

**PARAGONAH TOWN
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 12, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.**

Attendance/Town Board Members: Marge Cipkar, Tom Milk, Todd Robinson (Mayor), Travis Isaacson. Absent: Mike Abbott

Others in Attendance: Jayne Stones (Town Clerk), Eric Walker (President–Paragonah Civic Committee), Mary Jo O’Neal, Nancy Dalton (Chairperson – Paragonah Planning and Zoning Committee).

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1. **Call meeting to order:** Todd Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Adopt Agenda:** Marge Cipkar moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Tom Milk seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes of September 14, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting:** Marge Cipkar moved to adopt the minutes of the September 14, 2022, Regular meeting as presented. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Wishing Well Proposal:** Mary Jo O’Neal said the Civic Committee would like to repair the wishing well in front of the Town Hall. The bell has historical significance as it came from the old Paragonah school house that was located on the Town Square. The Civic Committee can give \$1500 for this project, and they wanted to ask if the Town would match their funds up to \$1500. They still need to get a cost estimate. Discussion took place concerning the different options including moving the well to the parking lot area to protect it from the sprinklers or keep it where it is and put it on a cement slab. Suggestion was made to leave it where it is and put a stem wall with brick or stone. **Tom Milk moved that the Town match up to \$1500 as needed to repair the wishing well. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.** Mary Jo thanked the Town Board and said she will find someone to make a drawing and have the Town Board review it before they start the project.

Eric Walker discussed upcoming Civic Committee events. The hunter’s bake sale will be Oct 21 and 22nd from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. on main street in front of Carla Hickman’s house. The Veterans Day Dinner will be held November 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Church. They will be honoring the Veterans, Octogenarians, and Citizen of the Year.

Sherrie Robinson has designed some Paragoonah shirts for the Civic Committee that are available for pre-order. To order contact Margie Stones. Must pay in advance.

6. Mayor's Report : Todd Robinson reported he talked to Sunrise Engineering and they are figuring the cost of the Water Improvement Project if we do everything as one project. This would cut back on having to pay multiple times for fees such as mobilization, etc. At one time it was noted we could save \$87000 in fees by doing everything at the same time. They are also working on the Environmental Study. We will have to pay \$6000 to Sunrise regardless of whether we receive funding or not. They will be applying for funding in November.

Discussion took place concerning designing the reclosure site. Todd Robinson asked if the Town wanted Rick with ICPE to design it. Estimated cost would be around \$5400. Rick is familiar with our system. Comment was made they could also call the company we purchased it from and see what they could do for us. Travis Isaacson said we definitely need to move forward with this and get an estimate for the full cost of the reclosure and installation.

Todd Robinson reviewed the survey map for the Cemetery's west side. He explained he didn't get a chance to print it in color. The sprinklers on the West side were put in the wrong location and will need to be moved.

Todd Robinson reported on the UAMPS meeting he attended last week. The Carbon Free Power Project was discussed. They have run into problems and have some large hurdles to cross. The cost has gone up significantly due to interest rates. They are trying to figure out how to bring costs down. Some of the larger cities are opting out but Paragonah really has no other choice but to stay with the project. The wind project is running at 30-35% capacity, Lake Powell and Lake Mead are almost gone, the additional cost for batteries for solar has increased immensely. Solar and Wind are not reliable sources. Todd said Enchant is also running into problems with the purchase of the San Juan coal plant. There are some issues with the City of Farmington and the owner. He is hoping they will be able to work out some kind of an agreement, however, it is not looking promising. If Enchant goes through it will be good for Paragonah because it will give us power up to the year 2035.

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7. Water Report: The water line up the canyon has been fixed and is running at full capacity. Dan Burgett also connected Russell Judd to the water line going up Judd Lane. Comment was made the Judds were very impressed and said Dan did a great job.

8. Power/Fire Department Reports: Travis Isaacson said he was looking over the budget and it looks like they need to bring in about \$25000-\$30000 more in Electric Revenue. They will also need to take into account the cost of the reclosure. Travis said he will set up a Power Board meeting to go over rates and get a recommendation.

The Fire Department has been working on equipment maintenance. At their next meeting they will be flushing hydrants.

9. Cemetery Report and Planning and Zoning Reports: Marge Cipkar said she had nothing to report on the Cemetery. At the last Planning and Zoning they reviewed the Conditional Use Permit for a home business and Airbnb for the Gages.

a) Preliminary Iron County Septic Density Study: Nancy Dalton reviewed the Iron County Septic Density Study. She said the study was like comparing apples to oranges. The study included the whole valley lumped together with Paragonah. There are some areas in the valley that are high in nitrates, but Paragonah's levels are okay. Conclusion is that Paragonah is okay with 1 acre lots for the next 20 years. Septic tanks should not be a limiting factor for growth in Paragonah. Water will be the limiting factor.

b) Iron County Flood Mapping Management Plan Project: Nancy Dalton explained Iron County is working on redoing their flood map. They are working with FEMA and will be researching and gathering information for the next couple of years. They will hold a public hearing before it is finalized. Paragonah already updated its flood map when Connie Robinson was mayor. Paragonah's Flood Map is available online on the FEMA website. Todd Robinson said the problem with the map is the satellite view does not line up properly to Town Boundaries so it shows some people's homes like Randy Robinson's still in the flood zone. FEMA will not do anything about it.

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10. Roads/Building/Park Reports: Tom Milk reported the roads still need to be fixed. Jayne commented she called Ashdown's and they won't have any cold mix until November. She called Sunroc and they did not have any either. Discussion took place concerning people speeding on 300 South. Suggestion was made to put a 15 mph sign in front of Mike Abbott's house and have Dakota Veater use his new track hoe to dig out a dip in the road to slow people down.

11. Open Discussion: Comment was made Dan Burgett caught some construction workers taking water from the hydrant at the park. They are building a home in the County. He told them this was not allowed and that they needed to call the Town Office. They called the Town Office and after talking to Todd, Jayne told them they could use the water but would need to get the hydrant meter from Dan and give her their billing address. They were working for Larry Pendleton and Jayne contacted him and he apologized and said to send him the bill.

12. Approve bills/review financial statements/adjourn meeting: Todd Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.