

Newton Town Council Meeting
June 4, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Opening ceremony, prayer or thought – Craig Rigby
3. Approval of May 7, 2026 Minutes
4. Public comment period open for items not on agenda (discussion only)
5. Newton Hills Subdivision phase 2 development agreement
6. Access approval to 200 North from County parcel 13-026-0010, Rod Rounds
7. Clarke Park – RAPZ grant award, a) asphalt walking path, b) parking on Center Street at Clarke Park
8. Budget and financial statements review
9. Public hearing amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget
10. Acceptance of amended 2025-2026 budget
11. Public hearing for proposing the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget
12. Acceptance of proposed 2026-2027 budget
13. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments
 - Mayor Rigby – Animal Control/Administration/Nuisance
 - Steven Jenkins – Buildings/Land Management/Library/Fire Dept.
 - Anzl Rhodes – Planning/Clerks/Parks
 - Brandon Taylor – Special Events/Youth Council
 - Jed Woodward – Water/Streets

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

Mayor Craig Rigby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Craig Rigby, Anzl Rhodes, Steven Jenkins, and Jed Woodward

Absent: Brandon Taylor. Electronic attendance by Zoom: None

Karla Ferguson (Recorder) and Kathryn Rigby (Treasurer) Cheryl Porritt (assistant town clerk)

Others in attendance: Doug Thorson, Jill Thorson, Roland Griffin, Carri Milligan, Clair Christiansen, Sarah Rigby, Brock Call, David Axson, Jeremy Cooley, Joyce Jenkins, Ken Jensen and Jacob Ames with Forsgren Associates.

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Craig Rigby

3. The Newton Town Council meeting minutes for May 7, 2026, were approved.

4. Public comment period open for items not on agenda (discussion only)

No public comment

5. Newton Hills Subdivision phase 2 development agreement – David Axson, realtor, representative for Newton Hills subdivision development explained that a 99' foot right-of-way for 200 North has been recorded. Quit claim deeds were signed by two property owners for the needed right-of-way allowance. Property lines and right-of-way were discussed. Doug Thorson asked for clarification that he would not have to participate in the cost of developing the 200 North road. David Axson said he would not because his home already has access and would be exempt. As per the development agreement, those parcels that will participate in the payback cost, if there is any change in zoning from current agriculture use, would be 13-026-0009, 13-026-0010, and 13-026-0015. The payback agreement will expire in 10 years. Section 18.2 payback agreement of the development agreement was reviewed. The development agreement has been reviewed by the town attorney, Seth Tait, and town engineer, Eric Dursteler. Construction plans regarding the ditch on 200 North, culvert size and drainage were reviewed. Concerns by residents

in attendance were discussed. Jacob Ames with Forsgren and Associates explained the culvert size planned is more than required and the plans have been engineered, reviewed and approved for the development.

6. Access approval to 200 North from County parcel 13-026-0010 - Rod Rounds, property owner, was not in attendance so agenda item was deferred.

7. Clarke Park – RAPZ grant award, a) asphalt walking path, b) parking on Center Street at Clarke Park– Roland Griffin said \$32,500 RAPZ was awarded to Newton. Mayor Rigby explained that we have not received official notification of the award. The \$32,500 is the recommended amount but Cache County still needs to approve the amount and then we will be notified. Cache County should be discussing it at their June 9 meeting. Craig Rigby explained that we can get bids but we cannot do any work until the official award for RAPZ is received. Rollie explained that he has already received 3 bids for the walking path. The low bid is for \$30,000 and \$46,410 for parking at Clarke Park. Craig discussed a bid just received from Staker Parson for \$5,115 to grade and place excess asphalt from the Center Street project at Clarke Park by the pickleball courts for parking. Rollie had the lawn at Clarke Park sprayed and he watered the new trees. The trees are doing well. Rollie has tried to contact someone at Century Link about taking down the trunk line above Clarke Park but they say there is no phone service in Newton. Rollie will keep working on trying to get that taken down.

Agenda item adjusted

13. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments

Jed Woodward reported that the Center Street CCCOG project has started. The water levels at the springs are staying about the same. Anzl Rhodes has someone willing to donate plywood and shingles to repair the restroom roof at Clarke Park. Anzl needs someone to help make the repairs. The pickleball court fence has been extended and the sound damping mats have been ordered and paid for. We are just waiting for delivery of the mats.

8. Budget Review– Kathryn Rigby reviewed the budget expenses and revenues through 3rd Quarter April 2026. Kathryn reviewed revenue, expenses and any changes to budgeted items. Adjustments needed for the budget due to increases or decreases or grants received were reviewed. Interest and appreciation were discussed. The CCCOG project will be over 2 fiscal years. This fiscal year expenses will include construction starting to June 30 and then next year from July 1 to completion. Pickleball expenses were reviewed with \$68,523 from capital improvements. The total revenue for the amended budget including grants will be amended from \$720,210 to \$1,012,143. The total expenditure will be amended from \$761,567 to \$1,10,414. The amended budget was corrected after discussion.

9. Public hearing amending the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget – Mayor Craig Rigby opened the public hearing. No public comments were made. This public hearing was closed.

10. Acceptance of amended 2025-2026 budget – Jed Woodward made a motion to accept the amended fiscal year budget of \$110,414. Anzl Rhodes seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Craig Rigby	X			
Steven Jenkins	X			
Anzl Rhodes	X			
Brandon Taylor			X	

Jed Woodward	X			
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PASSED by the Town Council of Newton, Utah, this 4th day of June, 2026.

11. Public hearing for proposing the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget –

The proposed budget was reviewed, corrected and adjusted. Proposed revenue would be \$763,292 and expenses at \$774,887. The increase in budget is due to CCCOG road grant. Craig Rigby opened the public hearing. No public comments were made. This public hearing was closed.

12. Acceptance of proposed 2026-2027 budget - Steven Jenkins made a motion to accept the proposed fiscal year budget for 2026-2027 of \$774,887. Anzl Rhodes seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Craig Rigby	X			
Steven Jenkins	X			
Anzl Rhodes	X			
Brandon Taylor			X	
Jed Woodward	X			

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13. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments

Jed Woodward reported that the church facilities plan to install a secondary water meter and valve at the corner of the tennis courts. This will allow the secondary water in the town square to be separated and to be metered to the church and ball diamond and then they will be able to blow out sprinkler system also.

Anzl Rhodes requested that another drill down test be done on the culinary water test well. Anzl would like to see a test done during a drought year for reference. Jed Woodward commented that you may not see drought results until next year. Water drill test results and how to do a test were discussed. An 8inch pipe, draw down test well, drilled 300 feet, was first done in 2022 and got 500 gallons per minute. Jed will talk to Eric Dursteler about a test and get more information.

Kathryn Rigby reported for Brandon Taylor about the town celebration. They have a town t-shirt design. They will have Friday night dinner. It will not be a fundraiser. They do not have anyone in charge of that yet. Jed Woodward and friends will do a breakfast Saturday morning. Zack Kopp will oversee a pickleball tournament at a cost of \$10 each team. Proceeds will be donated to the town. They would like ideas for fundraising. The committee would also like donations for fireworks. They are still planning on fireworks depending on fire restrictions. The youth council will sell cotton candy. The parade will be on Saturday, July 25, at 10:00. A Cache County deputy was in attendance, and he was asked to coordinate with the Sheriff's office for the parade. Fundraising could be for fireworks.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date