



HOWELL TOWN NEWSLETTER



Sweet little Jesus boy, help us to remember who you really are. "This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his one and only son into the world to give us life." 1 John 4:9

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Upcoming Events:

Dec 6 th	5:30 p.m.	Howell Ward Christmas Activity-Everyone Welcome
Dec 10 th	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec 10 th	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
Dec 10 th	7:15 p.m.	Public Hearing: Subdivision Amendment Ordinance
Dec 25 th		Christmas

The Howell Town Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From the November Town Council Meeting

Sgt. Shane Braegger – Box Elder County Sheriff’s Office - reviewed the incident report for our area: Community Policing 1; Extra Patrol 2; Assist Medical 1; Suspicious Circumstances 1; VIN Number Inspection 1.

He heard reports of an alcohol party in our area and wanted to know if anyone had heard of it. No one had.

Chairman Gary Burton reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on amending the town’s subdivision ordinance. As a result of the hearing the Planning Commission is recommending Howell Town Council approve the amendment.

The time was turned to Mike Hansen, Hansen Planning Group, who prepared the subdivision amendment. Mr. Hansen reviewed the background for the reason this amendment was prepared. In 2023 a bill was passed by the Utah State Legislature that subdivision ordinances need to be uniform throughout the state. However, there were changes that needed to be made. Those changes were made in 2024.

The number of reviews for the new subdivisions is four. The Planning Commission and Town Council are taken out of the reviews.

When a request for a subdivision is presented, there is a check list that needs to be completed. If

all the requirements are met the request can be presented for approval.

Clint Grant made a request for an increase in the hourly rate for pushing snow. The cost of parts and fuel has increased. He would like the hourly rate to be increased from \$100.00 per hour to \$150.00 per hour.

After a brief discussion, the Council agreed to the increase and that it would be made by resolution in the December Town Council meeting.

Mayor Hawkes reported that we need to change electrical meters at the community center. Rocky Mountain Power needs to do part of the work. The cost of their work is \$4,476.00. By motion the town council approved the Rocky Mountain Power work agreement for \$4,476.00.

Due to the concerns about the number irrigation pivots being installed that could overload the electrical system in the valley, Mayor Hawkes visited the Farm Service Agency who approve the pivots and Council Member Nessen who visited Rocky Mountain Power who also approve suppling power to these pivots. It comes down to the fact that there is not much the town can do. If these pivots overload the electrical system, it will be up to Rocky Mountain Power to correct the problem.

Mayor Hawkes reported that he received an email from a town resident concerned about the

town's hiring practices. They were concerned about nepotism as the new employee is related to one of the council members. Chapter 3, Section 3-37, Paragraph A of the Town's Revised Ordinance, this new employee does not meet the requirements for a relative. This position should have been posted.

Council Member Josh Anderson reported that the carpets have been cleaned in the Community Center.

Council Member Craig Hawkes reported in trying to get someone out to install a new water line to Val Nessen's place, it was found that the 2-inch line that Val's line was connected to is brittle and in need of replacement. Rather than go the same route as the old line, install a new 3-inch line from the west canal along 14400 N to 18800 W and connect the new line to Val Nessen to the new 3-inch line.

We have the chlorinator installed. Now, we need to have an outside shed for chlorine tanks. This shed must be engineered. The Bear River Water Conservancy District is paying for engineering.

He had an individual come out and look at the building to put a new roof on it. According to this individual it would be too expensive for the town to have him do it.

December Utah Trivia Questions

1. What valley and creek in Utah County were named for an early fur trader in the area?
2. How much did the first musical group to present a concert tour in northern Utah (Deseret Philharmonic Society) gross in 1855?
3. How many perished in 1856 when early snowstorms ravaged the Martin and Willie handcart companies?
4. In which east-central Utah town was John Dennis Fitzgerald, creator of the popular Great Brain Series for juvenile readers, born and raised?
5. What sports arena reportedly had the fastest bicycle racing track in the world in the early twentieth century?

6. What nickname was given to Ibapah rancher Elizabeth Dunlop Ferguson Bonnemort?

Answers to December's Trivia Questions

1. Ashley (William H.)
2. \$218.90
3. Approximately 200 out of 1,075 immigrants
4. Price
5. Salt Palace (the original one)
6. Sheep Queen

Quotes

"As we give presents at Christmas, we need to recognize that sharing our time and ourselves is such an important part of giving." — President Gordon B. Hinckley

"Christmas is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding more time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values." — President Thomas S. Monson

"The story of Christmas is the story of God's relentless love for us." — Max Lucado

"Christmas is not a myth, not a tradition, not a dream. It is a glorious reality." — Billy Graham

Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing:
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven — Martin Luther

No one has ever become poor by giving. — Anne Frank

Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'.
— Bing Crosby