

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
DECEMBER 10, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Nancy Dalton (Planning Commission Chair), Byron Jenkins, Royce Barton (Fire Chief), Dakota Veater.

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1. **Welcome:** Todd Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Declaration of conflict of interest:** None declared.

3. **Adopt Agenda:** Travis Isaacson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Open Public Hearing:** Mike Abbott moved to open the public hearing. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Receive public comments concerning Ordinance 25-2, An Ordinance amending Title XV Land Use Ordinance, Section 153.088 Maximum Height of Accessory Buildings; Section 153.238 Clarifying maximum height of any building; and Section 153.090 clarifying maximum height of fences, walls and hedges:** Todd Robinson explained the Planning Commission has reviewed these ordinances. He read their proposed amendments. Section 153.088 states that no building which is accessory to a one-family or multi-family dwelling shall be erected to a height greater than one story or 20 feet shall be deleted because it conflicts with Section 153.238. Section 153.238 shall be amended to read no building shall exceed two and one-half stories and not more than 35 feet in height. No dwelling shall be less than one story in height. Section 153.090 addresses maximum height of fences, walls and hedges and states any structure over 6 feet in height shall require a building permit. Fences, walls and hedges shall not exceed four feet in height within any required front yard or corner lot side street. On corner lot side streets, fences, walls, and hedges may be erected up to the permitted height of six feet after the front building setback requirement is met. All fences' walls and hedges on corner lots shall be built of materials that allow visibility to meet traffic line-of-sight safety requirements. Fences, walls and hedges shall not exceed six feet in height within any required rear yard, interior side yard or side lots that are at least 30 feet or more from the corner.

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Todd asked if there were any public comments. Discussion took place concerning fences for cattle and livestock. Fences need to be taller than 4 feet in the front and on the sides to keep them contained. Suggestion was made the Planning Commission review Section 153.090 and see if they can add an exception or something for fences for livestock. There were no further comments.

6. Close Public Hearing: Travis Isaacson moved to close the public hearing. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approve minutes of November 12, 2025, Regular Meeting and November 18, 2025, Special Meeting: Marge Cipkar moved to approve the minutes of November 12, 2025, Regular Meeting and November 18, 2025, Special Meeting. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. Mayor's Report: Todd Robinson reported on UAMPS "All Requirements" program where members no longer need individual governing body approvals for each power supply purchase. Instead UAMPS has the responsibility to procure their full power supply. Larger cities are joining because it can take them months to decide on their power purchases and this will streamline the process and make it easier for them. Parowan and Beaver are contemplating joining. We do not have to join. One concern about joining is once you do you cannot get out. Todd said it would probably be a good idea to have UAMPS come to one of our meetings and go over it in detail. Todd also reported that the Sunnyside waste coal plant went down. UAMPS wants out of this project. The Millard and Idaho Power Projects are still moving forward. Todd said he is willing to stay on the UAMPS Board if the town would like him too. Town Board members thought this would be a good idea. Suggestion was also made to appoint Todd to the town's Power Board at next month's meeting.

Todd reported Justin Wayment the Town's Attorney, asked if the town would be willing to let the Canal Company use our newly acquired easement for their line for the overflow. Todd told him he did not have a problem with this as long as it did not interfere with our line and they must bury it deep. Todd said he talked to Lamont Jonnson and he is willing to give us an easement through his property and he was going to talk to the Worth's about this. Mark Barton was going to talk to a couple more of the people to see if they will give us an easement for the power poles. Todd will make a map of where to put the poles.

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9. Water Report: Discussion took place concerning the Water Project. Sunrise Engineering is doing a Geotech report to find the best location of the water tank so that it is not right on the fault line. They will need to submit the completed plans for this project 60 days before the close of the loan. They also need a confirmation letter from our attorney. They will get the bids out and that process will take about 2-3 weeks. Todd Robinson said he will be talking to Nate Wallentine tomorrow to find out more.

10. Power/Fire Department Reports:

a) Discuss new legislation concerning fire department: Royce Barton discussed bill 48 that was passed by the state legislature which creates a program to reduce wildfire risk in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) by identifying high-risk areas, requiring property owners to participate in risk reduction, imposing fees on property tax bills, and establishing new regulations for insurance companies and building codes. Inspections must be done every year and if requirements are not met, they will attach a penalty to the property. They are going to start requiring new builds to have fire resistance, siding, roofing, etc. Royce reviewed a map of the town pointing out Paragonah's highest fire risk areas where weeds, sagebrush will need to be cut back. He said we need to have a list of what their requirements are and a map showing the high-risk areas. Hopefully he can get more information and will bring it to the next Town Board meeting.

11. Cemetery/Planning Commission Reports: Marge Cipkar had nothing to report on the Cemetery.

a) **Discuss and make decision concerning Ordinance 25-2, An Ordinance amending Title XV Section 153.088 Maximum Height of Accessory Buildings; Section 153.238 Clarifying maximum height of any building; and Section 153.090 clarifying maximum height of fences, walls and hedges:** Suggestion was made to delete number 3 of the ordinance regarding height of fences, hedges and walls. The Planning Commission will revisit this section and see if they can add an exception for cattle and livestock fencing. **Todd Robinson moved to adopt Ordinance 25-2, as amended. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

12. Roads/Park/Building: Todd Memmott reported the bill passed for the funding to do the fire access road for the Jungman Subdivision and 3 culverts. He suggested we look into

getting some CIB funding also to help pay for our portion of the project. Comment was made this needs to be coordinated with our waterline project.

13. Open Discussion: Todd Robinson was presented with a cake and thanked for his years of service to our town as Mayor. Comment was made he has done a great job and will be missed.

14. Adjourn Meeting/Approve Bills/Review Financial Statements: Travis Isaacson moved to adjourn meeting, approved bills, and review financial statements. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.