

Newton Town Council Meeting
October 7, 2021, 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 September 2021 Minutes
4. Youth Council Update
5. Cache County Executive David Zook
6. CAPSA presentation – Henry Shaw
7. Fall Festival discussion
8. Preliminary plan Anderson subdivision, one lot into two, 485 West 300 South, Newton
9. Preliminary plan Newton Hills subdivision phase 2, 8 lots, parcels 13-028-0002 and 13-028-0003, approximately 200 North 300 West, Newton
10. First Responder department purchase of used vehicle – Hoss Tomkinson
11. Town employee wage increase
12. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments

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, Martin Empey, Henry Shaw, Von Brown, and Hoss Tomkinson.

Youth Council in attendance: Jezza Merritt, Audrey Benson, Madison Downs, Hailey Taylor, Miranda Tayler, Carrie Milligan, Lynsey Cox and Kyler Ducrest-Tomkinson

2. Opening ceremony conducted by Kathryn Rigby

3. The Newton Town Council September 2021 minutes were approved. Mayor Rhodes asked that the letter discussed from Issa Hamud with Logan City be added as part of the minutes.

4. Youth Council Update – Audrey Benson reported that the Newton Youth Council will help with the fall festival and run an activity booth.

5. Cache County Executive David Zook – not in attendance

6. CAPSA presentation – Henry Shaw discussed CAPSA and the services offered. October is domestic violence awareness month. Henry Shaw discussed the impact of COVID 19 pandemic and the need to increase services and individuals served because of it.

8. Preliminary plan Anderson subdivision, one lot into two, 485 West 300 South, Newton – not in attendance, delayed discussion.

9. Preliminary plan Newton Hills subdivision phase 2, 8 lots, parcels 13-028-0002 and 13-028-0003, approximately 200 North 300 West, Newton - not in attendance, delayed discussion

10. First Responder department purchase of used vehicle - Hoss Tomkinson and Kathryn Rigby reviewed quick response funding payments from the state from 2005 to 2018 each year. The funds have only been used to purchase a defibulator at \$3,200. The total of the funding amount accumulated is \$39,000. Hoss Tomkinson reviewed that the First Responder current ambulance is a used vehicle from Cache County. That ambulance is a 1994 rebuilt from 1988. Hoss discussed that North Logan Fire Department has been taken over by Logan City. North

Logan has a 2014 rescue squad vehicle that will be sold for \$20,820. The vehicle is valued at \$50,000 and comes equipped including extraction equipment valued at \$6,000. New lettering for the vehicle will cost about \$800. The quick response funds from the state would be used for the purchase. Kathryn Rigby will confirm with the accountant on how to use the funds. **Gordon Anderson made a motion to purchase the vehicle. Jed Woodward seconds the motion. All approve the purchase.**

7. Fall Festival discussion – Natalie Phillips and Lynsey Boone arrived to discuss the Fall Festival to be held at the Newton Park on October 18, 5 to 7 pm. All proceeds will be donated to Kelsey Munson. Helping Hands is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 organization that the donations will be donated to and then donated to the Munsons. They have community volunteers to run all of the booths and are receiving donations of supplies. They will have a food handlers permit to sell dinner also. Kathryn Rigby proposed to waive the reservation fee for the pavilion and kitchen to hold the Fall Festival. Gordon Anderson seconds the motions. All approve. It was discussed that the pavilion has not been winterized yet. The festival organizers will coordinate with Mayor Rhodes on setting up and power.

11. Town employee wage increase – Mayor Rhodes reviewed the discussion from last month regarding increasing employee wages. The proposed increase wage for Fire/EMS departments is \$12 an hour. Administrative office workers wage would increase by 20%. These items were budgeted into the current fiscal year budgets. The library wage increase was not budgeted. Kathryn Rigby reviewed the library budget and average number of hours worked by the library. A 20% wage increase for the library would increase the total library budget to 19,680. Kevin Rhodes made a motion to increase library wages from \$9 an hour to \$10.80 and \$10 an hour to \$12. Increase Fire and First Responder wages to \$12 an hour. Increase Building department wages to \$10.80 an hour. Increase Street department wages to \$12 an hour. Increase salaried office administration employee wages: Karla Ferguson, Kathryn Rigby and Kelli Myers wages by 20%. The effective date is October 1, 2021. Gordon Anderson seconds the motion. All Town Council members approve.

12. Report on Mayor/Council Member Assignments – Mayor Kevin Rhodes discussed CCCOG funding to Newton for the rebuild of the 200 East 200 North intersection for \$161,475. Mayor reviewed meeting with residents about concerns for flood waters coming from north fields into new Newton Hills subdivision. Mayor Rhodes will ask Newton Hills subdivision developers about when ditches will be installed along the new 200 North road. Mayor Rhodes read Newton code 7-1-3 and 11-8-9 with obstructions in town right-of-ways and clear view of intersections. Mayor Rhodes asked what area should be focused on right now. Mayor Rhodes will first put an article in the newsletter about the code and then send a letter to violations with clear view of intersecting streets. Parking problems along streets and by the stop sign at the Newton Market was discussed. Gordon Anderson discussed looking into funding for sidewalks and crosswalks on the highway. Martin Empey reported for the Newton Planning Commission that they are currently working on the draft subdivision ordinance and will have the final workshop meeting October 21. Kent Fabricius discussed waiting on winterizing pavilion and bathrooms until after the fall festival. Kent plans to possibly pump water out of the ditch at the farm land to determine where the leak is at. Jed Woodward reported that the every 3 year water sanitary survey is coming up next month. A meeting with Trenton, Clarkston and Newton to discuss water grants will be held next week. Jed Woodward reviewed that he worked on the end of the water line for Young livestock by the Birch springs complex and the water is working for that extension now. Kathryn Rigby reported that the Library will not hold a Witches Story Hour but will do a booth at the Fall Festival. The library will host Santa at the library on December 1 in conjunction with the holiday tree lighting. The Newton Youth Council has been working on the scare house. Kathryn asked if the Town could host a

“Meet the Candidate” night. Kathryn will arrange to schedule it with the candidates for October 20. Kathryn will act as moderator and ask residents to email questions prior to the meeting. Kathryn will look into an employee appreciation dinner or gift card. Repair or replacement of the bulletin board located at the post office was discussed. The Newton Town Council agreed on the purchase of a new bulletin board located at the post office.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Karla R. Ferguson, Newton Town Clerk Approval Date