

Newton Town Council Meeting
October 3, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Approval of September 2019 Minutes
4. CAPSA presentation on services and Domestic Violence Awareness Month
5. Presentation on the 19th Amendment and Civil Rights Act by Cache Celebration of Women's Suffrage 2020 Committee, Sheri Newton
6. Youth Council Update
7. Land Purchase Contract Review and Approval
8. Report on Mayor/ Council Member Assignments

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

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

Karla Ferguson (Recorder) Absent: Gordon Anderson and Randy Jones

Others present: Sheri Newton, Scot Dilatush, Bryce Lancaster, Sue Jelus and Brad Larsen.

Youth Council present: Lynsey Cox, Jackson Downs, Seth Wilson, Ethan Ferguson, Anna Ferguson, Marinda Taylor, Myranda Jenkins, Jezza Merritt, Carrie Milligan, Kyler Ducrest, Tiffany Esplin, Addie May, Branson Sharp, Matthew Rigby, Savannah Myers, Riley Furgeson, Zak May, Gavin Buck Mckenzie Haws, and Kennedy Benson.

2. Opening ceremony was conducted by Mayor Kevin Rhodes

3. The September 2019 meeting minutes were approved.

4. CAPSA presentation on services and Domestic Violence Awareness Month – Bryce Lancaster with CAPSA (Community Abuse Prevention Service Agency) discussed services offered and how to contact CAPSA. October is domestic violence awareness month.

5. Presentation on the 19th Amendment and Civil Rights Act by Cache Celebration of Women's Suffrage 2020 Committee, Sheri Newton – Sheri Newton presented facts about the 19th Amendment and Civil Rights Act. In 2020 it will be 150 years since it was passed. The Cache Celebration of Women's Suffrage 2020 Committee will host a suffrage celebration on March 13, 2020 and will have exhibits displayed at schools throughout the year.

6. Youth Council - Savannah Myers, Youth Council Mayor, introduced the new members of the Newton Youth Council and officers. The Youth Council will have a scare house on October 31 and November 1.

Other business – Scott Dilatush and Sue Jelus asked the Town Council if the “Welcome to Newton” signs at two entrances to Town could be redone. They discussed ideas for improving the signs with plantings underneath in a planter with crushed rocks around it to make it low maintenance. There was a discussion on how to water and maintain the plants. The Town Council asked them to draw up a plan to scale with costs and bring it back to the Town Council to decide on. It was also discussed to perhaps have the youth council stain the signs as a service project.

7. Land Purchase Contract Review and Approval – Mayor Rhodes had the proposed contract reviewed by a realtor. The contract will take affect when approved by the Town Council. The first payment of \$125,000 will be due at closing with a 2nd payment of \$125,000 due July 31, 2020. The land will be leased for farming for the time being and a Town Council member will be assigned oversight of the property. The property is currently in green belt and the Town Council will need to reapply so it can stay in green belt.

Jed Woodward made a motion to enter into this real estate contract with the Janice Benson trust for 26.38 acres. Kathryn Rigby seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Kathryn Rigby – yes, Jed Woodward – yes, Kevin Rhodes – yes.

8. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments – Mayor Kevin Rhodes explained that he planted grass in front of the Town Hall where it had been dug up to replace the water line. It was discussed to hold the Newton Town employee appreciation dinner on November 14 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Rhodes will arrange for the catering with Iron Gate Grill. Mayor Rhodes would like the town to give each town employee a polo shirt with an embroidered Newton Town logo. There was a discussion on preparing the park and sprinklers for winter this month. Refinishing the wood floors in the Town Hall was discussed. It was discussed that we will need new bids for the refinishing. The RAPZ grant for refinishing the tennis court was discussed. Repairing the existing court and installing pickleball nets and fencing was discussed. Kathryn Rigby will work with Dennis Ferguson in arranging for work to be completed on the courts. Jed Woodward discussed water line repairs that have been completed. Kathryn Rigby reported that the library will hold a witches story hour on October 26 and Santa on December 4. Mayor Rhodes would like questions answered from candidates in October's town newsletter. Kathryn Rigby is working with the Bank of Utah on getting quotes for credit card processing and online bill pay. It was discussed to research purchasing an ipad and card reader for the Town to process credit cards. Mayor Rhodes read a letter from Annette Benson thanking the Town Council for awarding her the outstanding citizen award and thanking the Town Council for their service.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date