

**HOWELL TOWN CORPORATION**

Minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting held June 11, 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
	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: Shelly Logan

Pledge of Allegiance was led by: Brad Hawkes

Approve the agenda:

MOTION Council Member Mark Sorensen moved to approve the June 11, 2024, Howell Town Council meeting agenda. Council Member Rex Nessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve minutes of the Howell Town Council Meeting.

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2024, Howell Town Council Meeting. Council Member Josh Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Follow up to the minutes. None

Deputy Sheriff

Deputy Sheriff Merkley reported another light month, they have been patrolling our area.

Public Hearing

Mayor Hawkes: We need to go into our public hearing on adopting the 2025 fiscal year budget.

MOTION Council Member Craig Hawkes moved to close the general session and go into a Public Hearing to adopt the 2025 fiscal year budget. Council Member Josh Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hawkes reviewed the proposed 2025 fiscal year budget. There was a \$232.00 increase in property taxes due to the certified tax rate set by the county. This change increased the proposed revenues \$232.00.

There was no further discussion on the proposed budget/

MOTION Mayor Brad Hawkes moved to close the public hearing and return to general session. Council Member Rex Nessen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer– Financial Reports

Shelly reported on the interest received for May. She also stated that if there are no large purchases, we are still within the budget.

Resolution R24-03 Adopting the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget

The 2025 Fiscal Year was approved as follows.

General Fund	\$287,593
Capital Project Fund	\$ 25,000
Enterprise Fund	\$ 37,169

MOTION Council Member Craig Hawkes moved to adopt Resolution R24-03 adopting the 2025 fiscal year budget as follows:

General Fund	\$287,593
Capital Project Fund	\$ 25,000
Enterprise Fund	\$ 37,169

Council Member Rex Nessen seconded the motion.

Council Members Voting “Yes”

Council Members voting “No”

- Mayor Brad Hawkes
- Rex Nessen
- Josh Anderson
- Craig Hawkes
- Mark Sorensen

Council Members Not Present

The motion passed.

Resolution R24-04 Approving the Property Tax Rate for 2024.

The approved 2025 fiscal year budget includes \$14,918.00 from property taxes. The certified tax rate for 2024 is .000550.

MOTION Council Member Mark Sorensen moved to adopt Resolution R24-04 approving the property tax of .000550. Council Member Josh Anderson seconded the motion.

Council Members Voting “Yes”

Mayor Brad Hawkes  
Rex Nessen  
Josh Anderson  
Craig Hawkes  
Mark Sorensen

Council Members voting “No”

Council Members Not Present

The motion passed.

Resolution R24-02 Establishing a Turn on Fee When Water Has Been Turned Off for Non-payment of Water Bill.

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to adopt Resolution R24-02 Establishing a turn fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) when water has been turned off for non-payment of water bill. Josh Anderson seconded the motion.

Council Members Voting “Yes”

Mayor Brad Hawkes  
Rex Nessen  
Josh Anderson  
Craig Hawkes  
Mark Sorensen

Council Members voting “No”

Council Members Not Present

The motion passed unanimously.

New Planning Commission Member

Mayor Hawkes reported that Planning Commission Member DaKota Tuck has moved out of town. We need to find a new member.

Mayor Brad Hawkes: Cemetery and Park Sprinkling System

Mayor Hawkes reported that the cemetery and park sprinkling systems have been worked on. Broken lines were repaired, and sprinkler heads replaced.

Sewer Liner bids

Mayor Hawkes: We received two bids on lining the community Center sewer line.

Restore Pipe Systems for \$21,100.00

Pipe Rehab Specialists for \$19,500.00

Restore Pipe Systems would line the sewer line full length. With their equipment they would go inside the liner and cut holes for each of the sixteen lateral lines coming into the main sewer line.

Pipe Rehab Specialists would line the sewer line to where they could not cut the liner for a lateral but would line that area with epoxy resin and continue with the liner.

After much discussion, the council was more comfortable with Restore Pipe Systems bid even though they were a little more.

MOTION Council Member Rex Nessen moved to accept Restore Pipe Systems bid of \$21,100.00. Council Member Josh Anderson seconded the motion.

Council Members Voting “Yes”

Mayor Brad Hawkes

Rex Nessen

Josh Anderson

Craig Hawkes

Mark Sorensen

Council Members voting “No”

Council Members Not Present

The motion passed.

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes:

- We need to enforce our cemetery ordinance to see if we can keep the cemetery cleaner.
- Marie Payne would like to move the display she has for her son Rocky Payne who was killed in Iraq to be with display in the community center.

Council Member Rex Nessen:

- He would like property owners whose property is long town roads clean up the old wire and materials when they replace or repair fences. The wire is hard on the mower.

Council Member Josh Anderson:

- Sandy Burton wanted to know if the town had any service projects the girls, she is over could do. It was suggested to pick limbs blown from the trees around the bowery.

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- The new chlorination system will be here soon.
- We need a shed outside of the pump house to store the chlorine containers.

Council Member Mark Sorensen: Nothing

Approve Payment Vouchers and Reviewed Bills

Payment Vouchers and Paid Bills were reviewed.

MOTION Council Member Mark Sorensen moved to approve vouchers and paid bills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Rex Nessen. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Adjourned at: 8:55 p.m.

Approved: *July 9, 2024*

*H. Leon Kotter*  
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H. Leon Kotter, Town Clerk

