



HOWELL TOWN NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events:

Jan. 13th 6:00 p.m.
Jan. 13th 7:00 p.m.

Howell Planning Commission Meeting
Howell Town Council Meeting

Note: New mayor and council members will be sworn into office on Jan. 13 during the Council meeting.

From the December Planning Commission Meeting

Swear Timber into office as committee member
Timber Rinderkecht was sworn in on December 9, 2025, and signed the oath of office

Discussion revise dog ordinance and fines
No record of the current dog ordinance that the planning commission thought had passed last year. The only one available was from 2019. With this information the dog ordinance will need to be reviewed with the updated ordinance has been found. If a dog is found on your property killing your livestock or domestic animals, you can kill it. If you are not there when it happens and there is no proof, there is nothing you can do. You need to get proof this took place before killing the dog for law enforcement to verify. Without this proof you will go to jail.

Discussion rezoning of Sandee Fuller property
Sandee Fuller wants to break 1 acre around her house off from the rest of the property. This will include the barnyard and house staying with the 1 acre. The rest of the property will be going to her

son, and he will need to work that out with the county on getting a new property tax number for it. This issue does not concern the town, and they can do as they please with the property at this point.

From the December Town Council Meeting

Box Elder County Sheriff's Office

New deputies will be helping patrol the valley and Deputies will be changing the uniform color to green since the brown is no longer available so they could be in either color. 4 extra patrols in the valley this month, 1 assistance for the fire department, 1 unsecure premises, 1 Vin inspection

Public Comments

The heat settings in the gym. It was set at 80 degrees for a party and then left there for over a week, then at the next event it was at 78 degrees. This is too hot and needs to be turned down after the event is over. There are no keys in the office box that open the thermostat boxes. Key will be located and placed in the box for the clerk and treasurer to use

Chance Goodey would like to build in the valley and asked about how to get that started. He will be added to the planning commission agenda for December, and he was also handed a copy of the preliminary subdivision application to review.

Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer— Financial Reports

PTIF earned \$628.67 in interest

General fund earned \$188 in interest

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes

- ❖ Shelly brought up the need for gravel to be added to the post office parking lot where they dug it up last summer. Brad, Craig and Rex will get gravel together to put on that spot to keep the mud down

Council Member Rex Nessen

- ❖ The condition of the 14400 where the new asphalt was laid last summer will need to be investigated when spring comes since the center is to high and the material that was brought to us was not very fine for spreading. Rex will call and talk to Cold water, B. Jackson or Parsons about getting a grinder out here to remove the asphalt grind it down to a fine material that we can spread and will stay in place better.

Council Member Josh Anderson

- ❖ He still needs to investigate the leak that is coming down in the kitchen pantry to see if he can find out where it is coming from

Council Member Craig Hawkes

- ❖ With help he was able to fix the leak over by Jenny Murrow house. Craig and Cody will need to complete the state certification for the water. The chlorinator needs to be finished, and Craig will see if Cody has time to help him finish that up. Once that is complete, we will not need to buy bleach for the water system, and it will happen automatically.

Council Member Mark Sorensen

- ❖ Nothing

January Utah Triva Questions

1. Which Cache County mountain range is one of the steepest in the United States?
2. What did a prominent woman at an early theater performance in Salt Lake City proudly pass around between acts for the audience to inspect?
3. Who was the leading Jewish businesswomen in Utah in the 1860s and 1870s?
4. Deaf from age four, Elfie Huntington of Springville produced a large body of highly regarded creative work in what artistic medium?
5. Where is Vic Braden Tennis College
6. What tree is typically associated with Mormon settlements throughout Utah and the West?

Tiny Thoughts

If you don't commit to living life on your terms, other people will commit you to theirs.

Benjamin Franklin with a dose of timeless wisdom:

"Many a man thinks he is buying pleasure, when he is really selling himself a slave to it."

Professional basketball player Dawn Staley, who won three gold medals in the Olympic Games, describes her perspective in preparation for the Olympics:

"Winning the gold medal is my goal, not my dream. My dream is about playing to win as often as possible with and against the best women basketball players in the world. Winning the gold medal as a goal gives me some direction, but my dream is something I need to live every day. And I'm doing that each time I play to win... When I'm playing to win, that's when I feel resonance. If I win, that's great. I want to win and having the gold medal as my goal forces me to play to win. But what I love to do, what my dream is, is to play to win."

January Utah Triva Answers

1. Wellsville Mountains
2. The first set of false teeth in the city
3. Isabella "Fanny" Brooks
4. Photography
5. Green Valley Resort, Saint George
6. Lombardy poplar