

HOWELL TOWN CORPORATION

Minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting held April 9, 2024, at 7:0 p.m. at the Sgt. Rocky D. Payne Memorial Center.

Present:	Brad Hawkes	Mayor
	Rex Nessen	Council Member
	Craig Hawkes	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.

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 Rex Nessen moved to approve the April 9, 2024, Howell Town Council meeting agenda. Council Member Craig Hawkes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting.

MOTION Council Member Craig Hawkes moved to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2024, Howell Town Council Meeting. Council Member Rex Nessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow up to the minutes.

None

Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff Merkley reported that there were four extra patrols made in the town. There were no calls to come to the town. Deputy Merkley did report that human remains were found in other areas of the county.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer– Financial Reports

Shelly reported that the amount we are getting from interest is increasing. Overall, the budget is in good shape. There are areas in the Park and Community Center budgets that need attention.

Presentation by Nate Allen, Executive Director Utah Approves: Improving Voting Methods.

In his presentation Nate Allen explained what approval voting is. It is voting 'yes' or 'no' for each candidate, rather than 'yes' to only one. The candidate with the most 'yes' votes, the highest approval rating, wins. Approval voting is simple and has high voter satisfaction.

Upgrading the Town's mileage rate.

Mayor Brad Hawkes discussed increasing the mileage rate for use of personal vehicles for town business. The current federal allowance is 67 cents per mile. The town allows 50.5 cents per mile.

MOTION Council Member Craig Hawkes moved the town to increase its mileage allowance for vehicles used on town business. Council Member Rex Nessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A resolution will be presented in the next Town Council meeting to increase the town's allocation to 67 cents per mile.

CIB Loan

The town council has some projects that they would like to get funding for. New roof on the community center, a back up generator for the community center. We are working with BRAG (Bear River Association of Governments) for funding. There are funds available through the Utah State Community Impact Fund (CIB). We need to get cost estimates for each of these projects.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes: Nothing

Council Member Rex Nessen:

- Instead of chipping the oiled roads there is a slurry that can be put on. It will be late summer or early fall before it can be done.
- We will be able to get gravel from the county when they get a surplus.
- Brine will be here this month.

Council Member Josh Anderson: Not Present

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- Working on getting someone to put in a new water line to replace the metal line to Val Nessen's house.
- Rock for cemetery

Council Member Mark Sorensen: Not present

Approve Payment Vouchers and Bills

Payment Vouchers and Paid Bills were reviewed.


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

Adjournment

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

Adjourned at:8:45 p.m.

Approved: May 14, 2024



H. Leon Kotter, Town Clerk

