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Upcoming Events:

Sep 6 th	6:00 p.m.	Ward Harvest Ball
Sep 10 th	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
Sep 10 th	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting

Congratulations to all who showed their animals at the Box Elder County Fair.

From the August Town Council Meeting

Sgt. Shane Braegger reported there were 16 incidents here in Howell and the surrounding area. Other A1c/Off not DUI/Pub intox 2; Citizen Assist 1; Community Policing 1; Extra Patrol 4; Assist Fire 1; Juvenile Problem not runaway 1; Assist Medical 1; Motorist Assist 2; Traffic Accident no injury 1. VIN Number Inspection 2.

At 7:10 p.m. the town council held a public hearing to get put input on amending the FY2024 budget.

Town Clerk H. Leon Kotter reported that we had received more revenue than was budgeted for in the general fund. It was a conservable amount. Also, the capital Projects fund expenditures were less than what was budgeted.

Our town treasurer, Shelly Logan, gave a financial report for July. We are still well within our budget.

There is a vacancy in the town's planning commission. Mayor Brad Hawkes reported that three town residents expressed interest in becoming a member of the Howell Town Planning Commission: Jason Mauchley; Jennifer Rose and Arthur Douglas. Mayor Hawkes had the names listed on slips of paper. Each council member was given one of the slips. They were to vote for one of the candidates. Jason Mauchley received the most votes.

Resolution R24-05 amending the FY2024 budget was presented. There was no further discussion. The General Fund was amended from \$228,503.00 to \$234,231.00 and the Capital Project Fund from \$23,358.00 to \$13,913.00.

In 2023 the state legislature passed some bills that required the towns across the state to amend their subdivision ordinances. The legislature also provided funding for amending these subdivision ordinances. Howell Town is working through the Hansen Planning Group. They have reviewed the town's subdivision ordinance and made recommendations on how our subdivision ordinance should be amended. In reading their recommendations there were some concerns raised. Mayor Brad Hawkes is going to call the Hansen Planning Group to get clarification on what they recommended.

From the Mayor, Council and Clerk reports:

Mayor Hawkes suggested that we sell the generator in the 1977 well pump house. We do not use it. It is just sitting there.

Council Member Rex Nessen reported that the air conditioning unit on the road grader has been repaired. Also, the road grader needs new tires.

On 18000 West north of the Hereford Canyon bridge a new larger culvert needs to be installed to handle the run-off water. The smaller cement bridge in the same area needs to be cleaned out and a new top put on.

Darin MacFarland, Box Elder County Road Supervisor, came out and went over our roads. The oiled roads are in decent shape except for the oiled portion on 14400 North. There is a slurry seal that works well but is expensive at \$50K per mile. The oiled portion on 14400 North is half mile in length. It was decided to do that oiled portion.

Council Member Craig Hawkes reported that when the chlorinator was installed it was suggested that we use the liquid form of chlorine rather than

the gas form. It is safer and does not require an outside shed.

Town Clerk Leon Kotter presented his idea about the town's newsletter no longer being included with the water/garbage bill. It is available on the town's website: howelltown.org. There are some who do not have internet access and they will receive a copy with their water bill. This was in the July newsletter.

September's Utah Trivia Questions

1. Which two towns trace their names to the 1776 expedition led by Franciscan fathers into Utah?
2. What popular American folk song was inspired by a brightly bath house at Warm Springs northwest of Salt Lake City?
3. Who was the first governor of the state of Utah?
4. In 1915 soprano Emma Lucy Gates, granddaughter of Brigham Young, founded and directed what touring arts group?
5. What Utah Sports Hall of Fame bowler first bowled in a tent in Manti in 1899?
6. What Wasatch County native was a key prosecution witness in the Lindbergh case, identifying Bruno Hauptmann's handwriting on a ransom note?

Answers to September's Utah Trivia Questions

1. Escalante and Spanish Fork
2. "The Big Rock Candy Mountain"
3. Heber M. Wells
4. Lucy Gate Grand Opera Company
5. Pete Jensen
6. James Clark Sellers

On the lighter side

I was preparing lunch for my granddaughter when the phone rang. "If you can answer one question," a young man said, "you will win ten free dance lessons."

Before I could tell him, I was not interested, he continued. "You'll be a lucky winner if you can tell me what Alexander Graham Bell invented."

"I don't know," I replied dryly, trying to discourage him.

"What are holding in your hand right now?" he asked excitedly.

"A bologna sandwich."

"Congratulations!" he shrieked.

"And for having such a great sense of humor. - Lola Cantrell

Friends and I were chatting over dinner in a restaurant. A man at the next table told his cell phone caller to hold on. Then he stepped outside to talk.

When he returned, I said, "That was very thoughtful."

"I had no choice," he said to me. "You were making too much noise." - Norm Blumenthal

My friend is notorious for waiting until the needle is on empty before filling his gas tank. Finally, his car died on him, and we had to push it to the nearest filling station. After my friend finished pumping gas, the attendant asked if he had learned anything.

"Yeah," my friend muttered, "I learned I have a 15-gallon tank." - Edward Hyatt

I couldn't decide whether to go to Salt Lake City or Denver for vacation, so I called the airline to get prices. "Airfare to Denver is \$300," the cheery salesperson replied.

"And what about Salt Lake City?"

"We have a really great rate to Salt Lake -\$99." she said, "But there is a stopover."

"Where?"

"In Denver," she said. - Chris Lewis