

Newton Town Council Meeting
July 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Newton Town Hall, 51 South Center, Newton UT
Minutes

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Opening Ceremony – Kent Fabricius
3. Public hearing on the issue of CCCOG 2021, 200 North 200 East intersection project. The proposed project would seek funding from Cache County Council of Governments to rebuild the intersection.

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

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

Others present: Martin Empey, Gaylen Maughan, Lauren Ryan, Justin Cooley, Jake Christiansen, Lauryn Christiansen and Brent Peterson.

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Kent Fabricius

The public hearing on the issue of CCCOG 2021, 200 North 200 East intersection project was opened.

Mayor Rhodes explained the application to Cache County Council of Governments (CCCOG) and why Newton Town is seeking funding in a joint application with Cache County to rebuild the intersection of 200 North 200 East.

Eric Dursteler discussed the design of the proposed intersection.

Mayor Rhodes opened the meeting for public comments.

Jake Christiansen asked what portion of the intersection would be paved and how wide. Eric Dursteler explained that it will be paved 20' wide and then a chip sealed. It will be done to Cache County road standards. The radius of the intersection design was discussed. Eric Dursteler said they will probably go with a 50' radius because that is what the adjoining property owners would prefer. Mayor Rhodes asked if there is concern about drainage. Eric Dursteler discussed the design of the road, drainage and that the road will be raised from its current placement. Jake Christiansen wants to make sure that their adjoining property maintains access because the road will be raised. Eric Dursteler described how the road will be raised and taper to the East and West and access will be maintained.

Jed Woodward asked if it is possible to rototill the old asphalt and use it. Eric answered that yes the old asphalt can be rototilled and used as the base of the new road.

Mayor Rhodes asked that the road curves prior to the intersection and wondered if we could straighten the road also prior to the new intersection.

Brent Peterson stated that he has noticed that this area gets used excessively by dozens of people a day by driving or walking and running in this area. Brent would like this intersection redone properly. Brent asked questions about road design and how the taper would work. Brent also asked about what would happen to the old area of road that is removed, if it will be graded and reseeded or gravel put down? Eric Dursteler said they will pulverize and remove the old asphalt and regrade it. Jed Woodward asked what the adjoining property owners would want, gravel or grass? Brent Peterson is an adjoining property owner and he feels it should be leveled off so it can be maintained. Brent asked what the timeline is. Eric Dursteler explained that the

application is due August 5. Then if they are awarded the project they could start anytime, possibly in January. Eric thinks it is a 90 day project.

Jed Woodward asked that because the town boundary is messed up from the historic survey would this be a good time to work with the county in straightening the boundary line so 200 North at this location is located entirely within Newton boundary. Gaylen Maughan commented that 200 West is a crooked intersection so are we going to straighten all roads out now, is this the beginning. Jed Woodward responded that because this intersection is partially on private property and in Cache County and also for safety concerns is why it needs to be fixed jointly with the County. Gaylen Maughan thinks the cost should be taken care of by the homeowners and not the town. Gaylen thinks there are all kinds of roads in town that should be fixed. The intersection and that it is a blind corner and should be made into a proper intersection for safety reasons, as well as, moving it into the town right of way was discussed.

Kent Fabricius asked about the drop off on the corner of the proposed intersection. Eric Dursteler discussed the design and slope of the intersection.

Mayor Rhodes discussed that roads in Newton aren't necessarily straight or in the middle of right-of-ways but that we have to accommodate for topography. Brent Peterson said he would defer to the engineering for the design of the intersection.

Kent Fabricius asked about the finances of the project. Eric Dursteler explained that Cache County and Newton Town will participate in the proposed cost sharing of construction. Cache County will do the engineering. The CCOG funding will pay for the construction. Mayor Rhodes explained that because of the application for funding Newton will most likely come out of the process without this costing anything to the town. Jed Woodward had asked Cache County engineer, Matt Phillips, about the cost of the engineering design and he said we may help with the cost of engineering.

The public hearing was closed.

Eric Dursteler said he will share the finished design drawings with any in attendance that would like them sent to them.

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Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk

Approval Date