

**PARAGONAH TOWN
REGULAR MEETING
44 NORTH 100 WEST, PARAGONAH TOWN HALL
October 9, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Others in Attendance: Nancy Dalton (Planning Commission Chair), Jayne Stones (Town Clerk). Justin Wayment (Attorney) on speaker phone for discussion on UAMPS Gas/Power Contract.

PLEDGE

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. Marge Cipkar seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. **Approve minutes of September 11, 2024, regular meeting:** Todd Memmott moved to adopt the minutes of September 11, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. **Mayor's Report:**
 - a) **Discuss and make decision concerning UAMPS Gas/Power Contract:**

Justin Wayment said he reviewed the UAMPS Gas/Power Contract. The preliminary contract is 35-40 pages long. The Idaho/Millard project is in the first stage. Idaho is the main power provided, and Millard is a peak power provider. He emphasized once the Town signs the contract they are committed no matter what happens and there are no off ramps. The contract puts all the risk on the Town. The Town will be responsible for a percentage of the total project cost determined on how many kilowatts they sign up for. If the preliminary study determines the project is not viable, the town will still be responsible for paying their share. The Town needs to determine how much power they need. Discussion took place concerning the risk involved in signing the contract. However, the Town doesn't really have any other options. Wind and solar power are not reliable power base sources. We need other sources. UAMPS reserves the right to sell power to third parties. The UAMPS board members can sell power to other board members. Also, the Town will need to be collecting enough money for power in order to pay for any unexpected costs that may come with the project. Justin advised the Town Board to think carefully about this before signing the contract. He said he does understand that the Town really does not have another option at this time. A decision does not need to be made

tonight. The contract will be discussed more at the next UAMPS meeting and there will probably be some changes. The Town clerk was asked to put this item on the agenda for approval at next month's meeting.

6. **Water Department Report:** Todd Robinson reported they are still working on getting easements for the Water Improvement Project. Justin Wayment is preparing an easement for the Witt property. Ryan McPherson said he will give the Town an easement but Todd said he needed to still meet with him about this.
7. **Power/Fire Department:** Travis Isaacson reported he met with Parowan to discuss the possibility of them contracting with Paragonah to help with our power. He talked to Jeremy Franklin and the city manager. They are going to come up with some figures on how much it would cost us. It will be expensive. Legally 2 qualified electricians need to be present when repairs are made. The cost could be as high as \$200 an hour. Parowan is thinking about hiring another electrician. They were very appreciative of all the help the Fire Department has been giving them and said they would be willing to help us out as much as they can. Jeremy Franklin helped a lot with removing the limbs around town after the last storm. Travis said it would be nice if we could give him something like a gift card to show our appreciation for all his help. The engineer redid the program and uploaded it to the new reclosure.
8. **Cemetery/Planning and Zoning:** Marge Cipkar reported the Planning Commission working on building ordinance. They held a zoom meeting with Dan Jenson. David Jaget came to the meeting and said that he is not running a business. He said only friends are staying on his property. The Planning Commission told him it is considered a business, and he would have to apply for a conditional use permit and business license. He converted his storage shed to a bungalow and wants to add more bungalows on his property. If he continues to be noncompliant he should be ticketed.
9. **Roads/Park/Building Reports:** Todd Memmott explained he talked to Lamb Construction and they will be able to help us with our roads. We just need to go around and look at the roads that need to be done and provide them with the square footage so they can give us a bid.
10. **Open Discussion:** No Open Discussion
11. **Adjourn meeting/Review Financial Statements/Approve Bills:** Todd Robinson moved to adjourn meeting, review financial statements, and approve bills. Travis Isaacson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.