

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
FEBRUARY 11, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Merl Suttleff, Nancy Dalton (Planning Commission Chair), Bob Ballou (Iron Co. Parks & Recreation Committee), Kay Lister, Jayne Stones (Town Clerk), Eric Walker, Justin Miller, Kaylynn Miller, Royce Barton (Fire Chief), Matt Rhodes (UDOT), Caleb Rees (Town Auditor), Byron Jenkins, John Thornton, John Thornton Jr., Sherrie Worth, Russell Abbott, Josh Eisenach, Todd Robinson, Kelly Oldroyd, Kim Oldroyd. Late: Chris Robb, Trisha Robb, Rhonna Barton

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1. **Welcome:** Dakota Veater welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

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

4. **Approve minutes of January 14, 2026, Regular Town Board meeting:** Marge Cipkar moved to approve minutes of January 14, 2026, Regular Town Meeting as presented. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Discuss Iron County's Park, Recreation & Open Spaces (i.e. Agricultural Lands) future plans:** Bob Ballou, Chairman of Focus Group for Vision of Iron County's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Committee, explained they are seeking input on the future of open spaces and outdoor recreation in Iron County. They have grants that are available and want input from all the communities in Iron County concerning their wants and needs, including trails, trailhead parking, bike trails, open space areas for agriculture etc. He handed out a flyer to post around town that has a QR barcode that people can scan and provide input.

6. **Annual Audit Report for 2025 FY:** Caleb Rees, Town Auditor, reported on the Town's Financial Audit for the 2025 fiscal year. The Town received an "Unqualified Opinion" which is the best result for an audit and indicates the auditor found the financial statements to be accurate, complete, and fairly presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The Town has sufficient internal controls, which includes Town Board members approving invoices monthly. He encouraged the Town Board to always watch for new vendors and ask necessary questions. The Town

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complied with all 3 state requirements including setting up a budget, notifying the public of the budget and staying within the budget. Caleb reviewed pages 37 and 38 concerning fixed assets. The General Fund's revenue was enough to cover expenses. The Water and Electric Fund were both profitable. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

7. UDOT OHV Trails & Right-of-Ways: Matt Rhodes, UDOT handed out copies of UDOT's Off-Highway Vehicles policy. The policy was discussed. The state does allow OHV trails along their Right-of-ways. One example is the trail along the side of the road between Paragonah and Parowan. A neighboring community has had questions about some of their OHV trails. UDOT is conducting a Traffic Engineering Order for OHV trails which will include Parowan, Brian Head and the County. Matt asked if Paragonah would like to be included. If not it's okay but it would be easier to conduct one TEO for all entities instead of having to do a separate one. They would like to make trails more connecting and look at options for trails before putting them in their Right-of-ways. Safety issues will be addressed. Right now everything is just in the preliminary stage. They will be holding a virtual meeting on the 18th at 11:00 a.m. If the Town would like to be included, he encouraged someone from the Town to attend this meeting where more information will be provided. Mike Abbott said the only negative thing he has heard about the OHV's in Paragonah is the parking along main street, up by the cemetery and around the Town Square. Matt explained this is something that could be included on a map and put on their website showing designated parking areas. Dakota said he will talk to everyone and see who will be able to attend the virtual meeting.

8. Discuss Power Line Easements for power upgrade on the Southeast end of Town: Mark Barton discussed the Town's power upgrade to a 7200 system. The West side of town has been upgraded. The East side still needs to be done. The old 2400 system is obsolete. If something were to happen with the power system and it goes out on the East side of town, it could take up to a year to get parts. One option for the upgrade would be to run the power up center street, however, there are too many trees and other issues that would make it more expensive and complicated. Mark explained after discussing options with the Power Board and Town Board it was decided the best route to connect the power is to run the line starting from 200 East by the Max Partner property and continuing up through 300 South. This would also help to get 3 phase power to the new well. In order to do this the Town will need a 15-foot easement from Kay Lister, Josh Eisenach, Chris Robb, Kelly Oldroyd, Sherri Worth and Lamont Jonsson. It would be easier if the Town could get an easement from the property owner who owns all the property on the other side of the road, however, they are not willing to give the Town an easement. The poles would be placed 7 ½ feet from the fence line on the property owners side. Mark explained 3 poles would be on Kay Lister's property, 1 pole on Josh Eisenach's, 1 on Chris Robb's and one on Kelly Oldroyds on the corner. Kim Oldroyd said one of their concerns is if they will be able to access their houses

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while the project is being done. They were ensured they will have access. Dakota asked all the property owners in attendance to think about this and then let him or one of the other board members know what they decide about giving the town an easement. The town will have a title company write up one easement that can be signed by all parties instead of making a separate easement for each one.

9. Mayor's Report:

a) Discuss and make decision concerning accepting closed bids for the old Merry Go Round and Street Sweeper that are no longer being used: Dakota Veater said he would like to clean up the Town Yard starting with getting rid of the old Merry-go-round and street sweeper. He suggested the Town accept closed bids and open them at the next meeting. **Mike Abbott moved to advertise that the Town is accepting bids for the old merry-go-round and street sweeper and to open the bids at the next Town Board meeting. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

b) Make decision concerning purchasing 2 new basketball hoops for the basketball court at the Park: Dakota explained he talked to some of the kids at the park the other day and asked them what would make the park more fun for them. They said getting another basketball hoop with lines on the court would be nice. Dakota said he got a quote for two basketball hoops, and it would cost less than \$1500. Brad Bentley will do the stenciling for free and Matt Rosenberg can get some black and blue paint. Another idea would be to do a pickle ball court maybe going East and West. Town Board members agreed that the basketball hoops would be a good idea.

Dakota Veater moved to approve purchasing 2 basketball hoops and stencils/ paint for the basketball court. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

c) Discuss ideas for what could be put in the graveled area by the Fire Station to make the park even more fun for the kids: Discussion took place concerning what the graveled area by the fire station could be used for. Comment was made at one time the Town was considering using it as an area to play horseshoes. Dakota wondered about putting in some sand and making it into a volleyball court. He asked everyone to think of some ideas and let him know what they come up with.

10. Water Department Report:

a) Appoint Cobe Evans and John Dalton as Water Board Members and remove Robert Almont from the Board: Mike Abbott said two new members need to be appointed to replace Kelly Stones and Tom Milk. Also, Robert Almont would like to be taken off the board. Mike talked to Cobe Evans and John Dalton who both work for Parowan City and are familiar with water issues. They are willing to serve on the board.

Dakota Veater moved to appoint Cobe Evans and John Dalton to the Water Board and remove Robert Almont. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion took place concerning the water project. On the map it shows only two water lines going across main street. Mike wondered why they don't take all 5 the lines across. This is something they need to ask Sunrise. The Oldroyds said they want to make sure they will be able to get in and out of their property when they do the water project. Dakota said he will make Sunrise aware that they need to make sure property owners will have access to their property during the project.

11. Power/Fire Department Reports:

Royce Barton reported the Fire Department had 139 runs last year. 7 were in Town and 132 were in the County. 80 to 85% of their calls are in the County. They cover the area from Summit all the way to U-20. They also have helped and responded to calls in Parowan and Brian Head when needed. Paragonah is the only volunteer Fire Department in the County. Paragonah has a ISO rating of 4, which is very good. Parowan has a rating of 6, and Cedar City 3. Lower ratings mean lower homeowners insurance. The town receives 90% of its funding from the County and 10% from the Town.

a) Discuss Amended and Restated Pooling Agreement with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) – Todd Robinson, Paragonah Town Representative to UAMPS explained the amended Power Pooling agreement with UAMPS that needs to be adopted by May. He gave Town Board members a handout comparing the current agreement with what is being amended. He explained the pooling agreement allows cities and towns to put excess power that has been purchased into the pool so others can buy if needed. The amended agreement was reviewed at the last Power Board meeting. Power Board members are Jemery Franklin, Mark Barton, Todd Robinson and Travis Isaacson. Justin Wayment the Town's attorney will need to review the agreement and write a letter of Opinion.

12. Cemetery/Planning Commission Reports:

Marge Cipkar said Supreme Green is scheduled to fertilize/spray the cemetery two times before Memorial Day. They will do the granules in the Fall.

a) Discuss and make decision concerning Ordinance 26-2, An Ordinance Adding Short-Term Rental and Bed and Breakfast Inns as a Conditional Use in Paragonah Town's RE (Residential Estate) Zone Along with Qualifying Regulations & Conditions:

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This ordinance has been discussed at several meetings, it has been amended and a public hearing was held. Dakota asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none. **Dakota Veater moved to approve Ordinance 26-2, An Ordinance Adding Short-Term Rental and Bed and Breakfast Inns as a Conditional Use in Paragonah Town's RE (Residential Estate) Zone along with Qualifying Regulations & Conditions. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

b) Reappoint Kevin Guyton as Planning Commission Member: **Mike Abbott moved to reappoint Kevin Guyton as a Planning Commission member. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

14. Open Discussion: Kaylynn Miller explained they are getting ready to close on their construction loan and was wondering where the town is at as far as getting water and the road to her property. Comment was made the town is waiting for funding from the grant we received for the culverts which is still in the preliminary stages. The water line to this property was capped off and the fire hydrant was taken out because the water kept testing bad. The Town will need to check the water line and see if it is still usable. It will need to be flushed out. The hydrant will need to be re-installed. Town Board members told Kaylynn they need to look at her plans. She had a map that she went and got out of her car. She was told to fill out a pre-building permit application and bring it to the next meeting for them to review. In the meantime, they will have Dan Burgett check out the waterline and see if it is usable and can be reconnected.

15. Adjourn meeting/Approve Bills/Review Financial Statements:

Dakota Veater moved to adjourn meeting, approve bills, and review financial statements. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.