

Paradise Town Council
June 21, 2023
7:30 p.m.

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

Community members Present- None

- 1. Public Hearing- Budget, Budget Amendments, Tax Rate-** Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. No public attended the hearing. The Council discussed the budget and how that compares to the accounting the Council sees each quarter. Our quarterly reports have more categories that are broken down further than the State budget. Public Hearing closes at 7:43 p.m.

Regular meeting opens at 7:44 p.m.

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance-** The pledge of Allegiance was said.
- 3. Prayer/Invocation/Reading/Thought-** Devin gave an opening invocation.
- 4. Minutes-** The Minutes of June 7, 2023, were emailed to the Council previous to the meeting. Doug made a motion to approve as read, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
- 5. Bills-** Devin read the bills. Doug wondered about where we were with the Hamilton case. Hamilton has sent a response to our attorney as of last week concerning himself and Dallan Maughan. There is nothing actually concerning Paradise Town in Hamilton's response, but it will still require an answer from the Town i.e. our attorney. Jason made a motion to approve the bills as read, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
- 6. Public Comment-** Whit reported that he had a few people talk to him about the "Code of the West" that the Council adopted by resolution at the last meeting. It was put out on Facebook and seemed to be very well-received.
- 7. Purchase Requests-** There was one purchase request for baseball/softball equipment from Al's Sporting Goods. Whit made a motion to approve, Devin seconded that motion. All in favor.
- 8. Adopt 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget-** Devin made a motion to approve, Whit seconded that motion. All in favor.
- 9. Adopt 2022-2023 Budget Amendments-** Jason made a motion to approve the Budget Amendments, Doug seconded that motion. All in favor.
- 10. Certify Tax Rate-** There was a discussion on what would need to happen in order to raise taxes. The Council is interested in looking into that next year.
- 11. Unfinished Business-**
Cache County Building Department- We have used the Cache County Building Department as our building inspectors for the past multiple years. After going through their records, the County realized we have not been signing updated agreements to continue using them as our inspectors. We have been getting 20% of the total cost for the building permits charged by the county and they keep 80%. The Council sees no reason to not continue using them and see no reason it cannot be signed, and we can continue to work with the same agreement in place.

Service Projects around Town: Doug asked the Council members to each go through a list he has compiled from the past few years' discussions on different projects that need done around town. He asked the Council to go through and prioritize each item. There was a discussion on the projects and what the priorities are for each council member. Doug will make a prioritized list after receiving each of the Council members' opinions.

12. New Business- Nothing new at this time.

13. Council Reports-

- **Roads-Devin Thomas-** The Council discussed the snowplow options and buying a new (used) truck for the Town before the winter. The County has been out doing a few potholes around Town. Devin had noticed that a few potholes were not staying in well. The County seems to be spread thin and doing a lot of work all over the County.
- **Water-Whit Gale-** There was discussion on the spring redevelopment and how to go about that. There are some questions about easements and what property we may own or not own around the spring. We are trying to get it all sorted out with Coldwater Ranch where the spring sits.
- **Community-Doug Jewell-** Doug reported that there wasn't going to be a Trout and Berry Day's rodeo this year. The Millers, who live in Avon and own bucking bulls, have invited everyone to come to a mini rodeo they will hold at their home. Jason suggested that plans start being made for the Trout and Berry days rodeo for next year, now. The Youth Council was cancelled this month because all the kids were at camp.
- **Fire/Grants-Jason Winn-** Jason reported that the Fire Department has been busy with house/garage fires.

14. Adjourn- Whit made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourns at 8:58 p.m.