

Newton Town Council Meeting  
November 5, 2015, 7:00 P.M.  
Newton Town Hall

Minutes

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| 1. Opening Ceremony                             | 6. Town Celebration Update            |
| 2. Approval of October minutes                  | 7. Redevelopment of Big Birch Springs |
| 3. Youth Council Update                         | 8. Employee Appreciation Dinner       |
| 4. Financial Statement Review by Dianna Cannell | 9. Council Reports on Assignments     |
| 5. Fire Dept Contract for Extraction Services   |                                       |

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

Visitors present: Greg Jorgensen, Ilda Berge, Sarah Rigby, Hunter Parkinson, Kylee Woodward, Jerrica Jensen, Kylee Rigby, Mckenna Rigby, Jared Mohlman Ben Mohlman, Jared Mohlman, Baily Ann Bodreo, Laura Lee Olsen, Carrie Milligan, Maddi David, Taibe Griffin, Kinley Porritt, Crystal Fabricius, Justin Fabricius, Deputy Batt and John Griffin.

1. Kathryn Rigby conducted an opening ceremony.
2. The October 2015 minutes were approved with a correction to the draft.
3. Newton Youth Council Update by Kylee Rigby and Kinley Porritt. They reported that the haunted junkyard was successful. They had 65 people attend Friday night and 130 attend Saturday night. They made a profit of about \$600. They had about \$250 in expenses with props and donuts. The youth council plans to sell chocolate dipped strawberries in February for a fundraiser and do a food drive. The youth council agreed to hand out the deer survey for the town and will discuss it at their meeting tonight.
4. Financial Statements Review by Allred Jackson, Dianna Cannell. Dianna thanked Terri and Karla for their help in completing the review. Dianna reviewed and summarized findings the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

5. Newton Fire Department contract with Cache County for extraction services. Greg Jorgensen reviewed a contract with Cache County for Newton Fire Department to provide extraction services for our area. Greg reviewed the equipment and things required to provide the service as defined by the contract. By providing the service Cache County will pay Newton Fire Department \$1,500 annually and \$150 for each call. Matt Hansen asked if we have everything [equipment] on hand now. Greg Jorgensen said yes we have most equipment but they still need a few things like a come-a-long. Clair Christiansen asked how much equipment was donated from California and how much we bought. Greg explained that donated equipment was a hydraulic cutter, spreader, ramps and hoses. The fire department bought chains with hooks, window punch with saw and air bags. The Fire Department already had the remaining needed equipment. Clair Christiansen asked if the trucks are ready to roll if a call comes in now. Greg answered yes, Trenton was covering our area and now with signing the contract the Newton Fire Department can cover our own area. There was a discussion regarding the contract and number of calls.

**Kathryn Rigby made a motion to sign the contract with Cache County for Newton Town to provide extraction services. Matt Hansen seconds the motion. All approve.**

Clair Christiansen asked Deputy Batt if he had any concerns. Deputy Batt explained that they are patrolling regularly and have been patrolling on 300 South and 400 West. Jed Woodward said that the State is going to post the increased speed limit to 35 MPH. He said they will post and may re-evaluate later. He said that UDOT said they will see if people are going "super" fast they may lower the speed limit back down. Deputy Batt explained that vehicles are usually traveling 5-7 MPH over the speed limit all the time. The youth council asked to be excused to attend their meeting.

6. Town Celebration update by John Griffin. John asked if the \$750 donation from Little Red Bicycle race could be used for the celebration, such as, fireworks, a movie or dance. There was a discussion about fireworks. The veteran's monument was discussed. Additional names to be added to the monument and donations and fundraising were discussed. It was determined to ask Zach Larsen if the monument builder will be able to come up and add names. Kathryn explained that she is still working to find co-chairs for the celebration. The celebration will be held the weekend of July 22 and 23 in 2016. Different activities to take the place of the mud obstacle course were discussed. Clair Christiansen asked Matt Phillips and Jed Woodward about lighting for the monument flag pole. Matt Phillips explained that he is working on getting conduit from the monument to the building. John Griffin will continue to have the flag run up and down until we get a light.

7. Redevelopment of Big Birch Springs – Matt Phillips explained that he and Clair met with the engineer and other towns to discuss the final contract. They will be meeting with the State of Utah next week to discuss price of project and get approval for funding. The engineer requested an additional 100,000 in funding from the state. Matt Phillips and Clair plan to attend the meeting with the state. Kathryn Rigby asked when the project is scheduled to start. It was explained that the funding and plans will be put together this winter and they plan to start in spring.

8. Employee Appreciation Dinner – Kathryn Rigby asked for availability for council members to attend on several different dates. Kathryn plans to schedule the Bluebird Restaurant.

9. Council Reports on Assignments – Clair Christiansen thanked Greg Jorgensen and Matt Phillips for their help with the public protection classification survey. Clair discussed an agreement between the town and Newton Water Users Association. There is a question regarding who is responsible for the upkeep of the pond. Jed Woodward questioned if Newton Town Sprinkling Company if supposed to take care of the pond. The agreement was discussed. It was determined that Jed Woodward will meet with Newton Water Users President, ValJay Rigby to answer some questions and re-write the agreement. Clair Christiansen discussed that a land owner in town (Helen Helstern) plans to attend the next Newton Planning and Zoning meeting to discuss subdividing their property into 7 lots with a possible 14 lots total. Clair suggested that all council members attend the planning meeting and be familiar with the subdivision ordinance so that we can give the most correct information. Clair reported that the newly hired court clerk Michelle Evens quit. Clair offered the position to Nichole Jenkins and she accepted. However, she would like to adjust the hours of operation. It was discussed that as long as the hours are posted that afternoon hours would be okay. Clair will check on lights for the veteran's monument flag pole.

Matt Hansen reported that the Fire Department and First Responders will hold a department dinner next week. Matt Phillips discussed costs of water meter connections and the possibility of increasing connection and impact fees to cover costs. Matt plans to look at fees and see if we need to increase our fees. Matt Phillips has a lot of service projects at the park that need to be completed and so individuals or organizations can contact him.

Kathryn Rigby reported that she will schedule the employee appreciation dinner and work on the deer survey to be taken out Saturday with the youth council. Sarah Rigby reported on the conference she attended and witches story hour for the library. Sarah received an award, engaged public librarian, and \$500 for the library. Santa is scheduled to come to the library December 9<sup>th</sup>. The town will pay \$70 for it.

Jed Woodward reported that Utah Department of Transportation will do a study to determine if a cross walk by the post office is needed.

The meeting was adjourned. Minutes recorded by Kathryn Rigby and prepared by;

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Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

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Approval Date