

Newton Town Council Meeting
November 13, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Special Meeting Minutes

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Brett Petersen
3. Garbage Rate Increase, Updated Newton Town Fee Schedule
4. Water tank drain line replacement
5. Fraud risk assessment
6. Municipal election canvas results acceptance

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

Mayor Mike Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Mike Benson, Jake Christiansen, Steven Jenkins, and Brett Petersen

Absent: none Electronic attendance by Zoom: Jed Woodward

Karla Ferguson (Recorder) and Kathryn Rigby (Treasurer)

Others in attendance: Anzl Rhodes and Kevin Rhodes

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Brett Petersen.

3. Garbage Rate Increase, Updated Newton Town Fee Schedule. The garbage rates from 2023 with a 5.1% increase were reviewed. The proposed rate increase for 2025 is also a 5.1% rate increase. The town council discussed rates and green waste fees. The Town Council would not like to increase the green waste fee until spring when we know more what green waste disposal fees for 2026 will be. It was determined to round the first three garbage rate fees up to accommodate Newton costs for billing and accept the remaining 5.1% increase on other rates.

MOTION – Steven Jenkins made a motion to accept garbage and recycling rates effective Dec. 1, 2025. Jake Christiansen seconds the motion.

Residential Single Family	First Container	Additional Container
Refuse 96 Gallon, weekly collection	\$18.00	\$9.11
Refuse 64 gallon, weekly collection	\$17.00	\$9.11
Recyclables 96 gallon, every other week collection	\$6.00	\$3.31
Green Waste Fee	\$2.00	
Residential Ancillary Services/Charges		
Container Exchange-swap old container with new	\$49.71	
Container Delivery- new starts & additional container	\$27.62	
Removal Charge	\$27.62	
Contamination Charge	\$5.52	
Overage Charge	\$5.52	
Resume Charge	\$27.62	
Container Replacement- if damage caused by customer	\$82.85	

Roll call vote:

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mike Benson	X			
Jake Christiansen	X			
Steven Jenkins	X			

Brett Petersen	X			
Jed Woodward	X			

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4. Water tank drain line replacement – Jed Woodward explained that the current drain line is undersized, clogs, and it keeps breaking. Jed plans to replace the existing 5 inch pipe with 8 inch pipe. Jed thinks this will alleviate the problems with the existing line. The line will be shortened in length because it will take a more direct line to slough. Jed plans to get as much done as he can before it freezes. Jed plans to look for pictures of the old line when it was installed to determine its location. All town council members agreed to go forward with the repair.

5. Fraud risk assessment – Kathryn Rigby reviewed with the Newton Town Council each question of the State of Utah fraud risk assessment. It was determined that Newton needs a written policy for credit card use.

6. Municipal election canvas results acceptance – The election results prepared by Cache County were reviewed. Election results prepared by Cache County were read. Active Registered Voters 522, Total Ballots Cast 324, Voter Turnout (%) 62.07%. Craig Rigby is elected Mayor and Brandon Taylor and Anzl Rhodes are elected as town council members.

MOTION- Jake Christiansen made a motion to accept the election results. 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	

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The Town Council members present signed the official canvass of election.

The regular meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date