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Upcoming Events:

Sept 9 th	6:00 p.m.	Howell Planning Commission Public Hearing
Sept 9 th	6:30 p.m.	Howell Planning Commission Meeting
Sept 9 th	7:00 p.m.	Howell Town Council Meeting
Sept 12 th	6:00 p.m.	Howell Harvest Dinner

From the August Planning Commission Meeting

Cole Johnson to discuss plans for building: He has purchased 7 acres of ground from Craig Hawkes, He has received an easement for the road to his property from Lyle Nessen, He will need water for his 7 acres. There will be a public meeting to discuss the 7 acres so Gary can then present it to the Town Council.
There will be public hearing on this matter.

From the August Town Council Meeting

Box Elder County Sheriff's Office

Not present and no email

Public Comments

Claine Burt: Emergency operations Plan: Who will be on the ERT team if we get 10 people to volunteer then they will come out here to train people. He reminded the council members about the EOP is October for the generator. Sending an email link for the volunteers. Brought sandbags so we can start preparing in case of a flood. Town will provide the sand when the need arises.

Council members pay for help with community work, if they are children, we as a town cannot pay those individuals and it will be up to the council member to

pay the individuals that help then whatever wage they see fit for the job

Mayor, Council Member Reports

Mayor Brad Hawkes:

- ❖ Public hearing for the tax increase was not received well by the town members, and they all oppose the increase. We will need to investigate a new ordinance for the \$17 wages for clerk, treasurer and post office and this will not increase the property taxes. There will also need to be an amendment to the budget and resolution for this change and to change any other wages. Geary electric bill is \$35,000 and we only budgeted for \$25,000 and will need to add another \$10,000 to cover the bill.

The community center needs some repairs done to the roof and with the Geary electric bill being so high we will need to just fix it our several with volunteers. The supplies needed will cost around \$200.

Utah power will not issue a refund for the amount we paid to them for the change to the heat meter since the person that made the agreement with us no longer works for them and they will not honor what was

stated on the agreement. We will still be on the demand meter that allows 15kwh once we go over that we stay at the rate for the rest of the month until the new billing cycle.

We might need to use some of the Celebration money to cover a new mower but will be talking with Jordan Rose to see what price he would charge to start mowing the community center, park and cemetery. We will then meet to see if it is cost-saving or if a new mower is the way to proceed.

Council Member Rex Nessen:

- ❖ We are still waiting for a bill from the county for gravel. He also had a quote and picture of a mower from Butters Tractor if we decide to buy a new one. No roller is available to borrow for rolling the roads with new gravel. He is looking into a compactor that will hook behind the road grater and has found one for \$2500. He also found some GMRS radios that will work in the valley and even reach outside the valley in case of an emergency. They are \$250 apiece and he had information about if anyone would like to purchase the correct one.

Council Member Josh Anderson: Not present

Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- ❖ New water lines have been installed, and Schreiber's has completed everything needed to move that

Council Member Mark Sorensen:

- ❖ Sprinklers at the cemetery were repaired

From the Special August Town Council Meeting **Follow up to the lawn mower**

Bid for a company to come out and mow the lawn would be \$289 per week for the community center and \$103 per week for the cemetery. It was decided that it would be cheaper for the community to just buy a new lawn mower with a bagger from Butters Tractor for \$4800. The town will keep the old one for a little while to see if it is needed at time and it will be stored in Craig shed. If it is not needed it will be sold.

Review Candidates

Howell has 140 registered voters, 103 ballots were cast

Election Totals:

Bruce Morris: 26 votes

Byron Tuck: 22 votes

Bradly Hawkes: 54 votes

With this information it was approved that Bradly Hawkes and Bruce Morris will continue to the General Election as Candidates for Mayor.

September Utah Trivia Questions

1. Which Western Utah town was renamed after it was said to resemble a place in Peru by the same name?
2. What popular Gilbert and Sullivan operetta was first performed in Utah in April 1979?
3. What town did a young widow, Isabella Birch Bryner, save from preemption by homesteaders in 1892 by traveling in a tent pitched on a boxcar to Salt Lake City to file a claim on the townsite?
4. Who wrote *The Giant Joshua* published in 1941 and called by some critics "the finest Mormon novel to date"?
5. Designed by architect Fredrick A. Hale, the clubhouse of what golf course was rebuilt and reopened in 1996?
6. Which month is typically the rainiest in Salt Lake City?

Tiny Thoughts

Move like you're late and wait like you're early. Overthinking is underdoing with better vocabulary.

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Dr. Sue Johnson, pioneer of Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT), reveals how childhood attachment patterns shape our adult relationships and explains why emotional responsiveness, not communication skills or conflict resolution, is the real foundation of lasting love.

Answers to August's Utah Trivia Questions

1. Callao
2. H.M.S. Pinafore
3. Price
4. Maurine Whipple
5. Forest Dale
6. April