

## HOWELL TOWN CORPORATION

Minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting held October 8, 2024, at 7:05 p.m. at the Sgt. Rocky D. Payne Memorial Center.

Present:	Brad Hawkes	Mayor
	Rex Nessen	Council Member
	Josh Anderson	Council Member
Others Present:	H. Leon Kotter	Town Clerk
	Shelly Logan	Town Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Brad Hawkes

Welcome, roll call, prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Approve the Agenda.  
Council Members Craig Hawkes and Mark Sorensen were excused.

Mayor Hawkes welcomed everyone to the Howell Town Council Meeting.  
Prayer: Council Member Rex Nessen  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Mayor Brad Hawkes

Approve the agenda:

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to approve October 8, 2024, Howell Town Council meeting agenda. Council Member Council Member Josh Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve the minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting.

MOTION Mayor Brad Hawkes moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024, Howell Town Council Meeting. Council Member Rex Nessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow up to the minutes.

### Box Elder County Sheriff's Office

Sgt. Shane Braegger, Box Elder County Sheriff's Office, was not able to be present. He did email the following incident report:

Agency Assistance 1, All Animal Complaints 1, Citizen Assist 2, Community Policing 1, Death Investigation 1, Extra Patrols 2, Assist Fire Department 1, Illegal Burning 1, Juvenile Problem not Runaway 1, Motorist Assist 1, Civil, Subpoena, Summons, etc. 1, Traffic Accident no injuries 1, Suspicious Circumstance 1, Traffic Hazard 1, Trespassing 1. Total incidents for this location are 17.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer– Financial Reports

Shelly gave her monthly financial report. There are no budgets concerns.

Ratify approval Justin Topham application for a water hook up.

On September 16, 2024, council members were contacted by telephone, and in person visits to approve a water connection for Justin Topham. Mayor Hawkes asked the council members to ratify this action.

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to approve a water connection for Justin Topham. Council Member Josh Anderson seconded the motion.

Council Members Voting “Yes”

Brad Hawkes  
Rex Nessen  
Josh Anderson

Council Members Voting “No”

None

Council Members Not Present

Craig Hawkes  
Mark Sorensen

The motion passed.

Council Member Rex Nessen: Emergency Preparedness

Council Member Nessen reviewed a checklist from the American Red Cross that would help town residents get prepared for an emergency. With the disasters happening in the country, we need to be prepared when one occurs in our area.

Cemetery Rates for Opening and Closing Graves

Clerk Leon Kotter wanted to know if the rate of \$600.00 to open and close graves applied to non-residents also. The council stated that it did. It was not known for sure if the funeral home was aware of this fee. Leon was instructed to send a letter to Rudd’s Funeral home letting them know what we charge.

Concerns about the power lines in the valley with the irrigation pivots being installed.

Mayor Hawkes stated that the biggest percentage of the power line in the valley are the original lines that were installed in 1947. He was concerned with the irrigation pivots that are installed if the line would manage the load. There have been reports of electric appliance motors burning out. Mayor Hawkes is to contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) who approves these pivots. Council Member Nessen is going to contact Rocky Mountain Power.

Mayor Hawkes: BRAG Grant

Mayor Hawkes reported he attended a Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG) meeting about applying for a grant. We would like to put a new roof on the community center. He said that since we have the contract post office and town offices in the building it would not qualify.

We need to hold a public hearing to get input from the town residents as what projects they would like the town to apply for. It was decided to hold a public hearing on November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor, Council Member and Clerk Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes:

- The Planning Commission needs to hold a public hearing on the subdivision amendment.
- We have had problems with our water lines being broken by the company installing the fiber optics conduit.

Council Member Rex Nessen:

- 18000 West south of 12800 N (road to Munks) will be closed for 2 or 3 days to install culverts.

Council Member Josh Anderson:

- Carpets in the Community Center need cleaning. It would be done after November 2, 2024. It would cost \$1,000.00. The Boosters would pay half. He was given the okay to have it done.

Council Member Craig Hawkes: Not Present

Council Member Mark Sorensen: Not Present

Clerk H. Leon Kotter:

- We are having problems with opening our safe. The battery hold has broken.
- Our SAM registration has been renewed.

Approve Payment Vouchers and Paid Bills

Payment Vouchers and Paid Bills were reviewed.

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

Adjournment

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

Adjourned at: 8:50 p.m.

Approved: *November 12, 2024*

*H. Leon Kotter*

H. Leon Kotter, Town Clerk

