

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
August 13, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Nancy Dalton (Planning Commission Chair), Sharrah Brewster (Town Treasurer), Eric Walker, Royce Barton (Fire Chief), Rhonna Barton, Dakota Veater, Alvan Gordon, Chris Meneley, Preslee Meneley, Dan Jackowiak, Regina Jackowiak, Kevin Guyton, Sarah Williams, Julorie Galloway, Merl Suttleff, Chuck Bentley, and Levi Reed (Summer Help Worker)

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

4. Approve minutes of the July 9, 2025, regular Town Board meeting: Marge Cipkar had one correction "Nancy Dalton said Roger Carter told her he cannot help us with this because he does not have any experience with the enforcement part". **Mike Abbott moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2025, regular Town Board meeting as corrected.** Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discuss and make decision concerning increasing Summer Help hourly rate: Discussion took place concerning increasing the summer help hourly rate which is currently set at \$10/hr. Levi Reed asked for a few minutes to speak. He said he is not doing this job for the money. He enjoys doing it and was afraid a comment that was made on Facebook was the reason the Town Board was wanting to increase his wage. He said the cemetery lawn really needs some nutrients, and he suggests fertilizing the cemetery with granules which can be a little expensive. He would rather the town spend their money on that instead of giving him a raise. Todd Robinson explained this has nothing to do with a comment on Facebook - the board had talked about this long before. Comment was made the Town can afford both the granule fertilizer and a rate increase. After some discussion, Town Board members agreed to increase the hourly rate for summer help to \$15/hr. **Todd Robinson moved to increase the hourly rate for Summer Help to \$15/hr.** Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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6. Mayor's report: Todd Robinson said UAMPS held meetings yesterday and today. Each year UAMPS reports operating margins/deficits for all projects. Paragonah Town participates in CRSP, San Juan, Firm Power, and Horse Butte Wind and they all had an operating margin. The Town's portion of the operating margin is around \$11000. We can request this be paid to us by check, as a credit on our power bill, or allow UAMPS to keep the amount in a separate account at the State Treasurers Office to meet future billing needs. The geothermal plant at Cove Fort is moving forward but is still having issues with the transmission from Rocky Mountain Power. They are hoping to have it up and running by 2030. The Fremont Solar Project is also moving forward and is scheduled to be online late 2027. It will be solar and battery operated.

Todd Robinson also reported Sunrise Engineering gave him a schedule/timeline for the Water Improvement Project. According to the schedule construction will begin in February 2026. They have done the survey. The draftsman is what has been holding up the project. We should be able to get a 100% grant to pay for replacing the copper and galvanized lines.

Discussion took place concerning a letter from Dale Robinson that was sent to each Town Board member. In the letter he said when Charlie Boardman applied to annex that property he told him there would be no Paragonah culinary water used on that property. The plans were for a well, tank and water lines totally separate from the town. He is concerned the Town is not following this agreement. Todd explained this is not the same information that is in the annexation agreement. The agreement states culinary water sources are currently located near the property along with an existing fire hydrant. All future water development and improvements for upgrades will be paid by the petitioner, along with water storage and supply tanks, and a means for supplying adequate water pressure. This agreement was written with the idea a subdivision was being developed. Chris Meneley just wants to build one house now, and possibly 2 more houses in the future. There is already an existing water meter on his property. The Town is following what is in the agreement. The agreement says before a building permit is issued certain improvements must be made including roads, and utilities or other improvements necessary to serve petitioners property. When the Town's Water Improvement Project is finished, there will be adequate storage and pressure. Discussion took place concerning the new house that was being built to the north of Danny Abbotts at the end of 700 East. Todd Robinson explained this house is in the County. Comment was made the heavy trucks going up and down that road is causing damage. Why should the Town pay to fix it if they are in the County? Todd Robinson said it is a public road and they can't stop them from

using it. The Town does have a 50-foot easement right in front of property that will be used as a fire access road.

Comment was made that the people developing the property above town are filling up their water truck from the town's fire hydrant to get water and every time they use it the dishes in their sink shake and rattle. Also, the water truck was in the middle of the road when the school bus was dropping off kids. Chris Meneley said he wasn't aware of this and that in the future they will try to work around the bus schedule.

7. Water Report: Mike Abbott reported the water test results came back and they were all good. He said after the issue with the cemetery not getting enough water he went up to the overflow at the tank and there was barely a trickle coming out. Also, it looked like someone maybe had messed with the weir. Comment was made Dan Burgett and been up there trying to adjust it so that Wilderness Heights Subdivision is getting their 2 ½ gpm as per our agreement with them. There is a problem with the pressure to their connection. They should be responsible for getting this problem figured out – not the town.

8. Power/Fire Department Reports: Travis Isaacson discussed the easement for the 7200-power upgrade. The Fire Department is still helping Parowan. The County increased the amount of funding we get from them to 85% and 15% comes from the town. The majority of calls the Fire Department responds to are in the County, out on the highway.

9. Cemetery/Planning Commission Reports: Marge Cipkar discussed the recent issue with the Cemetery. She said Dan Burgett upped the watering time from 30 minutes each station to 45 minutes to see if this will make a difference. Jayne Stones commented she went up to the Cemetery at night while the sprinklers were on and it looked like the pressure was the main problem. There were a couple of sprinklers that needed to be adjusted. Marge said if upping the watering time doesn't help she wants to turn it back and not waste the water. Another problem is some of the tall headstones and trees are in the way. She said that they will try fertilizing using granules next year to see if that helps.

Nancy Dalton reported the Planning Commission had one addition to make to the revocation of business licenses under the Conditional Use Permit section. The Business License section already includes this information; however, they would also like it to be stated under the Conditional Use Permit section which follows the same process. From the training Nancy has attended, this can be done through an administrative change, and a public hearing is not required because they are not

changing anything that isn't already in the ordinances. Nancy also said a new bill passed requiring all cities, towns, and counties to update their Land Use ordinances every year.

10. Roads/Park/Building Department Reports: Todd Memmott said he is having a hard time finding someone to help chip seal our roads. Iron County has not been willing to help us for the past several years. Comment was made there are new people over the County Road department and maybe they will be more willing to help. There is a UDOT meeting coming up to go over updates to their Transportation Plan and the County should be there. This might be a good time to ask if they would be willing to help. Todd Memmott said he had another obligation on that day but if possible he would try and attend. Nancy Dalton said she will be to the meeting. Todd Robinson said someone has offered to help us do the roads in the cemetery if we will just pay for the materials.

11. Open Discussion: Discussion took place concerning Chris Meneley's property. There were concerns that the 6-inch water line attached to the fire hydrant will cross contaminate our culinary system. This is a stagnant dead-end line. Mike Abbott explained that it will not contaminate our water. A private line is different than a public line. Also, the line will be flushed out and tested before it is turned on.

The pressure at the fire hydrants in the Robb Subdivision was discussed and concerns about what would happen if there was a fire. Royce Barton explained water pressure and flow at the fire hydrant are two separate things. The Fire Department will do everything in its power to protect the town. The Water Improvement Project will also help with this issue.

12. Adjourn meeting/Review Financial Statements/Approve Bills: Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting, review financial statements and approve bills. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.