

Paradise Town Council
September 21, 2022
7:30 p.m.

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

Community Members Present- Kyle Smith, Tricia Thomas, Ryan Ohlwiler, Jacob Schiess, David Little

1. **Pledge of Allegiance-** The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
2. **Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Jason gave an opening invocation.
3. **Minutes-** The minutes of September 7th were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Devin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the 7th of September. Jason seconded that motion, all in favor. Motion carries.
4. **Bills-** Devin read the bills. Doug made a motion to approve the Bills.
5. **Public Comment-** Kyle Smith wanted to thank Mayor Johnson and Lee Atwood for meeting with him last week concerning the Paradise water system.
6. **Arena-** Doug feels our fees are in line. He suggested that an hourly rate would suffice for what Vanessa Borgess had presented using the Arena for. He classified an "event" as something that drew an audience and was not taking more than half a day. The Council discussed how to define "event." They determined an "event" was when a fee was collected to participate. There was a discussion on what maintenance will be required if there are weekly events being held at the arena and multiple people using the arena regularly. Doug would like to create a small committee that directly interfaced with the Council concerning the Arena. Jason agreed that a committee would be a good idea but that the Council would need to make sure that the committee worked directly under the Council. Whit suggested 4 people from Paradise serving on the committee and then 2 from Avon and surrounding area could serve on the committee. There was concern about how much attention or activity would be drawn to the Arena if there were some upgrades made to the arena. There was discussion on how much maintenance would be required once a fee was charged and events started to be held. Doug suggested that some of the fee's go towards paying people to help with maintenance instead of buying a tractor currently. The Council would like to form a committee then work through fees and other issues. Jason will oversee the committee.
7. **Spring Engineering-** Whit had proposed hiring Chris Wight the Engineer to look at the spring and see what improvements could be done to the spring to capture more water. A hydrologist may need to be hired as well to investigate options at the spring. Whit also brought up the potential need to look at new locations for an additional well. The Council all agreed that it is necessary to hire Chris to look at the spring.

8. Garbage Interlocal Agreement- A draft of the "Interlocal Agreement between Cache County and the Municipalities of Cache County for creation of an entity for County and Municipal Solid Waste Disposal" was sent to the Council before the meeting. A copy was also sent to Herm Olsen, Paradise's legal counsel. Herm wrote back before the meeting that he had some "fairly serious concerns" and would send a detailed list tomorrow of his concerns. Mayor Johnson presented a list of bids to the Council. On this list the individual contractors were not listed, just the prices. These contractors will also cover recycling. The "green waste" that is listed in the bids is for individual small cans. Not a large green waste dumpster. The 4 bids returned were cheaper than what we all currently pay through Logan city. This should be in place by June of 2023.

9. Text Alert Applications- Alyssa is still looking into some competing prices for Text Alert Applications.

10. Unfinished Business- The Fire Department bought some personal protective equipment that needed to be approved by the Council. Whit made a motion to approve the data retrieval for the water data, Doug seconded that motion, all in favor. Jason made a motion to approve the PPE expenditure, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.

Town Sign- The sign has been repaired and is working again. The part was removed and will be sent back to Optec. The tech had to put at least 10 hours in to get it working again.

Drain Issue Fire Department- Devin wondered if the drain in the fire department was still clogged. Jason is going to talk with Troy about cutting access under the stairs and then having a plumber come.

11. New Business- None at this time.

12. Council Reports

- **Roads- Devin Thomas-**Devin wondered about if we have received a document from Cache County that needs to be signed by the Council. Jason will check that out tomorrow.

- **Water- Whit Gale-**

Air Release Valves- Whit reported that there are about 6 air release valves that have been replaced so far. Bruce has done about two a day and is working on them now. There is a total of 26 that need to be done.

Culinary water use from outside community members- There was a discussion on water being taken from our system for someone living outside the town. There is a community member from Avon who has had a well problem and was taking culinary water from his grandmother's property here in Paradise back to his property in Avon. There were some serious concerns about them taking the water and the way they were filling the tanks they were transporting water in. There was discussion on pools and water use.

- **Community- Doug Jewell-**

David Little Proposal- David Little presented a proposal concerning maintenance work that needs to be done in town. David Little proposed a

4-step plan to allow the activity of the public works be more visible to the town people so they can see where their tax dollars are being spent. In this proposal he had included a recommendation for a prioritized list once a month and then a report on the past months' time and projects completed. He asked that the Council seriously consider his proposal. He would like the report available at the Town Hall as a public document so that it is available to the public if they choose to see it. Mayor Johnson explained that sometimes priorities change in the public works department every day and every hour throughout the day when something breaks etc. Mr. Little would like to see a priority list at the beginning of the month of the planned activities by the Public Works department, and then a review of if those activities had been done at the end of the month. After listening to David Little the Council discussed options to let the Community know what projects are priorities around town.

Trout and Berry Days Auction- Doug reported that the youth council has half the thank you notes sent out to the donors of the Trout and Berry Days Auction.

- **Fire/Grants- Jason Winn-** Jason reported that the truck spent 7 days in Idaho on a Fire. The Fire Department was awarded the AFG Grant for \$4000.00.

13. Adjourn- Doug made a motion to adjourn, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 9:04 p.m.