

HOWELL TOWN CORPORATION

Minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting held September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sgt. Rocky D. Payne Memorial Center.

Present:	Bradly Hawkes	Mayor
	Josh Anderson	Council Member
	Craig Hawkes	Council Member
	Rex Nessen	Council Member
	Mark Sorensen	Council Member

Others Present:	Sandra Burton	Town Clerk
	Shelly Logan	Treasurer
	Leon Kotter	Resident

Call to Order: Brad Hawkes

Welcome, roll call, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Approve the Agenda.

Mayor Brad Hawkes welcomed everyone to Howell Town Council Meeting.

Prayer: Brad Hawkes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: All

Approve the September 8, 2020 agenda:

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Josh Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve minutes of the August 11, 2020 Howell Town Council Meeting.

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Howell Town Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Craig Hawkes. The motion passed unanimously

Follow up to the minutes.

The district said that they were glad to help home school. So we could let home school use the building. So far, Brooke hasn't decided to use the building.

We are applying for the enterprise zone. It will not change our regular zoning.

Public Comments (3 Minutes per person)

Should we put the public comments before anything or have it in the end? Leon brought up this question and said that he felt that if you let people comment at the end you will get the comments about the things you are discussing. Mayor Hawkes said that the Public Comments were for people who have a problem they need to bring to the council's attention. We will keep it the way it is..

Deputy Sheriff Brodie Wells.

Not here.

Shelly Kotter – Financial Reports

The interest on our accounts has really gone down this last month. She then gave the numbers.

We received CARES Act money. Sandy explained why. Sandy will give Josh a list of some of the things other towns are doing. Do we need to use this by a certain date? The council member brain stormed some of the things we could use this on.

Maybe a bench for social distancing
A parking lot
Touchless sinks and soap dispensers

We will keep thinking. We can also give it to Box Elder County for a program for businesses. Josh will look into bids for sidewalk and pour pad for garbage.

Shelly also asked about getting the garbage containers fixed. Our container cost has gone up.

Rex let us know that we need to not pay the county's bill until we talk to Rex.

We also discussed our sidewalk & pouring a pad for the garbage cans. Josh will get a quote on this.

Resolution R20-05 – To apply for Enterprise Zone Designation

We need to pass this resolution to apply for an Enterprise Zone and submit it.

MOTION Council Member Josh Anderson moved to approve Resolution R20-05 – to apply for enterprise zone designation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brad Hawkes. The motion passed unanimously

Repeal of Resolution R17-03 - Cleaning Services

We decided that we don't need to repeal this. We just need to change the wage to hourly. We will change it and bring it to next month's meeting.

Sponsorship for Irrigation Company Project

Brad explained that Scott Douglas needed the town to sponsor this project. They need someone to run the money through. We aren't liable for any thing. All the money for this project would be run through the town. They would also like to use this building for meetings. We had a similar case when we cleaned out the DeJarnett Dam. We discussed the reservoir and spillway. Rex will follow up and see if we can send a letter about the construction of the spillway for the new dam. This may be of concern. They are talking about raising the road a few feet. We are hoping we can have a say. We need to look at what government employees are getting paid to see what we need to charge.

Delinquent Water Bills

Reviewed water bills.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Hawkes:

Mayor Brad Hawkes brought up another grant that we may qualify for BRIC. He thought we could apply for generators for the water and the community center. The water system has a generator now. It needs to be updated. This application must be applied for by December 1st. The notice of interest must be done by September 30th. This grant is done by FEMA. Mayor Hawkes asked Sandy to call if she needs help filling it out.

Mayor also talked about the grant we applied for to pave one of our roads. We can review how to apply for this one later. Right now we need to apply for the generator.

Council Member Rex Nessen:

Rex has been mowing the roads. Rex wondered if there is anything we could do about people watering the brine on the road. There is no reason to water the road. Sandy will put in the town newsletter the following:

The town roads are maintained by the town. We don't want people grading or watering the roads. There is no need for that. Please contact the town board if there is a problem.

Mayor Hawkes said that we have some good things happening on the roads this year.

Council Member Josh Anderson:

We already talked about the things he needed to bring up.

Council Member Hawkes:

We had a water leak and Craig ran in to Fergusson's and got parts. The parts are getting hard to get. Craig had Tim Douglas help him with the water leak fix. It was a good thing that Tim was there. Tim helped Craig stop turning before something broke.

The Water Project will put out bids in January.

Craig still has to run water samples to Logan.

Rex asked what you think if we tell people to conserve during the heat. There was some discussion, but no consensus.

Craig will talk to some people to give us a bid on a generator for the water.

We also need to not let people water cows from the hydrant. We end up not getting paid for those gallons.

Council Member Sorensen:

Mark is working on getting the fence at the cemetery fence fixed. Mark would like Sandy to check and make sure that we are getting reimbursed for opening graves.

Approve Payment Vouchers and Bills

Payment Vouchers and Bills were reviewed.

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to approve vouchers and bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Josh Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION Council Member Mark Sorensen moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rex Nessen. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Approved:

Sandra Burton, Town Clerk