

Newton Town Council Meeting
June 6, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Jed Woodward
3. Approval of May 2019 Minutes
4. Youth Council Update
5. Town Celebration Update, a) holiday light fundraising at celebration
6. Budget Review
7. Public Hearing to amend 2018-2019 fiscal year budget
8. Public Hearing to propose 2019-2020 fiscal year budget
9. Reschedule July's regular town council meeting
10. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments
11. Closed meeting to discuss property acquisition

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: Sarah Rigby, Kjarity Hodgson, Jim Hodgson, Heidi Hodgson, Camille Ashby, Brad Larsen, Savanah Myers, and Deputy Bennett.

2. Opening ceremony was conducted by Kathryn Rigby.

3. The May 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

4. Youth Council Update – Kjarity Hodgson reported that the youth council attended a leadership conference in Salt Lake City. They toured the State Capital and had lots of fun. The youth council held a Golden Spike 150 year activity.

Other business: The Mayor reported that nominating conventions were held on May 30. Those persons nominated for two open council seats are: Brad Larsen, Kent Fabricius, Jed Woodward and Randy Christensen.

Deputy Bennett asked about an update on a “jake” brake ordinance. The Town Council reviewed last month’s discussion on the cost of \$2,500 per sign and Mendon City didn’t feel like it helped. The Town Council felt like they didn’t think they wanted to pursue it because it is hard to enforce. Deputy Bennett said that citizens can write up a statement of occurrence and give to an officer for a citation. Deputy Bennett reported that because of the tragic child abduction in Logan the National Child Identification Program sent hundreds of identification kits. The town will have the kits available for parents to pick up at the town hall. The Town Celebration parade will be July 27 at 10:30 and they will have the Sheriff department there. Deputy Bennett reminded the council that there is a posted 14 day camping limit at the Newton reservoir and if there is a problem then please let the Sheriff’s office know.

5. Town Celebration Update – Holiday light fundraising at the celebration. Kathryn reported that the committee will have items that they will raffle off to help fundraise for holiday decorations.

Historic cabin – Heidi Hodgson reported that plans for the cabin are moving forward. She said they have the approved plans and approval from the Planning Commission that have been sent to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the land donation to the Daughters of Utah Pioneers (DUP). The final building permit cannot be issued until the DUP is the owner of the property. The cabin committee has requested an area of 64’ x 32’ feet. The cabin site appears to affect some sprinkler lines. The committee plans to meet with the Church facilities to work on the sprinklers. Charles and Jonathon

Olsen are working on replacing missing logs. They plan to dedicate the cabin Friday night, July 26 at 5:00 with a program. They would like to have bleachers moved over from the ball diamond for the program. The Mayor will request the Comcast cable line to be moved.

6. Budget Review – Kathryn discussed the budget. The Mayor, Kathryn, and Karla met last week with the auditor, Dianna Cannell to have her answer questions and discuss transferring funds. The auditor recommends we transfer \$85,000 to \$100,000 to our capital projects fund from our general account. It was decided to transfer \$100,000 to capital projects. Each departments amended budget total was reviewed. Assets, spring redevelopment and depreciation calculation were discussed.

7. Public Hearing to amend 2018-2019 fiscal year budget– The public hearing was opened. No public comment was made. **Gordon Anderson made a motion to accept the amended 2018-19 fiscal year budget not to exceed \$480,000. Jed Woodward seconds the motion and all approve.** This public hearing was closed.

8. Public Hearing to propose 2019-2020 fiscal year budget– The public hearing was opened. No public comment was made. **Jed Woodward made a motion to accept the approved 2019-20 budget with a total of \$480,000. Gordon Anderson seconds the motion and all approve.** This public hearing was closed. Combined asset accounts were discussed.

9. Reschedule July's regular town council meeting – Because of the fourth of July on our next regular council meeting it was decided to move the next meeting to July 10 at 7:00 pm.

10. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments – Jed Woodward discussed road improvements and water line extension to the corner of 200 North 200 East. A water hydrate has also been installed there. After the road is completed the water line will be extended to complete a loop around the block. Jed said that UDOT will do some culvert replacement along the highway. Chip seal is scheduled for 8 blocks. Kathryn reported that the town celebration committee would like to have people sign a release form to participate in the mud pit. The library proposes for Jennifer Johnson, Tasma Taylor and Cami Benson to serve on the library board. Kathryn expressed gratitude to the Mayor for spending the day with the Youth Council at their leadership conference. They enjoyed it. Carrie Milligan is helping to schedule the stop in Newton for Lieutenant Governor Cox's 248 city/town tour of Utah. Lt. Governor Cox would like to perform a service project in Newton. Please let Carrie know of any ideas for a service project. They may try to coordinate the stop with the town celebration. The Youth Council is putting on a movie at the ball diamond for teenagers with games on June 29. They would like the sound system and the sprinklers shut off for it. Gordon Anderson reported that he purchased a new refrigerator for the pavilion. Lights at the ball diamond and tennis court were discussed. Jed will ask Chad Ransbottom about installing the locking breakers for the tennis court panel. Gordon is looking at funding for a fire station. He is putting together a grant request with information on the existing building.

11. Closed meeting to discuss property acquisition – Meeting closed to discuss price and offer for a possible land acquisition for a water treatment facility. Those in attendance: Gordon Anderson, Kevin Rhodes, Jed Woodward, Kathryn Rigby, Karla Ferguson, Sarah Rigby and Brad Larsen.

The meeting was adjourned.
Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date