

HOWELL TOWN CORPORATION

Minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting held November 12, 2024, at 7:05 p.m. at the Sgt. Rocky D. Payne Memorial Center.

Present:	Brad Hawkes	Mayor
	Josh Anderson	Council Member
	Craig Hawkes	Council Member
	Mark Sorensen	Council Member
Others Present:	H. Leon Kotter	Town Clerk
	Shelly Logan	Town Treasurer
	Mike Hansen	Hansen Planning Group

Call to Order: Mayor Brad Hawkes

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

Mayor Hawkes welcomed everyone to the Howell Town Council Meeting.

Prayer: Council Member Craig Hawkes

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Mayor Brad Hawkes

Approve the agenda:

MOTION Council Member Sorensen moved to approve November 12, 2024, Howell Town Council meeting agenda. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve the minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting.

MOTION Council Member Hawkes moved to approve the minutes of October 8, 2024, Howell Town Council Meeting. Council Member Sorensen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow up to the minutes.

None

Boix Elder County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Shane Braegger reviewed the incident report for our area: Community Policing 1; Extra Patrol 2; Assist Medical 1; Suspicious Circumstances 1; VIN Number Inspection 1.

He heard reports of an alcohol party in our area and wanted to know if anyone had heard of it. No one had.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer– Financial Reports

Shelly gave her monthly financial report. We are within budget.

Chairman Gary Burton, Howell Town Planning Commission: Subdivision Ordinance Amendment.

Chairman Burton reported that the Planning Commission a public hearing on amending the town’s subdivision ordinance. As a result of the hearing the Planning Commission is recommending the Howell Town Council approve the amendment.

Mike Hansen, Hansen Planning Group: Chapter 16 – Subdivision Ordinance Amendment

Time was turned to Mike Hansen , Hansen Planning Group, who prepared the subdivision amendment. Mr. Hansen reviewed the background for the reason this amendment was prepared. In 2023 a bill was passed by the Utah State Legislature that subdivision ordinances need to be uniform. However, there were changes that needed to be made. Those changes were made in 2024.

The number of reviews for the new subdivisions is four. The Planning Commission and Town Council are taken out of the reviews.

When a request for a subdivision is presented, there is a check list that needs to be filled out. If all the requirements are met the request can be presented for approval.

Clint Grant: Snow Removal

Clint made a request for an increase in the hourly rate for pushing snow. The cost of parts and fuel has increased. He would like the hourly to be increased from \$100.00 per hour to \$150.00 per hour.

After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to the increase and that it would be done by resolution in the December Town Council meeting.

Mayor Brad Hawkes: Rocky Mountain Power Work Agreement

Mayor Hawkes reported that we need to change electrical meters at the community center. Rocky Mountain Power needs to do part of the work. The cost of their work is \$4,476.00.

MOTION Council Member Hawkes moved to approve the Rocky Mountain Power Work Agreement of \$4,476.00. Council Member Sorensen seconded the motion.

Town Council vote as recorded

AYE NAY ABSENT

Name: Josh Anderson

X

Name: Brad Hawkes

X

Name: Craig Hawkes

X

Name: Mark Sorensen

X

Name: Rex Nessen

X

The motion passed.

Mayor Brad Hawkes: Report on his visit to the Farm Service Agency and Rocky Mountain Power concerning the irrigation pivots in the valley.

Due to the concerns about irrigation pivots being installed overloading the electrical system in the valley, Mayor Hawkes visited the Farm Service Agency who approve the pivots and Council Member Nessen who visited Rocky Mountain Power who also approve supplying power to these pivots. It comes down to the fact that there is not much the town can do. If these pivots overload the electrical system, it will be up to Rocky Mountain Power to correct the problem.

Set date and time in December for public hearing on Ordinance 2024-01 adopting the Subdivision Ordinance Amendment.

December 10, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. a public hearing will be held on Ordinance 2024-01 amending Howell Town's subdivision ordinance Chapter 16.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes:

- I received an email from a town resident concerned about the town's hiring practices. They were concerned about nepotism as the new employee is related to one of the council members. Chapter 3, Section 3-37, Paragraph A of the Town's Revised Ordinance, this new employee does not meet the requirements for a relative. This position should have been posted.

Council Member Rex Nessen: Not Present

Council Member Josh Anderson:

- The carpets in the community center have been cleaned.

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- In trying to get someone out to install a new water line to Val Nessen's place, it was found that the 2-inch line that Val's line was connected to is brittle and in need of replacement. Rather than go the same route as the old line, install a new 3-inch line from the west canal along 14400 N to 18800 W and connect the new line to Val Nessen to the new 3-inch line.
- We have the chlorinator installed. Now, we need to have an outside shed for chlorine tanks. This shed must be engineered. The Bear River Water Conservancy District is paying for engineering.
- He had an individual come out and look at the building to put a new roof on it. According to this individual it would be too expensive for the town to have him do it.

Council Member Mark Sorensen: Nothing

Approve Payment of Vouchers and Bills

Payment Vouchers and Paid Bills were reviewed.

MOTION Council Member Sorensen moved to approve vouchers and paid bills. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

MOTION Mayor Hawkes moved to adjourn. Council Member Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at: 8:41 p.m.

Approved: December 10, 2024



H. Leon Kotter, Town Clerk

