

HOWELL TOWN CORPORATION

Minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting held February 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sgt. Rocky D. Payne Memorial Center.

Present:	Brad Hawkes	Mayor
	Rex Nessen	Council Member (Via Zoom Mtg)
	Josh Anderson	Council Member
	Craig Hawkes	Council Member
	Mark Sorensen	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 Mark Sorensen moved to approve the February 13, 2024, Howell Town Council meeting agenda. Council Member Josh Anderson 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 January 9, 2024, Howell Town Council Meeting. Council Member Mark Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow up to the minutes.

None

Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff Merkley reported that there were nineteen calls made to Howell in January. There have been extra patrols also.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer– Financial Reports

The town received over \$300.00 in interest in the general fund and over \$700.00 in the PTIF Fund. Budget-wise we are on track.

Brian Craver: Bear River Association of Governments has staff that can assist towns in applying for grants and state funding

Russ Price came in place of Brian Carver. Russ is the Local Administrator Advisor. His role is to assist towns write grants and prepare applications for funding.

The USDA Rural Development has funding. The deadline to apply is April 2024

Putting a new roof on the Community Center and paving a mile of the town's roads are two areas the town is seeking funding.

Beehive Broadband Project: Fiber Optics

Town Clerk Leon Kotter reported that Greg Stevens, Head of Engineering, for Beehive Broadband is scheduled to be at the March Town Council meeting to present their plans for getting high-speed internet to each residence. They will be here in the town in July or August.

Gary Burton, Chairman: Howell Town Planning Commission Report

Chairman Gary Burton reported on the Planning Commission's meeting in which Revkor Holdings. They wanted to build a manufacturing/warehouse facility. This would require a zoning change. The re-zoning motion did not pass.

Council Member Josh Anderson: Use of Community Center Gym

Councilman Josh Anderson yielded his time to Tim Douglas as he was going to talk about the same thing.

Tim Douglas: Wrestling Mats in the Community Center

Tim reported that he is the head coach of girls wrestling at the Bear River Junior High School. They would like to rent the gym for their spring wrestling. They would need the gym two nights a week. They would start with a banquet March 1, 2024.

Council Member Mark Sorensen: New gravel for the cemetery

Council Member Mark Sorensen reported that the gravel needs to be replaced at the cemetery. It was quite muddy for the last burial.

He is to check around and get prices.

Town Policy P22-11, Facility Rental policy update

Mayor Brad Hawkes stated that we need to update our Facility Rental Policy to reflect what we are doing. The gym is the primary rental and the upper area is available when the gym is scheduled. If the gym is available and people want to use the upper area, then the gym would be rented also.

MOTION Council Member Josh Anderson moved to approve the updated Policy P22-11: If the gym is available and people want to use the upper area the gym would have to be rented also. Council Member Craig Hawkes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes:

Reported that we need to appoint a new member or re-appoint the current member, Rex Nessen, to the Box Elder County Mosquito Board. Council Member Rex Nessen, who is with us via Zoom accepted the re-appointment.

MOTION Council Member Josh Anderson moved to re-appoint Council Member Rex Nessen to serve on the Box Elder County Mosquito Abatement Board. Council Member Mark Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Rex Nessen:

Nothing

Council Member Josh Anderson:

He is getting estimates on replacing the gym floor covering.

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

Replaced broken meter lid.

We need to replace the metal water line to Val Nessen's house.

We need to get more of the lead, copper surveys in.

Council Member Mark Sorensen:

Nothing

Approve Payment Vouchers and Bills

Payment Vouchers and Paid Bills were reviewed.

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

Adjournment

MOTION Council Member Josh Anderson moved to adjourn. Council Member Mark Sorensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at: 8:07 p.m.

Approved: March 12, 2024

H. Leon Kotter

H. Leon Kotter, Town Clerk

