

Newton Town Council Meeting
December 5, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony
3. Approval of November 7th and 14th Minutes 2019 Minutes
4. Youth Council Update
5. Perpetual easement with West Cache pressurized irrigation system on parcel 13-047-0003
6. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

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

Members present: Mayor Kevin Rhodes, Gordon Anderson, Kathryn Rigby, and Jed Woodward (arrived at 7:10). Karla Ferguson (Recorder)

Absent: Randy Jones passed away on November 15, 2019.

Others present: Sarah Rigby, and Scott Archibald, Steve Wood with Sunrise Engineering

Youth Council present: Jackson Downs, Seth Wilson, Matthew Rigby, Ethan Ferguson, Anna Ferguson, Lynsey Cox, Marinda Taylor, Myranda Jenkins, Kyler Ducrest, Gavin Buck, Tiffany Esplin, Addie May, Jezza Meritt, Mckinzie Haws, Carrie Milligan and Savannah Myers.

2. Opening ceremony a prayer was offered by Gordon Anderson. Gavin Buck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. The November 7th and 14th meeting minutes were approved.

4. Youth Council Update – Savannah Myers reported that the Newton Youth Council helped set up holiday lights at the Town Hall. The Youth Council will be holding their Christmas party on December 19th and invited the Town Council to join them. The youth council plans to do a service project in January. It was reported that 155 attended the holiday tree lighting and Santa at the library. The Youth Council was excused from the meeting.

5. Perpetual easement with West Cache pressurized irrigation system on parcel 13-047-0003

Scott Archibald and Steve Wood with Sunrise Engineering explained that an easement for a planned pressurized irrigation system is needed across the parcel that Newton Town just purchased. An overview of the project was discussed. This is a new pressurized irrigation system that will be installed for the West Cache Irrigation Co. system. It will begin south of the Trenton pump station and go to Cutler reservoir. A back pump will be placed at the Cutler end. This system will replace all open ditches and canals on their system. The proposed easement on Newton Town's property will be 25' wide. The pipeline will be buried 3 feet deep. Concerns about a future sewer treatment facility on the parcel with the proposed easement were discussed. A statement on the agreement says that when the future sewer system is installed than the easement and pipeline will be moved at the cost to West Cache Irrigation Co. The language of the statement was reviewed and it was agreed to amend the statement to say "the cost to move the pipeline will be paid by the grantee "West Cache Irrigation Co".

Jed Woodward made a motion to accept the easement agreement with the change of grantee incurring cost of pipeline movement, if needed. Kathryn Rigby seconds the motion and all approve.

It was discussed that the plans for the easement cannot be changed now because the plans have already received environmental clearance. Sunrise Engineering will contact Mayor Rhodes about signing the easement agreement after the correction is made.

Other business:

Jed Woodward asked about water shares in Cutler reservoir. Water shares were discussed. It was discussed that Newton needs a water master plan. Items to include in the plan would be water rights, sources, storage, distribution and treatment. A water master plan and grants available to pay for them were discussed with Sunrise Engineering. Funding options for new auto read water meters was also discussed. Mayor Rhodes will follow up with Sunrise Engineering about water questions.

9. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments – Jed Woodward reported that they have been pushing snow and it is working okay. Possible water leaks were discussed. Placing gravel on the new road at 200 East 200 North when it dries out was discussed.

Kathryn Rigby reported that the annual audit has been completed. Information on the property valuation and facilities at springs is needed to add to our asset listings. Kathryn reported that the holiday tree lighting and Santa at the library was great and well attended. The Newton Youth Council plans to purchase sweatshirts. The library needs a new light fixture. Gordon Anderson will purchase the light fixture and Mayor Rhodes will install it. The drinking fountain again overflowed and needs to be removed because the drain is not working. Kathryn had a request from the Cache County Sheriff Department about how we would like to enforce winter parking on streets. The Town Council didn't feel that parking on the streets was a problem right now.

Snow removal for the Town Hall sidewalks was discussed. Sarah Rigby will ask her boys to do the snow removal on the sidewalks.

Gordon Anderson discussed concept plans for subdivisions being discussed with the Newton Planning Commission. Concerns with the recorded property lines for parcel 13-020-0029 being on Newton's Center street were discussed. Gordon Anderson will follow up with the County Recorder's office for more information on this parcel.

Mayor Rhodes discussed that he has received a complaint about a diesel truck being run all night and is wondering if that is covered in our ordinances. Noise levels and nuisances were discussed. Mayor Rhodes has received a request to put more equipment on our weather station but it needs power. It was discussed to talk to the adjoining property owner (Neil Jorgensen) about running power from his property for the weather station.

New website designs were reviewed. It was discussed to add a listing of Newton's businesses to the website. Next month's meeting will be moved to January 9, 2020 for the oath of office to be conducted at the appropriate time. Surplus vehicles notice will be advertised and bids will be opened on January 2. Karla Ferguson was assigned to be the agent in charge of the bids and selling of vehicles. Jed Woodward will assist with the opening of bids.

It was discussed that the previous leaser of the newly purchased property does not want to continue with the lease. Newton will need to open it up to bids to lease the property. The lease should include the maintenance of the pump and lines and paying of the power and water assessment. Two wheel lines are on the land. A council member over lands and leasing should be assigned to manage. Mayor Rhodes will write up a notice for leasing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date