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Newton Town Council Meeting
September 3, 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 – Anzl Rhodes
3. Approval of August 6, 2026, Minutes
4. Public comment period open for items not on agenda (discussion only)
5. Clarke Park update
6. Town Celebration review
7. Ball diamond lease agreement
8. Newton Code Review
9. Public Hearing for ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01 An ordinance adopting changes to newton code, title 5, chapter 1, animal control
10. 4th Quarter Financial Statement 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

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, Brandon Taylor and Jed Woodward

Absent: Steven Jenkins. Electronic attendance: none

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

Others in attendance: Roland Griffin, Beth Jenkins, Rick Jenkins, Sarah Rigby, and Jacob Ames with Forsgren Associates.

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Anzl Rhodes

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

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

None

5. Clarke Park – Roland Griffin explained how he installed the car stops between the parking and new trail at Clarke Park. The bill includes the car stops at about \$900. And pipes, washers, bonding agent and glue at about \$300. Roland discussed that one of the new trees at Clarke Park has died and will be replaced. Roland wants to start planning a pavilion at Clarke Park and asked the Town Council for ideas. It was discussed that a new pavilion will not have a kitchen or additional restrooms and not be rented out. Plans for Clarke Park were discussed. The soccer goals will be kept there for now. Roland suggested Susie Maughan could do another RAPZ application for a bigger pavilion for Clarke Park. Roland said the asphalt walking path has been completed and the bill can be paid for that. They fixed problem areas with the walking path. Roland would like to wait till spring and will put another application of sealer on the asphalt.

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Roland plans to wrap the new tree trunks for the winter. Anzl Rhodes asked about putting off the application for a pavilion and apply for funding for more playground equipment at the park. Roland plans to spray for Canadian thistle by the pickleball courts and have Clarke Park sprayed for weed and feed again this fall. Anzl will investigate applying for RAPZ funding for adding to the playground equipment.

6. Town Celebration review – Beth and Rick Jenkins reported that the celebration was great. A few areas of concern were that the power breaker was shut off because too many things were plugged into the outside outlets and the water heater stopped working. The water heater may need to be replaced. Kim Parkinson did an excellent job organizing the parade and arranging for the large flag, but she has done it for many years and needs a volunteer replacement. The new grill may need to be cleaned because only half of it worked. Cooking with propane grills worked well because it was faster and there was less smoke. But they said we will probably need to wait to start serving lunch till 11:30 because there isn't enough time after breakfast and the parade to have lunch ready. They liked the large dumpster to throw garbage away. The first annual pickleball tournament went well but it conflicted with the volleyball tournament and parade. They would like to have signups for that earlier and may change the time. Jody and Brent Larsen want to retire from overseeing lunch. We will need to find new volunteers to be over that. Kathryn Rigby reviewed expenses and income from the town celebration. Money raised from breakfast will be put towards fireworks. Beth and Rick were thanked for being chairs of the celebration. Brandon Taylor asked for suggestions for co-chairs for next year. James and Amy NewMyer will be the chairs next year.

7. Ball diamond lease agreement – Mayor Rigby reviewed that the town attorney suggested a lease for the ball diamond after reviewing the boundary line adjustment. The proposed lease agreement was reviewed. The lease says we will need to pay for the power and mowing of the ball diamond and north field. It was discussed that other communities do not pay for the mowing. The proposed lease is for the whole north side of the block. Mayor Rigby will contact the Church to renegotiate the lease to only be for use of the ball diamond and not do the mowing. Craig will also ask about the town purchasing the ball diamond property.

8. Newton Code Review – Anzl Rhodes reviewed proposed changes to Newton code 5-1-10. It was discussed the difference of an infraction to a misdemeanor. Utah Code and Logan City code regarding animal violations were reviewed. There was discussion on the penalties section of Newton Code, 1-4-1, and how to refer to that section. It was suggested to keep the violations up to Class B misdemeanor and reference Logan Code on an infraction for pet violations.

9. Public Hearing for ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01 An ordinance adopting changes to newton code, title 5, chapter 1, animal control – Mayor Rigby opened the public hearing for public comment. Jed Woodward said he would like to downgrade violations to infractions. No other public comment was made. Mayor Rigby closed the public hearing. It was discussed to make code changes as previously discussed and then review again.

11. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments – Craig Rigby reported that he received complaints about 2 homes with RV trailers being lived in on existing house lots. Craig spoke with

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both homeowners and they said they were not aware of only one dwelling per single family lot. The one owner has moved the trailer off their lot, and the other homeowner is asking for an exception under the fair housing act. The town attorney is reviewing the request, and we will discuss it at next month's meeting. Brandon Taylor did not have anything to report. Steven Jenkins – absent. Anzl Rhodes reported that the planning commission is working on updating the Newton General Plan and preparing a vision of the community statement. Brandon Bell with BRAG is helping the Planning Commission with this. Anzl has turned the sprinklers watering schedule off and will turn on depending on need. The pickleball court lights are now working. The conduit was broken when they installed the walking path. Anzl Rhodes replaced the conduit. Jed Woodward reported that they did a final walk through on the Center Street project with the contractor. A few things that will be fixed are the missing chip seal in areas and they will work on the abrupt end on sidewalk edge at the highway. They plan to level it down on the east side to not catch snowplows or vehicles. Jed reported that 100 North street was chip sealed this summer. Jed reviewed the bill from West Cache canal assessment for the farmland. Jed feels the leaser should pay for secondary water assessment and if the town pays for it then the rent should be increased. Jed Woodward discussed that there is one block of transite pipe located at 100 West street between 100 North and 200 North. That block of transite pipe had been installed about 1970 and was just a few years old when they replaced all the other transite pipe in town, so it was not replaced at that time. The transite pipe is brittle and will crack when new connections are put on it. Two new lots need water connections onto that block. Jed Woodward proposed that the town replace the transite pipe for that block and dig across the road. The contractor installing the new 200 north road and water lines could do the work at the same time. Jed said the town would purchase the pipe and parts and pay the contractor for installation. Craig Rigby said he would like to get another bid for the work to review. The major cost would be the pipe. Jed will get another bid and may ask for a special meeting to decide on the project. The transite pipe is 10 inches and will be replaced with 8-inch pipe. All other main lines are 6-inch pipe.

10. 4th Quarter Financial Statement review – Kathryn Rigby reviewed April through June 2026, 4th quarter, detail ledger for each department. The annual audit is planned to be conducted in October.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date