

Newton Town Council Meeting
October 1, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall

Minutes

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| 1. Opening Ceremony | 6. Resolution 2015-02 Cancellation of Municipal Election |
| 2. Approval of September minutes | 7. Redevelopment of Big Birch Springs |
| 3. Youth Council Update | 8. Deer Survey Discussion |
| 4. Fire Dept Quarterly Report | 9. Council Reports on Assignments |
| 5. Historic Cabin Discussion | |

Members present: Mayor Clair Christiansen, Matt Hansen, Matt Phillips, Kathryn Rigby, and Jed Woodward, Terri Stapley (Treasurer) and Karla Ferguson (Recorder)

Visitors present: Ethan Ferguson, Keaton Rigby, Matthew Rigby, Chandler Parkinson, Kylee Woodward, Jerrica Jensen, Kylee Rigby, Mckenna Rigby, Jared Mohlman Ben Mohlman, Allie Phillips, Melissa Mohlman, Bailly Ann Bodreo, Laura Lee Olsen, Carrie Milligan, and John Griffin.

1. Matt Phillips conducted an opening ceremony.

2. The September 2015 minutes were approved as written.

3. Newton Youth Council Update by Kylee Woodward. Kylee reported that they have selected a new council for the next year. The youth council is working on a haunted junkyard to be held on Jed Woodward's property on October 30 and 31. They plan to charge \$3 and provide hot chocolate and donuts. The youth council is also working on a calendar for the year to schedule activities. Kylee thanked the Planning Commission for switching meeting nights so they could use the council chambers on the third Thursday. Karla Ferguson asked the youth council to send agenda and minutes to her to post. Chandler Parkinson is the secretary and will send the information. The youth council asked to be excused to attend their own meeting.

4. Fire Department Quarterly Report by Greg Jorgensen. Greg Jorgensen reviewed the fire department activities and drills for the last quarter. He reported that the fire department has begun extraction equipment training. The fire department has not yet received the contract from Cache County to provide extraction services. The fire department plans to do more training before the weather turns bad. Wildland fires that the department responded to were discussed. The proposed legislation for wildland fire response reimbursement with the State of Utah was also discussed. Greg Jorgensen reported that the garage door opener for the north fire bay door is broken. Because it is over thirty years old he cannot find parts to fix it. The estimate he received to replace it would cost \$850. It was approved that he could have it replaced. Greg has submitted a grant application to buy new turn out gear. The fire department is required to replace turn out gear every ten years. Greg also discussed that the fire department responded to a wildland fire at Hardware Ranch that they will be reimbursed \$845 for. Greg asked if that money could be put into the new building fund. Mayor Christiansen said yes that could be done. Greg will meet with Terri Stapley to review the building fund. Greg Jorgensen discussed newly hired fire department personnel. Jed Woodward asked about the roof siren not functioning. Greg will have Reid Smith, with the fire department, look at it. Pager and text issues for fire department calls were discussed.

Clair Christiansen reviewed last month's minutes about looking at a generator or flag pole light. He noted that they haven't been done yet and asked John Griffin if he had other issues to discuss. John asked if co-chairs for the town celebration have been asked yet. Kathryn Rigby is working on it. Possible Eagle Scout projects were discussed.

5. Historic Cabin – Clair Christiansen reported that the presenters didn't attend because there was no new information to report. Clair reported that he has not received a new offer from the LDS church for property for the cabin except for the 24' x 30'. Clair has asked the LDS church to increase the property line adjustment to make sure there is enough property and frontage for the cabin. Clair looked in Ogden at a place that builds sheds on skids that can then be moved into place. Clair will talk to the Daughter of Utah Pioneers about building it on a skid and then move to a permanent location. Matt Phillips asked if the property line could be adjusted 50 feet if that would be enough space and asked that the Town Council set conditions on the cabin being built on a skid then moved in place when completed and a contract on who maintains it.

6. Resolution 2051-02 Cancellation of 2105 municipal election and consider candidates to be elected. Clair discussed five other communities in the County that will be canceling their elections because they don't have enough people running, similar to our situation. There was a discussion on how to get people involved in serving the community. Clair Christiansen read the resolution.

RESOLUTION FOR CANCELLATION OF THE 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR NEWTON TOWN

WHEREAS, the Utah State Code 20A-1-206 gives instruction for cancelling a local municipal election; and

WHEREAS, all municipal officers are elected in an at-large election under Utah Code Subsection 10-3-205.5(1); and

WHEREAS, the number of municipal officer candidates, including any eligible write-in candidates under Utah Code Section 20A-9-601, for the at-large municipal offices does not exceed the number of open at-large municipal offices for which the candidates have been nominated; and

WHEREAS, there are no other municipal ballot propositions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Newton Town Council that: Newton Town is cancelling the 2015 municipal election and certifies that: each municipal officer candidate is a candidate for an at-large municipal office for which the number of candidates does not exceed the number of open at-large municipal offices and the candidates are hereby considered to be elected to the office.

Kathryn Rigby made a motion to accept resolution 2015-02 for cancellation of the 2015 municipal election and declare candidates Matt Phillips and Jed Woodward elected to office. Matt Phillips seconds the motion. Roll Call vote:

Clair Christiansen – yes

Matt Hansen – yes

Matt Phillips – yes

Kathryn Rigby – yes

Jed Woodward – yes

Clair Christiansen thanked everyone for their efforts and willingness to serve.

7. Discuss Redevelopment of Big Birch Springs by Matt Phillips. Matt Phillips explained that the new proposed budget is at \$1,172,450. He also explained that a recommendation for a 50% grant and 50% loan is being suggested by staff for the Utah Division of Drinking Water. Matt Phillips said he should have exact numbers for Newton Town's share at next month's meeting to review and approve. The loan interest rate would be 1%. Matt Phillips explained this is great news and a huge benefit for everyone. This will mean we won't have to increase water rate. Matt Phillips would like to pursue a contract with the engineer about what he is providing.

8. Deer Survey – Clair Christiansen spoke with the Division of Wildlife Resources and they explained there is new protocol required for municipalities over 1,000 in population. We do not meet the population requirement
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but they are still willing to help control deer in town. They would like it if we did the deer survey but it is not required. It was discussed to have the youth council take the survey around and then have drop boxes at the library and store. Archery deer hunts were also discussed.

9. Council Reports on Assignments: Clair Christiansen reported that he will ask the Cache County Sherriff to resend a contract to sign. Clair reported that the court clerk and Judge met with and interviewed the recommended candidates for the court clerk job opening. The job was offered to Michelle Evans and she accepted. The court clerk will coordinate training. Next month's Mayor's meeting has been extended to council members to attend with Lieutenant Governor Cox. Most council members agreed to attend on November 19. They are asking for a \$100 donation. Clair Christiansen agreed for the town to pay the donation and will get the information on where to send the check. The town received a \$750 donation from Bonneville Cycling Club form Little Red Riding bike ride again this year. Matt Phillips suggested the \$750 be used for the community. Different options for the donation were discussed. Matt Phillips asked about the capital improvement fund if there are separate accounts for the library and fire department. Terri Stapley answered that yes with the new software line items can be placed in the capital project fund. The proposed trails coordinator is still being talked about with the County. The County would like to come to our town council to discuss it. Possible trails and redevelopment were discussed.

Matt Hansen reported that the concrete counters at the pavilion have been completed. Matt Hansen will look into putting a gasket on the bottom of the new roll up doors to seal them better to the counter. The bill was received for \$3,450. The electrical in the pavilion still needs to be looked at. Matt Hansen reported that the town hall furnace needs to be looked at. Jed Woodward said we need buy a new water fountain in the town hall because it constantly runs. Karla and Sarah will order blinds for the training room.

Matt Phillips would like to put soccer goals away to store them for the winter. Matt talked to Greg Jorgensen about moving items out of the shed to make room. Items and possible places to store them were discussed.

Kathryn Rigby reported that the library is doing a witches story hour fundraiser on October 23. Sarah Rigby is currently attending the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, which she received a grant for.

Jed Woodward reported that the planning commission is looking at changing their regular meeting night. Jed talked to the Newton Market owner about parking next to the stop sign. They agreed to paint a no parking area. A large pheasant tag sign has been strapped to the stop sign and Jed will talk to them about moving it. Jed plans to write a letter to UDOT about opposing the speed limit increase and ask for a new study.

Clair Christiansen plans on having the court clerk post regular working hours and asked Karla to help train the court clerk to do some town work.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by;

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date