suggestion was made to have Dan haul the limbs to the Parowan landfill. This would be a good winter projects. .

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

