

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 13, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Nancy Dalton (Planning Commission Chair), Jayne Stones (Town Clerk), Nancy Milner (Civic Committee President), Richard Gorton.

PLEDGE

1. **Call meeting to order:** Todd Robinson called the meeting to order.
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None declared.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Mike Abbott moved to approve the agenda with one addition under Mayors Report; add b) A resolution authorizing and approving the Power County Power Project Sales Contract with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems; and related matters. Todd Robinson seconded the motion all in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes of October 10, 2024, regular meeting:** Marge Cipkar moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2024, with one correction under item 8 change to “more bungalows on his property”. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion all in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Mayor’s Report:** Todd Robinson explained the town gets its power from several different resources through UAMPS including wind, solar, coal and hydroelectric. Since the coal plants shut down, we have been forced to purchase power in the open market, which costs more. The Town was paying more for the power than what we were charging and so we implemented the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA). The Town needs to replace the power that we were getting from the coal plants with a power source that is more reliable than wind and solar. This should help level out the costs and eventually we will be able to eliminate the PCA. UAMPS is pursuing 2 natural gas plants one will be in Idaho (County Power Project) and the other one in Millard County. The Millard County Plant will be a peak source, used only during periods of peak demand such as in the summer and winter months. Natural gas is the best option we

have at the present time. Todd Robinson suggested we purchase 200 kw from the County Power Project and 90 kw from the Millard County Project.

a) A Resolution authorizing and approving the Millard County Project Power Sales Contract with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems; and related matters: Todd Robinson moved to approve Resolution 24-12, adding the purchase amount of 90 kw. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Marge Cipkar – Aye, Mike Abbot – Aye, Travis Isaacson – Aye, Todd Robinson – Aye, Todd Memmott – Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

b) A Resolution authorizing and approving the Power County Power Project Sales Contract with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems; and related matters: Todd Robinson moved to approve Resolution 24-11, adding the purchase amount of 200 kw. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Marge Cipkar – Aye, Mike Abbott – Aye, Travis Isaacson – Aye, Todd Robinson – Aye, Todd Memmott – Absent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Todd Robinson reported the waterline easement from the Witts has been signed and recorded. Ryan McPherson said he will give us an easement for his property and the property he bought from Glen Little. The water project is on track to begin in the Spring. Todd said he talked to Chris Meneley. He has decided not to sell his property and would like to divide it into 3 separate lots. He has purchased underground water. He owns the road by his property going up the canyon and does not want to give us the road. If he will at least give us an easement for the waterline it shouldn't have any effect on the project.

6. Water Department Report: Mike Abbott reported we are required to do a lead and copper survey of our water system. He tried to explain that we are replacing our lines as part of the Water System Improvement Project, but they said we still have to do it. The survey only needed to be sent to people who have homes that were built before 1990. Sunrise sent us a list of the people and Jayne mailed them the survey. If 30 people respond that do not have lead pipes then the Town meets the requirements. Mike also reported he renewed his water certification. This must be done every 3 years.

Discussion took place concerning the requirements for the proof date on water rights. To be usable, the water rights must be dated earlier than December 1951. Comment was made the Town has about 33-acre feet of water rights and most if not all are before this date. It was suggested we do not accept anything before 1949. This information needs to be put in our ordinances.

7. Power/Fire Department Report: Travis Isaacson reported that the Fire Department is working on changing all their radios to meet the new state requirements. He is still waiting to hear back from Parowan concerning an agreement for doing our power.

8. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning: Marge Cipkar had nothing to report for the Cemetery. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on November 20th at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments concerning the updated Subdivision Ordinance. The Town Board will be able to adopt it at the next meeting.

9. Roads/Park/Building Reports: No report given.

10. Open Discussion: Richard Gortman said according to the U.S. Flag Code the American flag must have a light shining on it at night. It also should be taken down if it rains or snows. The flag in front of the Town Hall needs a light or it needs to be taken down at night. Town Board members thanked him for the information. Jayne Stones was asked to order a light for the flag. Nancy Milner said the School Bell project has been finished and hopes everyone likes how it turned out. Todd Robinson said he thought it looked good. He would like to put a roof on it and said he might have some leftover supplies at his house that could be used.

11. Adjourn meeting/Review Financial Statements/Approve Bills: Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting, review financial statements and approve bills. All in favor. Motion carried.