

The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah — June 2010



WEED CONTROL

The City is implementing an aggressive program for weed control for the beautification of the city. If residents have empty lots or large, unused areas of their current building lot, now is an excellent time to start control measures that will minimize weed growth.

Spraying, digging, and mowing while weeds are small is much easier than after they have grown to more than 12 inches. Immediate action will also help prevent the spread of seeds later in the summer.

JUDGE STEVENS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 33 years of serving as the Judge of the Nibley Justice Court, Judge Jack Stevens has announced his retirement effective this summer.

A lengthy and structured process for naming his replacement will be administered by the State Office of Courts. Mayor Knight will then select from a list of candidates provided by the State and nominate a person to the City Council for their approval.

Many thanks to Judge Stevens for his years of service. He will be missed!

Dear Nibley Citizens:

From the Mayor

We are in the process of preparing the budget for the next fiscal year that starts July 1, 2010. The City Council is required by law to approve a budget by June 20, 2010. The city budget can seem complicated. It is a 23-page document that affects the pocket books of everyone in Nibley City. The overall proposed budget is \$5,114,057. This includes \$1,488,000 from impact fees that are assessed to new homes built in the community. Impact fees offset the costs of providing utility services for this new growth. This budget also includes \$1,857,446 that is collected for our utility funds (i.e., sewer, water, solid waste, storm water). These utility services are funded on a pay-as-you-use basis. For example, you pay a monthly water fee based on the amount of culinary water you use. The utility rates are set by the City Council based on the cost for providing the service.

My main area of discussion is our proposed general fund budget of \$1,768,611. The revenue for the general fund comes from three main sources: property tax, sales tax, and franchise tax. This money pays for library services, law enforcement, and fire protection as well as to build and maintain our parks, trails, and roads. The proposed new budget is 2 percent less than this year's budget of \$1,805,498. We do not expect a decrease in next year's revenue. However, we are budgeting conservatively in case of an unexpected downturn in the economy. Then, at the end of the year, if there is more revenue than expected, we will use that money for one-time projects. Last year, the initial general fund budget revenue was \$1,604,740. By the end of the fiscal year, we expect to receive \$1,805,498. This gives us more than \$200,000 to use on one-time projects. By projecting revenue in this conservative fashion, Nibley City has lessened the affects of bad economic times. During the recent slow economy, we have not had to lay off employees or cut services for a lack of money, as has been the case with many other municipal and state governments throughout the country.

We diligently monitor our budget and frugally spend your local tax dollars. This year's surplus allowed us to fund one-time projects such as:

Additional Park Construction - \$38,000	Equipment – Skid Steer - \$36,000
Community Center Fund - \$15,000	Equipment – Street Sander - \$9,000

We are continuing to improve our park system in Nibley and will add a full time employee in next year's budget to help with parks maintenance. The following are some of the expenses paid for from the general fund:

Community Celebrations - \$22,000	Library User Fees - \$19,000
Street Lights - \$27,000	Pump Culinary Water - \$60,000
Public Safety (Fire & Police) - \$174,000	
Park Construction & Maintenance - \$218,500	

We will build a 2-million -gallon culinary water reservoir in the coming year using our water impact fees. Many services and functions are performed by Nibley City employees that enhance our quality of life. We operate on a very austere budget which, in turn, has a minimum impact on your taxes. I thank all of those involved in aiding our efforts. If you have questions about the budget, please give me a call.

Mayor Gerald Knight

NIBLEY CITY HERITAGE DAYS - JUNE 14-19



Check out the flyer insert and web page!

The enclosed flyer describes the events that will be held during the week-long, fun-filled celebration of Nibley Heritage Days. Many hands have been working tirelessly to make it all happen. Everything is in place. Now, we just need YOU!

Nibley City Office
625 West 3200 South
Nibley, Utah 84321
Ph: 752-0431, Fax: 753-1510
Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)

Visit the Nibley City website at
www.nibleycity.com

If you have questions or comments regarding the newsletter, please contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net.

In addition to the flyer, a page has been set up on the Nibley City website (www.nibleycity.com) with detailed information on each event.

Click on the Heritage Days logo in the middle of the home page to access the information. From the Heritage Days page, you can download the forms needed to register for the various activities such as the Baby Pageant, Sports Night, Fun Run/Walk, Mayor's Dinner for the Community, and Carnival (as a vendor). These forms are also available at the City Office. Hope to see you all there!



MOSQUITO CONTROL

Abatement activities (larvacide and surveillance) have begun. Fogging (adult control) will begin when adult mosquito numbers become high or pools of mosquitoes are found to be positive for West Nile virus. This will likely be around Memorial Day. West Nile virus has already been found in mosquitoes in southern Utah

this season. Remember that courtesy no-spray requests must be submitted in writing and must be renewed annually. You can find the policy and request form, as well as other information on local mosquito control, on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District's website (www.cachemosquito.com).

BASEBALL NEWS

The source for information relating to baseball continues to be the Parks and Recreation page (<http://www.nibleycity.com/parks.html>) of the Nibley City website. On this page in the *Boys' Baseball* section, you will find game status information (highlighted in red) as it relates to weather. As soon as I receive word of any game cancelations, an email will be sent to the appropriate coaches and the Parks and Recreation page will be updated. In addition, you will find links to the various divisions' pages.

Each division page currently displays each teams' roster, a link to the game schedule (yes, every divisions' game schedule is now available), and how to view practice schedules. For a few divisions, you will find information relating to post-season play and links to bylaws and pitching logs - for those diehard fans.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Phil Takis - Nibley City Baseball Coordinator, 435-753-9670, xxrg@hotmail.com.



DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

If you need to dispose of hazardous waste in your home, you can take it to Logan Landfill and inform the attendants of the materials in your possession. Examples of residential hazardous waste include: antifreeze, bleach, tvs, batteries, computers and monitors, gas, cleaners, insecticides/pesticides/fungicides, mercury items, motor oil, paints, and propane cylinders. Disposal is free, with the exception of untagged A/C or refrigeration units or vehicle tires. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 200 North, 1400 West in Logan. The hours are Monday to Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, call 435-713-6686.

RECENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS: ● Approved contracts with the Cache County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement and animal control in Nibley ● Approved a new ordinance establishing penalties for allowing weeds and other plants to grow too large and unsightly ● Established a tree board to make recommendations on policies about trees in Nibley and work towards the designation as a Tree City ● Reviewed the budget proposed for the next fiscal year ● Waived a portion of the impact fees due from the Cache County School District for the new elementary school ● Worked on an agreement with the Cache County School District for joint use of a portion of the new school building