

Newton Town Council Meeting
July 2, 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 – Brandon Taylor
3. Approval of June 4, 2026, Minutes
4. Public comment period open for items not on agenda (discussion only)
5. Clarke Park – RAPZ grant award for asphalt walking path
6. Newton water committee – Dell Vance
 - a) report on 2025 water data
 - b) idea for revenue generation from excess culinary water
7. Newton Hills subdivision phase 2 development agreement ratification
8. Town Celebration update
9. Nominations for Newton outstanding citizen
10. Newton code review
11. 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
12. Closed meeting to vote for Newton outstanding citizen, roll call vote to close meeting

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, Brandon Taylor and Jed Woodward

Absent: none. Electronic attendance by Zoom: None

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

Others in attendance: Helen Rigby, Dell Vance, Beth Jenkins, Rick Jenkins, Sarah Rigby, and Jacob Ames with Forsgren Associates.

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Brandon Taylor

3. The Newton Town Council meeting minutes for June 4, 2026, were approved.

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

Helen Rigby said a national event “America’s potluck” is being held July 5 at 5:00 p.m. to commemorate 250 year anniversary of the nation. It is a time for communities to gather at the same time across the nation. Newton Town will contribute paper products for the event. The Newton library will host the event at the pavilion on July 5. They are seeking more coloring pages for the “250 years” display at the town hall.

5. Clarke Park – RAPZ grant award for asphalt walking path – Newton Town was notified of a RAPZ award of \$32,500 for the walking path. Because Roland Griffin was not in attendance the town council decided to postpone talking about plans for the walking path.

6. Newton water committee – Dell Vance- a) report on 2025 water data b) idea for revenue generation from excess culinary water – Dell Vance reviewed items the water committee has worked on or suggested projects in the past. The committee is currently looking at how to tie the water line to the newer Loosle Butters spring line to the water tank. They have been monitoring the water levels during the drought. Dell suggested a draw down test on the test well should be

done in March when historically that is the lowest flow month. Dell discussed that when the water tank is full the water is not treated but is diverted to the overflow pond. The overflow pond water feeds the town secondary water system with water from the reservoir. In 2024, the secondary water for the town came entirely from the culinary overflow, they did not turn reservoir water into the system. Dell reviewed suggestions and different scenarios for charging for secondary water use rather than by secondary water share. The meters on secondary water have begun to be installed. Dell will continue to evaluate the secondary water use, and the water committee will make suggestions.

7. Newton Hills subdivision phase 2 development agreement ratification – The development agreement was discussed at June’s town council meeting. The agreement is the same with the change to section 18.2 for the payback from 20 years to 10 years for parcels 13-026-0009, 13-026-0015 and 13-026-0010 as discussed in the town council meeting. This payback would be triggered by any change in current use. The mayor signed the agreement with the agreed upon change to 10 years. Mayor Rigby suggested a **vote to ratify the development agreement for Newton Hills subdivision phase 2 by the Newton Town Council.**

Roll call vote:

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

PASSED by the Town Council of Newton, Utah, this 2nd day of July, 2026.

8. Town Celebration update – Beth and Rick Jenkins reviewed the items planned for the town celebration. There will be cornhole, pickleball, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments and a “America 250” challenge. The fireworks were given tentative approval but may need to be reevaluated as we get closer to the day. The donation of \$250 from the Gran Fondo bike race will be used towards fireworks. Jed Woodward and friends will put on breakfast to help fundraise for fireworks and the parade. The parade will have a bagpipe band that we will need to pay for. They plan to use propane grills rather than charcoal grills this year. Steven Jenkins is working on fixing the water heater at the pavilion.

9. Nominations for Newton outstanding citizen – Nominations were read for Craig and Sue Peterson, Kim Parkinson, Carrie Milligan, Kevin Rhodes and Greg Jorgensen.

10. Newton code review – Anzl Rhodes reported that Planning Commission is having Brandon Bell with BRAG review land use and the general plan with them at their next meeting. Anzl is compiling questions for him to review regarding our code, waste management sections, access section and suggestions made by Eric Dursteler for missing code sections.

11. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments – Anzl Rhodes reported that the Planning Commission is looking at animal code and the general plan. The planning commission would like guidance on what the town council would like to see and are compiling what we already have regarding animal code. Anzl is having the drinking fountain at the pickleball courts worked on because it isn’t working. The pickleball sound mats have been delivered. Anzl will coordinate help to get the mats hung. Karla Ferguson will order signs for the pickleball court, outdoor restroom location, no motor vehicles at park and loading/unloading only for the pavilion driveway. Jed Woodward reported that the paving for Center Street should be completed July 14. Jed still needs

to work out power to the control box for sprinklers by the veteran's memorial. Jed will work on cutting out and replacing the sidewalk next to the pavilion where it is raised. Jacob Ames with Forsgren and Associates reported that he is happy with the Center Street project and its progress. Preliminary work, tree removal, for Newton Hills subdivision 200 North Road has been completed. Jed and the town engineer have met with the developers for a pre-construction meeting. Brandon Taylor reported that the town float has been decorated by the Newton Youth Council. Steven Jenkins reported the fire department has installed a garage door opener for the south bay but needs an electrician to connect it. Anzl Rhodes said he will work on it. Steven reported that the library is holding a summer reading program.

12. Closed meeting to vote for Newton outstanding citizen, roll call vote to close meeting - Roll call vote:

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

In attendance for the closed meeting beginning at 8:30 pm: Steven Jenkins, Brandon Taylor, Craig Rigby, Anzl Rhodes, Jed Woodward, Kathryn Rigby, Cheryl Porritt, and Karla Ferguson. In the meeting the town council members voted for an outstanding citizen for 2026.

Roll Call vote to end the closed meeting at 8:35 pm:

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

Other business:

Brandon Taylor discussed the town celebration parade and ideas for the Friday night dinner. Kathryn Rigby will buy parade candy for the town council to throw.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date