

**PARAGONAH TOWN BOARD REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST,
PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
March 12, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Eric Walker, Michael Griffin, Julie Ann Carter Griffin, Lance Duffield, Byron Jenkins, Jayne Stones (Town Clerk), Nancy Dalton (Planning Commission Chair) Late: Justin Wayment (Town Attorney)

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1. **Call meeting to order:** Todd Robinson called the meeting together
2. **Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** Marge Cipkar declared a conflict of interest with item 6 on the agenda.
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 February 12, 2025, regular meeting:** Todd Memmott moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Todd Robinson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Discuss trees on Town property that need to be cut down and make decision:** Todd Robinson explained Dakota Veater was cutting down trees for Betty Meinert and there is a dead one on Town property she would like taken down. This tree is also close to the power line. She is willing to pay half the cost. Dakota quoted a price of \$800. There are also 3 trees in the cemetery that need to be taken care of. Dakota went up and looked at them and gave the town a quote of \$3100 to trim 2 Elms (\$900 each), and 1 Cottonwood (\$1300). Todd Robinson said that he thinks Dan Burgett should be able to cut down the one by Betty's and that he would be willing to help. After some discussion **Todd Robinson moved that the Town take care of the tree by Betty Meinert's and Dakota trim the trees in the cemetery for the amount quoted.** Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Appoint Planning Commission Member:** Travis Isaacson moved to appoint Nancy Dalton to another 5-year term as a member of the Planning Commission. Mike Abbott seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Travis Isaacson – Aye, Todd Memmott – Aye, Todd Robinson – Aye, Mike Abbot – Aye, Marge Cipkar – Abstain. Motion Carried.
7. **Mayor's Report** : Todd Robinson reported that UAMPS meets every other month now instead of every month. The Power County Idaho project is moving along but they still do not have enough subscribers. The Millard project has changed property/

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locations 3 times but is moving forward. UAMPS approved funds to hold property for a 2-year period. The Cove Fort geothermal project is on hold due to issues with transmission lines.

a) Discuss issue with accessory building that does not meet the towns setbacks requirements but was approved by the building inspector: Todd Robinson explained the Town Board signed off on a building permit for a barn that showed a 41-foot side setback on a side yard that is adjacent to a street. The County Building Inspector approved the barn with only a 10-foot side set back which is in violation of town ordinances. The side setback on a corner lot is required to be a minimum of 20 feet. The house in front of the barn is on a corner lot, however, the barn is on a separate L-shaped piece of property that is behind and to the north of the house. This has led to some confusion. Suggestion was made to clarify on the building permit application that the 20 foot side setback applies to all side yards adjacent to a street. Discussion took place concerning how to handle this issue. Comment was made it wouldn't be right to make the applicant move the barn since it was approved by the County Building Inspector and he is the one that made the mistake. Decision was made to leave the barn as is and have the Town's attorney write up something to put in the town files that addresses this issue.

8. Water Department Report: Discussion took place concerning the status of the Water Improvement Project. Todd Robinson said they are working on getting easements from Ryan McPherson and Chris Meneley.

9. Power/Fire Department Report: Travis Isaacson reported the fire department is still heavily helping the Parowan Fire department and will probably be doing so for the next 6 months while they get their fire department reorganized. Parowan will charge \$140/hour to help with our power when Mark Barton retires. They will use their equipment since our truck is not certified or up to standards. Jeremy Franklin is writing up a quote with this information. The Town cannot afford a full-time lineman but maybe in the future will be able to pay half the wages for a lineman.

10. Cemetery/Planning and Zoning: Marge Cipkar said she will talk to Dakota about doing the trees in the cemetery. She stated she had nothing to report for Planning and Zoning since Nancy Dalton already emailed Town Board members information about their last meeting. They are working on a short-term rental ordinance. Supreme Green will be spraying the Cemetery 2 times before Memorial Day.

11. Roads/Park/Building Reports: Todd Memmott said he is getting quotes for how much it will cost to asphalt/chip seal one block.

12. Open Discussion: None

13. Close meeting to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health: Todd Robinson moved to go into closed meeting to discuss an individual's character, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Todd Robinson – Aye, Travis Isaacson Aye, Mike Abbott – Aye, Todd Memmott – Aye, Marge Cipkar – Aye. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Reopen public meeting: Todd Robinson moved to reopen the meeting to the public. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Carried.

15. If necessary make any motions needed as a result of closed meeting: No motion necessary.

16. 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.