

Newton Town Council Meeting
July Meeting, June 25, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Kathryn Rigby
3. Approval of June 2020 Minutes
4. Resolution 2020-02, accepting annexation petition for consideration
5. Relocation of green waste dumpster
6. Appointment of town engineer
7. Emergency Response Plan with line of succession discussion
8. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments
9. Closed meeting to vote on Newton Outstanding Citizen

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

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

Others present: Sarah Rigby

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Kathryn Rigby

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

4. Resolution 2020-02, accepting annexation petition for consideration – Mayor Rhodes read resolution 2020-02 accepting the petition of annexation for consideration of 4.883 acres located approximately at 200 North between 100 West and 400 West. The subject properties are contiguous to Newton Town and are identified as parcels 13-028-0002, 13-028-0003 and 13-028-0006. All Town Council members voted in favor of accepting the resolution. Mayor Rhodes signed the resolution.

5. Relocation of green waste dumpster – Mayor Rhodes discussed that he has received a request to move the green waste dumpster. Mayor Rhodes suggested moving the green waste dumpster to the 17 West Main property owned by Newton Town. A new fee for green waste has been proposed to Cache County by Logan City. Mayor Rhodes has submitted a letter objecting to the proposed fee and has asked for an exception from the fee because Newton Town has arranged for our own green waste dumpster after Logan City discontinued it. Mayor Rhodes proposed to relocate the green waste dumpster and to hold off on charging our own fee for green waste until we know of the outcome with Cache County on fees.

6. Appointment of town engineer – Mayor Rhodes reviewed his interview with three companies for engineering services for subdivision reviews. Those companies were JUB Engineering, Sunrise Engineering and Forsgren & Associates. Mayor Rhodes proposed to accept the proposal by Forsgren & Associates, Eric Dursteler. Forsgren & Associates, Eric Dursteler, will work on an as needed basis and will not have an exclusive contract. Newton will still work with Sunrise Engineering for water grants and projects. Mayor Rhodes will go ahead and appoint Forsgren &

Associates, Eric Dursteler. Mayor Rhodes will ask them to begin the review of the current two proposed subdivisions.

Other business: Mayor Rhodes informed the Town Council that we just received information that we will be awarded a water smart grant from the Bureau of Reclamation for auto water meters. It is a matching grant.

7. Emergency Response Plan with line of succession discussion – Gordon Anderson reviewed the plan. It was proposed to list the Mayor as the Chief Executive Officer and then the senior member of the Town Council as the Chief Deputy Executive or next most senior. The positions rather than names will be used in the plan. Gordon Anderson will finish putting the plan together and will submit it.

8. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments – Jed Woodward reported that a scrub coat for 7 blocks of roads has been completed. Chip/seal of those roads will be completed in July. Jed discussed leaks that he is working on fixing. Mayor Rhodes reviewed how Cache County has encouraged us to use the county GIS service available to us to map water lines, valves and hydrants. It was discussed that when the new water meters are installed is when we could map them. Mayor Rhodes will order two radar speed signs. Jed Woodward will order pipe for their installation. Jed reported that he has not yet met with Newton Sprinkling Board. Kathryn Rigby reported that Jeff Benson will do fireworks for the town celebration. A parade will be held with an extended route to help with social distancing. The parade and fireworks will be held Friday night, July 24. The dam run will be held Saturday morning. The library has begun holding summer story time. The library has the kids sit on individual carpet squares outside for social distancing and provides a craft to take home. Carrie Milligan reported that the youth council activity was held June 19 with an outdoor movie. They had 43 kids attend with 5 adults. The youth council will attend an activity on July 9 at Newton dam. The youth council plans to begin taking applications for next year. Kathryn Rigby has received a request to have a Utah Humanities Water Exhibit displayed in the town hall in the summer of 2021 about Newton reservoir. The Town Council approved. Kent Fabricius discussed that he has received a proposal to formalize the displays in the hallway of the Town Hall for local artists and rotate every few months. They would form a committee to handle it. Carol Milligan has proposed to install a gallery rail in the hall so that art work can be changed out without damage to the walls. Sarah Rigby commented that Cleo Griffin donated \$1,000 to help with displays in the hall and that she wanted Ann Herzog's collection of local art work displayed. The Town Council agreed to have a gallery rail installed and lighting adjusted. Kent Fabricius will move forward with the proposal and will work with the Milligans for the gallery rail. Kent Fabricius reported that he has received two bids for furnace replacement work. He has asked two others for bids but has not yet received them. Kent plans to replace both furnaces now and leave the third one in place for now. The proposals don't feel the roof is the best place to locate an air conditioning (AC) unit. Kent would like to put the AC unit behind the Town Hall in the fenced in area. That area would need to be cleaned up and a cement pad installed. Kent plans to get more bids before deciding. Kent discussed the farm land lease and the water shares in Newton Town's name have been received. The purchase agreement for the farm land with ownership of the water pump in Cutler reservoir was reviewed. The sale papers also showed the agreement that Newton Town will have access to that water pump. Kent is working on fixing leaking valves at the farm land. Gordon Anderson expressed concerns with storm water drainage for proposed subdivisions and asked when the town would impose a moratorium on building permits because of water. Mayor Rhodes plans to meet with Sunrise Engineering to review our water system, needs and a water master plan. Gordon reported that the metal building restrooms are open and clean. The soccer field restrooms still need work and the secondary water valve at the soccer field needs to be fixed and the hole filled in. Mayor

Rhodes has received some survey responses. He would like to request in the newsletter more surveys completed. Mayor Rhodes will compile the survey results to present at the next meeting.

9. Closed meeting to vote on Newton Outstanding Citizen – Those present: Kevin Rhodes, Kent Fabricius, Jed Woodward, Kathryn Rigby, Gordon Anderson, and Karla Ferguson. Nominations for outstanding citizen were reviewed. It was decided that Tom Barker would be Newton's Outstanding Citizen for 2020.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by:

Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date