

Newton Town Council Meeting
April 9, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Gordon Anderson
3. Approval of March 2020 Minutes
4. Preliminary Plan review for 5 lot subdivision, Larsen Farms subdivision, part of lot 5 & 6, Block 22, Plat “A”, approximately 400 West between Main and 200 South.
5. New green waste program and fee of \$2
6. Approval of cyber security program by Alltech
7. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

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

Members present: Mayor Kevin Rhodes, Gordon Anderson, and Jed Woodward. Karla Ferguson (Recorder) Members present electronically: Kent Fabricius and Kathryn Rigby
Others present electronically: Sarah Rigby and Carrie Milligan

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Gordon Anderson

3. The Newton Town Council March meeting minutes were approved.

5. New green waste program and fee of \$2 – Mayor Rhodes explained that due to the discontinuation of the green waste program throughout the summer by Logan environmental that alternative solutions have been looked at. Mayor Rhodes proposes to charge each water connection a \$2 fee to cover the cost of providing the service by Newton Town. Logan City will charge about \$6,500 total to continue the service. Jed Woodward proposes not to use Logan City but a private company that will provide the dumpster and empty once a week. Mayor Rhodes will publish a resolution establishing the new green waste fee. It was discussed that we could hold a public hearing to gather input on the new fee. The Council discussed trying out the private dumpster and hauling it once a week. The private business is called Eagles Trucking from Clarkston.

Other business: Mayor Rhodes asked Carrie Milligan how the Newton Youth Council is doing. Carrie responded that they plan to set up a “Zoom” meeting to plan activities and service projects in the summer.

6. Approval of cyber security program by Alltech – The proposal that was given during March’s Town Council meeting regarding a new cyber security program was discussed. Gordon Anderson stated that he feels it is reasonable and would give us the protection we need. Sarah Rigby stated that it would be beneficial for the Library because they have had more serious issues occurring lately. Kathryn Rigby said she agreed that it would be beneficial because of all the online transactions now. There was a discussion on the proposal. **The Town Council made a motion and agreed to begin the cyber security program with Alltech beginning May 1,**

paying \$500 a month. The budget will be amended for this year to include the new program and will be added to next year's budget.

8. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments –

Mayor Rhodes discussed animal control. Deputy Powell, Cache County animal control officer, asked if we would like to have follow up for unlicensed dogs. The Town Council said we can defer the double fee for 1 month due to COVID-19 restrictions. Next month the Town Council would like Deputy Powell to do door hanger reminders for unlicensed dogs. Gordon Anderson discussed concerns with a small property with 7 horses in an enclosure with reports of neglect. Mayor Rhodes will have animal control follow up with the property owner. Sheriff Jensen will attend next month's meeting to discuss the Cache County Sheriff law enforcement contract. The proposed contract has an increase of \$1,000. Mayor Rhodes received two bids for fertilizer and herbicide application at the park. The Town Council agreed to accept the lowest bid with the Lawn Doctor to spray the park lawn this summer (not to include the soccer fields).

Gordon Anderson reported that the Fire and First Responder departments are working with Cache County for COVID-19 risk calls. They have had no calls yet. Gordon said the Planning Commission is now fully staffed with 2 new members. Martin Empey is the chairperson this year. Kent Fabricius discussed land management and that they are moving forward with the farm land lease. There are no hose or head valves for the wheel line, new ones will cost about \$600. Jed Woodward will look into if there are some for the land or purchasing some used ones. Kim Haws is also leasing the other 19 acre piece that shares the water pump so we will not need to share the water lease. The water pump needs to be checked. The adjacent property has items in the field that Mayor Rhodes will ask to be removed.

Kent Fabricius asked about opening the outside restrooms. It was decided that it might be best to keep the restrooms closed during the COVID-19 restrictions but the restrooms can be cleaned and dewatered. The soccer restroom needs to be fixed. Kathryn has the part for it. Kent plans to present bids next month for the Town Hall furnace.

Kathryn Rigby discussed that the Newton Youth Council attended their leadership conference and it was good. The Youth Council has the Easter candy from the Easter Egg Hunt that was canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions. They plan to do an activity this summer with the candy. The Town Clean-Up projects have been posted and individuals and families can contact Kathryn for a project. Additional projects were discussed. Sarah Rigby said the Library is open for book check out and return only. They are adhering to social distancing requirements and think they can remain open. Sarah is applying for a library grant asking for another WiFi booster to add more strength for a total cost of \$150 and the grant for \$100.

Jed Woodward reported that Gaylen Maughan expressed interest in helping water at the park. Jed has been contacted by residents living on 100 West and they would like a stop sign on 100 West 100 North. Instead of a stop sign, Jed is looking into a radar speed sign to place there. He is looking at using class C money to purchase it. A stop sign on 300 South was stolen. Jed has replaced it with a new sign. Jed plans to get going on construction of new road at the intersection of 200 East 200 North.

4. Preliminary Plan review for 5 lot subdivision, Larsen Farms subdivision, part of lot 5 & 6, Block 22, Plat "A", approximately 400 West between Main and 200 South. The proposed plan was reviewed. The main concerns discussed by the Town Council that they would like addressed are: 1. The easement for SR 142 (not hwy 23 as labeled on plat) along the North. This does not appear to be a 99' foot right-of-way. It is hard to tell without measurements but it does not appear to line up with other properties to the east. There must be a 99' foot right-of-way for roads within town boundaries.

2. Flood control planned for. The lots on the North corner especially have water run off concerns and possible water run-off from the dairy. These lots have potential flooding issues that should be addressed as part of the development.

3. The remaining parcel has to meet the same lot standards as those lots that are being divided. Therefore, it must have at least 148 feet of street frontage within Newton Town. This remaining parcel does not.

It was discussed that the developer would like to join this remaining parcel to the parcel in the county of 13-027-0006. The review by the County Planner was discussed. He had several suggestions. The County does not want this added to the lot in the County so that it is partially in Newton and in County.

The Town Council suggested that if the developer does not want to make the lots larger to incorporate the remaining parcel then the process for disconnection of the town boundary should begin. This is the same process as an annexation but moving the town boundary to the western edge of the proposed lots. The cost for the disconnection, survey, public hearings and notices shall be paid by the developer. If the developer petitions for annexation then the Town Council suggests the property be zoned for a larger minimum lot size of 3 or 5 acres.

These concerns should be addressed with the Planning Commission before the Town Council will give approval.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date