

Newton Town Council Meeting
June 4, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Mayor Rhodes
3. Approval of May 2020 Minutes
4. Town Celebration Decision
5. Final plat 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.
6. Preliminary plat review for 7 lot subdivision, Newton Hills Subdivision, Phase 1, parcels 13-028-0002 and 13-028-0003, approximately 100 North between 200 West and 375 West.
7. Sunrise Engineering grant application for proposed water project
8. Budget Review
9. Public Hearing to amend 2019-2020 fiscal year budget
10. Public Hearing to propose 2020-2021 fiscal year budget
11. Hiring of Town Engineer
12. Newton Sprinkling System discussion
13. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION. Due to restrictions because of the COVID-19 virus members and public may participate in the meeting electronically pursuant to UCA 52-4-207. Pursuant to the duration of the Utah Governor's Executive Order, Newton Town will hold an optional electronic participation meeting. Due to social distancing requirements public attendance at the Newton Town Hall may be limited.

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

Members present: Mayor Kevin Rhodes, Kent Fabricius, Kathryn Rigby, and Jed Woodward
Karla Ferguson (Recorder) Members present electronically: Gordon Anderson
Others present: Carrie Milligan, Branson Sharp, Sarah Rigby and Trent Dagley
Others present electronically: Justin Cooley, Jeremy Cooley, Helen Helstern, and Clint Hansen.
Steven Wood (Sunrise Engineering)

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Mayor Rhodes

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

4. Town Celebration Decision – Kathryn Rigby reviewed the guidelines given by the State of Utah for community events because of COVID-19 restrictions. Most of the events will be canceled because the Town would not be able to adhere to the social distancing and other guidelines at the park. It was decided to sell Town T-shirts online, have a parade with a longer route to help with social distancing and possibly have a fireworks show. The celebration committee could also plan other smaller activities during the week if they wanted. Kathryn will work with the committee on final decisions. The events will be held Friday night, July 24. The details will be published in the July Town Newsletter.

Other business:

Youth Council updated given by Branson Sharp. The Youth Council is meeting in the park tonight to make plans for a youth activity, such as an outdoor movie.

5. Final Plan review for 5 lot subdivision, Larsen Farms subdivision, approximately 400 West between Main and 200 South. Trent Dagley explained that the final plat did not get done in time for review tonight. They are waiting for the surveyor to stake and draw the final to include an easement for the Jones secondary water pipeline. The builder has plans for the road, water, drainage and site plans ready and would like to submit them now for review. Jed Woodward said he was concerned that lot 2 does not have any services running in front of it and would like to know on the plat where the water lines will be installed. The Town Council requested that the final plat also show a water line in front of lot 2, 100 South water lines, hydrants, access points and Jones secondary water pipeline. The plat should also include 18" culverts under driveway access and flooding verbiage. The Town engineer will need to review the plan before final approval is given. The Town Council will next meet on June 25. The Town Council would like the final by June 18th for the Town Engineer to review prior to the meeting.

6. Preliminary plat review for 7 lot subdivision, Newton Hills Subdivision, Phase 1, parcels 13-028-0002 and 13-028-0003, approximately 100 North between 200 West and 375 West – Clint Hansen explained that the Newton Planning Commission approved the preliminary plan. The developer has requested that the town vacate 200 West road right-of-way on that block because it is not buildable in that location. The developer has also submitted a petition of annexation for a 200 North road-right-of-way to be developed in the future. It was explained that they would not like to develop 300 West until the remaining parcels are developed. Gordon Anderson expressed concern about water run off to the slough in this area. Water drainage was discussed. Clint Hansen said they will look at adding a road side ditch around the subdivision that drains towards the slough and have an engineer review it. Gordon Anderson was also concerned that lots 6 and 7 were steep. Clint Hansen agreed they are steep but still buildable. It was suggested that the engineer check the water pressure and secondary water lines that there is enough pressure for this area. The engineer should also review for flood control or storm water drainage. It was discussed that FEMA doesn't show that it is a flooding hazard so they would not be required to have flood insurance. Jed Woodward discussed that each block needs a water hydrant and mid-block hydrants are not needed. Secondary water lines were discussed and will be added to the plat.

7. Sunrise Engineering grant application for proposed water project – Steven Wood with Sunrise Engineering discussed possible grant funding through the Federal Government EVA Cares Act for stimulus funding for community projects. Because of the Coronavirus all communities qualify. Specifics for the grant applications were discussed. Possible projects were discussed. The projects we will seek funding for will be a culinary water improvement project to include replacing the water line from Clarkston, secondary water tank, on demand service from well and a water system analysis. Another project would be to seek funding for a new fire station. Karla Ferguson will work with Sunrise Engineering on gathering information for the grant applications.

8. Budget Review – Kathryn Rigby reviewed the total amendments and budget items. The largest budget amendment is \$125,000 from the capital project fund for a land purchase. It was discussed to decrease our budgets for next year because we will not receive as much tax funding because of the impact of COVID-19.

9. Public Hearing to amend 2019-2020 fiscal year budget – The public hearing was opened. No public comment was made. Kathryn Rigby made a motion to amend the 2019-2020 budget from \$472,050 to 540,427 because of the land purchase. Gordon Anderson seconds the motion and all in favor. Public hearing closed.

10. Public Hearing to propose 2020-2021 fiscal year budget - The public hearing was opened. No public comment was made. Mayor Rhodes commented that we should expect up to 20% less in sales use tax and class C funds due to coronavirus. The town will need to be conservative because we don't know the impact yet. Kathryn Rigby proposed the 2020-2021 budget expenditures of \$600,250 total. It is higher because of the second land purchase payment to be made in July. Jed Woodward seconds the motion and all in favor. The public hearing was closed. The budget will be posted for 30 days.

11. Hiring of Town Engineer – Mayor Rhodes discussed different engineers and plans to get quotes for service.

12. Newton Sprinkling System discussion – Gordon Anderson asked for this to be on the agenda but didn't have a chance to meet with Ann Herzog for information on the sprinkler system. It was discussed about to have the town take over the management of it. Mayor Rhodes suggested we form a committee to evaluate solutions. Jed Woodward will try to assemble the old board for the sprinkling system to review the financial position and have a shareholders meeting. No assessments have been made. A new assessment is needed to replace the water lines that are wearing out. Ideas to become one water user and manage and maintain the system within the town was discussed. Mayor Rhodes will meet with the Newton Water Users president to discuss options.

13. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments – Mayor Rhodes discussed having speeding problems along the dam road into town over the Memorial Day weekend. Jed Woodward will move forward with the purchase of a radar sign to install along 100 West. In the parks the sprinklers are being fixed and need to replace the yellow playground equipment pieces. Kathryn Rigby researched the company to order replacement parts and will get that information to the Mayor. The water to the outside restrooms needs to be turned on. Gordon will turn the water on Saturday. Kathryn will have the part put on the soccer restroom and hook up the water heater. The soccer team using the soccer field this summer will lock and unlock the restroom when they use the field. Gordon will also turn on the metal building restrooms. Kent Fabricius discussed that with opening the restrooms we will need to have more frequent cleaning. Kent will talk to Dan Jeppson to see if he wants to do the additional cleaning. If Dan does not then Kent will look into hiring an additional person for the summer. Kent Fabricius is looking into replacing valves and fixing leaks on the farm land. Kent plans to get more quotes for furnace replacements. Kathryn reported that the Newton Youth Council will hold an outside movie on June 19 for the youth. The Newton Library plans to hold outside story time this summer. The library has received a \$1660 grant to be used for technology and ways to deal with the virus, such as shields. The volleyball auto lights timer needs to be reset. It was discussed to use RAPZ money to fix playground equipment and purchase bark. Jed Woodward discussed sending an invoice to owners on private road at 300 East for snowplowing. The previous owners signed the agreement. Jed plans on talking to the real estate agent about the agreement. Jed said a scrub coat on 7 blocks of roads will take place soon. Mayor Rhodes will have a town survey link put in the newsletter. July's town council meeting will be changed from July 2 to June 25.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date