Newton Town Council Meeting
September 11, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda
1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Approval of August 2019 Minutes
4. Youth Council Update
5. Historic Cabin Update – Heidi Hodgson
6. Resolution 2019-02, fee for water connection
7. Discuss need for culvert at intersection of 200 South 100 East – Gordon Anderson
   a. Town right-of-way, b. Other drainage concerns
8. Review ordinance 2019-01, Engine Brake Restriction
9. Financial Review for possible Land Purchase
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: Sarah Rigby, Heidi Hodgson, and Ilda Berge. Carrie Milligan with the Youth Council arrived at 7:30, no other youth council members in attendance.

2. Opening ceremony was conducted by Kathryn Rigby

3. The August 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

5. Historic Cabin Update – Heidi Hodgson thanked the Town Council for their help and support of the cabin. Heidi reviewed that the Presiding Bishopric of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gave their approval for the land donation and the first shovel of dirt was dug on July 1. The cabin was built and dedicated on July 26. Heidi explained that there is still work to be completed such as: foam insulation between chinking, inside chinking, windows from the 1930's to be installed, shutters, and a door. The DUP is having a bronze plaque made for the cabin. The DUP plans to have a history book on the cabin inside. The Church will remove the dying tree and plant two trees in its place near the cabin. The DUP plans to put in a walkway and plants. Lt. Governor Cox came to visit Newton and helped the Youth Council place rocks around the cabin. The DUP plans to complete the rock foundation. Jed Woodward discussed that he was with the building inspector when he came to inspect the cabin and there are some things that need to be fixed and completed on the cabin. Heidi asked the Town Council if the DUP could place an article in the Town Newsletter regularly about the cabin and events taking place there. A DUP section in the Town newsletter was approved.

4. Youth Council Update - Carrie Milligan, Youth Council Leader, discussed that the Newton Youth Council accepted 10 new applicants this year. They have nine returning members. The Youth Council leadership this year will be: Mayor- Savannah Myers, Vice Mayor- Branson Sharp, Secretary – Addie May, Public Relations – Ethan Ferguson, and Attendance Recorder – Matthew Rigby. There are 19 total members. Next week is their first meeting and they will have a mandatory parent meeting. They need another parent leader and plan to have parents sign up to help out with activities. Youth Council activities were discussed. Mayor Rhodes suggested that because Newton 2nd Scouts will be

discontinuing their fundraiser of placing US flags on holidays that the Youth Council should consider taking it over for a fundraiser.

6. Resolution 2019-02, Update fee schedule, increase water connection fee. Jed Woodward explained that part costs have increased, therefore, we need to increase the water connection fee from $1,500 to $2,200 to cover the increase of water meter costs. It was last adjusted about 5 years ago. Gordon Anderson asked what the water impact fee is. Jed explained that each additional connection on our water system has an impact to our water system. Jed explained that we may need to do a new study to determine increasing the water impact fee. Other fees on the fee schedule were discussed. **Kathryn Rigby made a motion to approve the water connection fee change to $2,200 and the service change inspection fee to $90. Gordon Anderson seconds the motion and all approve.**

7. Discuss need for culvert at intersection of 200 South 100 East – Gordon Anderson a. Town right-of-way, b. Other drainage concerns – Gordon Anderson discussed that three lots on 200 South between 200 East and 100 East are going to be built on. One house is currently being built and he has concerns that there has been standing water on this lot in the past. Gordon feels there is a natural drop in land from East to West and suggests the town place a culvert under the intersection from East to West to connect with the culvert going to the South to help with drainage. Kathryn expressed concern that if it is draining to the South it would create problems for others. Drainage issues were discussed. Jed Woodward suggested looking at where existing culverts are located. It was discussed that a study may need to be completed to determine water flow and the possibility of storm drains. It was discussed that as we develop more lots in town we need to have a plan in place for water drainage. Jed will look into a survey with elevations to determine slope. Gordon discussed that a culvert opening on the intersection of 100 North Center was filled in. Gordon feels it should be uncovered and a grate placed there because the water pools up and covers the intersection. It was discussed that the builder who is building on lots on 200 West has installed drainage culverts and grates for the two lots. The storm drains that were built in the 1950's and old water irrigation ditches were discussed.

8. Review ordinance 2019-01, Engine Brake Restriction – The proposed ordinance is an amendment to section 4, nuisance and is a copy of Mendon's ordinance on brake restrictions. The proposed ordinance was reviewed. A public hearing will be held next month for the ordinance. The current ordinance book is being digitally codified by Terri Rhodes and should be completed in December. Wording and other corrections will be made and it can be voted on and passed in January.

9. Financial Review for possible Land Purchase – Kathryn Rigby reviewed her discussion with our auditor Dianna Cannel about our unrestricted funds and capital project funds. There is $177,000 in the capital project fund and $110,217 in the unrestricted fund at the end of the 2018 fiscal year. The movement of funds from Class C fund to reimburse the general fund was discussed. Mayor Rhodes discussed that the property owners are okay with two payments, one for this fiscal year and another payment next fiscal year. The total cost would be $247,000 for 26 acres. It was discussed that a major water project might be needed. It was discussed that the auditor said land is never a bad purchase and can always be sold if needed. The auditor also suggested prioritizing projects and designating what the capital project fund is for. Jed Woodward is concerned that the land being sold is at development price and not farm land price. Disaster mitigation funding was discussed and water lines going brittle and replacing water lines in case of an earthquake may be needed. Mayor Rhodes will attend the webinar on disaster mitigation funding. Kathryn Rigby discussed that the land purchase will deplete the capital project fund but that a land purchase is a good investment. Mayor Rhodes suggested selling the ½ acre lot on 200 South to help fund the purchase. Jed Woodward discussed the pump on the land and possibly tying into the secondary water system. Jed discussed that he was undecided on the land purchase because it is a lot of money for farm ground but it is hard to find land for sale.

Gordon Anderson discussed that if the Town Council doesn't purchase the land now they may regret it. Gordon also discussed that we need a quit claim deed for the gap parcel next to the ½ acre parcel the Town owns if we are going to sell it. Gordon will look into getting quit claim deed for the gap parcel. Mayor Rhodes will pursue a contract for the land purchase with two payments. The Town Council can then review the contract at next month's meeting and approve it.

10. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments – Gordon Anderson discussed that he does not have replacements for the Planning Commission yet. He has a potential person attending the next planning meeting to decide. Gordon has discussed ideas for a fire station with the fire department. Mayor Rhodes plans to get grass seed and plant it in front of the Town Hall where the water line was replaced and fill in holes. Gordon plans to get parts for hand sprinklers. Jed Woodward will blow out sprinkler lines at the park and soccer field next month. Kathryn Rigby discussed that they will host Santa at the library on December 4 and will hold a tree lighting ceremony. The town celebration still has some receipts that need to be reimbursed so we don't know all of the expenses yet. Sarah Rigby reported that story hour started two weeks ago and they have 20 kids attending.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

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Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk Approval Date