

Newton Town Council Meeting
May 2, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Mayor Rhodes
3. Approval of April 2019 Minutes
4. Town Celebration Update
5. Historic cabin placement
6. Resolution 2019-01 Electronic Meeting Participation
7. Proposed Tax Rate Review
8. 3rd Quarter Financial Statement Review
9. Soccer Goal donation
10. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

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

Members present: Mayor Kevin Rhodes, Kathryn Rigby, Gordon Anderson, and Jed Woodward.

Karla Ferguson (Recorder) Absent: Randy Jones

Others present: Ilda Berge, Ethan Gualtier, and Sarah Rigby. Youth Council not in attendance.

2. Opening ceremony was conducted by Mayor Rhodes.

3. The April 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

4. Town Celebration Update – Ethan Gualtier reported on plans the celebration committee is making. It was discussed that the pavilion needs a new fridge. Gordon Anderson was assigned to purchase a fridge for the pavilion. Jeff Benson is fundraising for fireworks.

5. Historic cabin placement. Ilda Berge discussed that they have been inspecting cabin logs. The building inspector is reviewing the plans. A legal description for the lot is being written.

6. NEWTON TOWN RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS OF NEWTON TOWN. WHEREAS, the Newton Town Council proposes to accept electronic participation in open public meetings of the public bodies of Newton Town; and

WHEREAS, UCA 52-4-207 states a public body may not hold an electronic meeting unless the public body adopt a resolution, rule, or ordinance governing the use of electronic meetings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Newton Town Council that: Newton Town may have electronic participation in open public meetings of the public bodies as long as a quorum of the public body is present at the single anchor location of the meeting and the public body adheres to all terms as outlined in UCA 52-4-207 Sections 3 and 4.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Newton Town Council this 2nd day of May, 2019.

<u>COUNCILMEMBER</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Kevin Rhodes	X			
Gordon Anderson	X			
Kathryn Rigby	X			
Randy Jones			X	
Jed Woodward	X			

7.

Proposed Tax Rate

Review – Kathryn Rigby reviewed a worksheet from Cache County to help determine the proposed tax rate. Tax rates were discussed. It was determined that the Town should adjust the rate for an increase of \$10,000 to adjust for inflation for the last 14 years that it has not been adjusted. The Town Council would like to plan on adjusting the rate every 3 to 5 years to stay current. The proposed tax rate hearing will be held August 1, 2019.

Other business: Maryann Gualtier arrived and discussed town celebration activities planned. The historic cabin committee would like to hold a dedication program. Because of the many activities already planned for Friday night the committee will propose they hold a program on Sunday night.

8. Report on 3rd Quarter Financial Statement – Kathryn Rigby reviewed 3rd quarter financials with the Town Council. Kathryn asked that each councilmember review their department budgets and then make an appointment with her to review budgets for next year. Class C funds, PTIF accounts and CD accounts were discussed.

9. Soccer Goal donation – The Mayor discussed that because we have extra soccer goals that are not being used he proposes we donate them to Summit Elementary because they don't have any. Gordon Anderson made a motion to donate two soccer goals to Summit Elementary. Kathryn Rigby seconds the motion. All approve.

10. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments – Gordon Anderson reported that the Fire Department has acquired a brush truck to replace one of the older brush trucks. Gordon doesn't know details about the truck or which truck will be replaced yet. Gordon said he has reviewed fire station plans with the fire department and they will continue to research funding options. The First Responder department all attended a trauma conference. It has been requested that we put together a list of all community members who are CERT trained. It was reported that the Mayor sprayed around all the trees in the park and the bark area. Fifty yards of playground bark was placed around the swings and playground equipment during the town clean-up day. A group is still working on cleaning and filling tennis court cracks. Kathryn Rigby will look into purchasing a pickleball net. Mayor Rhodes will look into the tennis court light panel and arranging for the locking breakers to be installed. The library has their fundraising luau dinner scheduled for June 8. The Newton youth council is currently attending leadership conference in Salt Lake City. Jed Woodward discussed a noise ordinance or a restriction on "jake" brakes. Jed spoke with Mendon City about their ordinance restricting engine braking and they said it is difficult to enforce. The cost for Utah Department of Transportation to install a sign along the highway is \$2,500 per sign. Jed reviewed water tests that have been completed. The spring redevelopment water tests have been completed. If those tests come back clear than that water can be turned into the system. Jed is also checking on the valves at the water tank. Jed purchased "deaf child at play" signs to be installed at 200 West 100 South. Jed still needs to purchase posts for the signs and for stop signs. The new road and intersection has been graded at 200 East 200 North by the County. This will move the intersection off of private property into the town right-of-way. Fill gravel for the road still needs to be installed. Jed will see if we can use gravel from the Trenton gravel pit for it. We will wait for a year for it to be compacted and then we will have the county scrub coat the road. Municipal nominating conventions will be held May 30, 2019 to nominate candidates for two council member positions to run in the November election.

The meeting was adjourned.
Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date