Newton Town Council Meeting
August 1, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda
1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Jed Woodward (Brett Petersen)
3. Approval of July 9, 2024, Minutes
4. Town Celebration update
5. Pickleball court rebid – bid results
6. 4th Quarter Financial Statements review
7. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call of Members present.**
Members present: Mayor Mike Benson, Jake Christiansen, Steven Jenkins, and Brett Petersen.
Absent: Jed Woodward. Electronic attendance by Zoom: None
Karla Ferguson (Recorder) and Kathryn Rigby (Treasurer)
Others present: Sarah Rigby, Craig Rigby, and Eric Dursteler

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Brett Petersen

3. The Newton Town Council meeting minutes for July 9, 2024, were approved.

4. Town Celebration update – Craig and Kathryn Rigby reviewed the town celebration event. They felt it was well attended but the numbers were down a little from the previous year, especially Friday night. However, there was a storm that blew through on Friday night just before dinner started and that may have affected attendance, but they did sell all leftover food. Jessie Howe who works for North Logan City provided North Logan's new blow-up projection screen and sound system for a movie Friday night. The fireworks were great. Not all expenses are in yet for review. Matt and Delsa Bentley will be chairpersons next year. Brett and Jody Larson will oversee the lunch again next year. However, they still need co-chairs for next year. The power at the pavilion was discussed. Steven Jenkins will talk to Tony Sharp to determine the power issues. It was discussed that a diagram of where items can be plugged in is needed for the pavilion. A large donation of ice cream was received from the local dairy farmers for Friday night dinner and Saturday. A new addition this year was a cornhole tournament on Friday night and it went well.

5. Pickleball court rebid – bid results – Eric Dursteler reviewed that the project was opened for bidding with 3 options that a contractor could choose to bid on. Only one bid was received, and it was well above the budgeted amount. Eric Dursteler reviewed other options instead of building new courts to have the current tennis court patched and resurfaced. Funding options and building courts in phases were discussed. Mike Benson asked for town council members to research funding, donations or fundraising opportunities towards the pickleball courts and come back and discuss it at next month's meeting.

6. 4th Quarter Financial Statements review – Kathryn Rigby reviewed the financial statements for April, May and June but it is not complete because of year-end adjustments that will need to be made. Revenue and expenses were reviewed. A donation from Bonneville Bike race for $750 was received but not specified for a specific project. Mike Benson suggested the donation be used towards the pavilion electrical issues and purchase a new griddle pan for the pavilion grill.

9. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

- Mayor Benson – Animal Control/Administration/Nuisance/Parks
- Jake Christiansen – Library/Special Events/Youth Council
- Steven Jenkins – Buildings/Land Management
- Brett Petersen – Planning/Fire Dept./EMS

Mike Benson said he met with the Mayors of Clarkston and Trenton regarding the development above the shared springs, north of Clarkston. The state suggested there is no legal course at this time but to monitor spring flow and track data to determine if the springs are affected by the development. Our attorney said the source protection plan is good, but he recommended adopting an ordinance to enforce violations. The attorney recommends reviewing other communities' code regarding violations of source protection and adopting something as soon as possible. Gaylen Maughan installed the new playground equipment purchased with RAPZ funding, and it looks good. The slides still need to be repaired or replaced. Mike Benson plans to look at options for repairing the slides. Jake Christiansen reported that the library needs to hire a librarian but has not had any applicants yet. The library plans to post for the job again at the end of August. Jake thanked Kathryn Rigby for her great job with the town celebration. Jake asked council members to give him input about the upcoming town appreciation dinner. Jake reported that the volleyball lights are not working. Sarah Rigby will work with Jake to reset the timer for the volleyball lights. Brett Peterson discussed that the planning commission is reviewing accessory dwelling unit apartments (ADU). Brett has asked the town attorney for clarification on ADUs and our code, but he has not heard back on it yet.

The regular meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

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Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk Approval Date