

Newton Town Council Meeting
December 5, 2024, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Mike Benson
3. Approval of November 13, 2024, Minutes
4. Garbage and recycle can rate increase by Waste Management
5. 1st Quarter 2024-25 Financial Statement Review
6. Fraud Risk Assessment
7. Review required code changes for subdivision code
8. Review penalties for source protection area violations
9. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members present.

Members present: Mayor Mike Benson, Steven Jenkins, Brett Petersen and Jed Woodward.

Absent: Jake Christiansen

Electronic attendance by Zoom: None

Karla Ferguson (Recorder) and Kathryn Rigby (Treasurer)

Others present: Sarah Rigby, Craig Rigby, Cody Barlett, Eric Dursteler, and Carson Maughan.

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Mike Benson

3. The Newton Town Council meeting minutes for November 13, 2024, were approved.

4. Garbage and recycle can rate increase by Waste Management – Mike Benson reviewed the rate increase given to the Cache Waste Consortium. Waste Management increased the garbage collection rates by 5.1%. Rates were discussed. Logan City landfill will also begin charging for green waste in January. That will cause an increase cost to provide green waste collection. A new green waste fee to cover the expense of the dumpster was discussed.

Brett Petersen made a motion to increase the garbage collection rate for a 96 gallon can to \$17, a 64 gallon can to \$16, recycle can to \$5.50 and a new green waste fee of \$2.00.

Additional container fees will be \$8.75 and \$3.15 for an additional recycling can. Steven Jenkins seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Benson	X			
Jake Christiansen			X	
Steven Jenkins	X			
Brett Petersen	X			
Jed Woodward	X			

Motion passed.

5. 1st Quarter 2024-25 Financial Statement Review – Kathryn Rigby, Treasurer, reviewed unexpected or items that were over budget for the first quarter. The town hall roof was redone at a cost of \$30,800 and it will be taken out of the capital improvement budget. Next month the audit for the past fiscal year will be reviewed.

6. Fraud Risk Assessment – Kathryn Rigby reviewed the annual fraud risk assessment questions and answers with the Newton Town Council.

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7. Review required code changes for subdivision code – Mayor Mike Benson asked Brett Petersen to review the suggested changes from Hansen Planning Group that are needed for our current code. Brett reviewed the biggest changes being that subdivision approval will become an administrative action rather than a legislative one. The subdivision application fee will need to be increased to cover the cost of a legal counsel review. The planning commission will review the suggested changes and hold a public hearing for the code changes next week. Brett asked for suggestions for new people to serve on the planning commission be given to him by next week.

8. Review input regarding proposed animal regulations ordinance – Mike Benson reviewed that Newton's attorney suggested that we add penalties for violating the source protection plan. Mike reported that Clarkston is currently working on their code. Mike plans to get information from our attorney and a copy of the proposed penalties from Clarkston and will have it on the agenda next month.

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 discussed that intentional damage to the ice rink was done last week. The vandalism was captured on video, but we have not yet identified the individuals. It was discussed that an additional camera on the metal building and on the pavilion is needed. Steven Jenkins will get signs done that say premises under video surveillance and perhaps that will discourage vandalism. Steven reported that the signs will cost \$39 each with a one-time design fee of \$20. A bid from Alltech for additional cameras is needed. If the cost is less than \$3,000 then it is okay to go ahead and order the additional cameras. Mike reported that the Cache Water Conservation District received funding and want Newton to look into going in on new water storage at the shared Birch springs complex. Mike with get more information about the proposal. Sarah Rigby reported for the library that the tree lighting and Santa visit went well, and they had about 199 attend. **Mike Benson proposed that a \$500 donation be given for the reindeer that attended the Santa visit. Steven Jenkins seconded the motion and all approved.** Mike Benson said that he would like on the agenda next month the pickleball courts so a decision can be made on the direction we are taking. Steven reported that lease money for farmland from near Clarkston was received. Jed Woodward reported that they have a meter and back flow preventor for the metal building and he will work on repairing leak. Water flows look good. Jed is working on getting the snowplow ready. Cache County has a sander that Jed is looking into.

The regular meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date