



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—August 2017

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Dear Nibley,

Taxes. Everybody loves taxes, right? I'm grateful that as the Mayor of a small city like Nibley, our taxes are pretty uncomplicated. The budget is pretty easy to read—a big part of my focus as the Mayor is to make government more transparent and easy to understand. I can't do much about the Federal budget or the State budget, but I can do my best to make it easy for you to understand where your city taxes go.

Most of the taxes that you pay that go directly to the City are property taxes. There are some exceptions like sales tax. If you pay taxes, you know that there are all kinds of ways to be taxed but the one that we as a community have direct control over is property tax.

Nibley has learned that it takes about 0.1667% of the property values in the City to cover our expenses. That means if a piece of property has a taxable assessed value (the County decides this every year) of \$100,000, then it costs the City about \$167 to provide the services that make that property worth \$100,000. It's not a set dollar amount because some years the economy is good and people make more money, but things also cost more. Some years the economy is worse and things cost less. When the economy is down, we need fewer dollars to run things because stuff costs less. In a good year, it takes more. By tying the tax we collect to a percentage of property value instead of an arbitrary dollar amount, we've found that we are able to consistently cover our expenses, provide the services that make this a place people want to be, and keep the City neat and clean.

The rate we've settled on is a good one. It's a little higher than some of the cities in the valley, but we pay our way. We as a Council work to avoid unnecessary debt. We're trying to pay off the debt we have ahead of schedule. We invest in maintenance so that we don't have big repair bills and bonds. With all that, our rates are nearly 25% lower than Logan. It works.

There is a Utah law called Truth in Taxation. It's a good idea; it says that every time a government entity increases the dollar amount it charges for taxes, it has to have a public hearing to give people a chance to talk about it and tell their government how they feel. Because Nibley has decided to base our taxes on a rate instead of a dollar amount, every year when we get the report from the County that tells us how much property in Nibley is worth, we have to adjust our budget to match. Some years that goes up, and some years it goes down. Every year, we hold a hearing to give you all a chance to weigh in.

This month, we are having a Truth in Taxation hearing (see page 3) because property values in the City have gone up. This means that the dollar amount of property tax is going up because everyone's house and land are worth more. Costs have also gone up. The 250 West Sidewalk project had to be put on hold because all the bids came in so far over our budget. At the end of the day, I'm confident that we can maintain that constant rate, and keep supporting your property and quality of life with services that meet your needs.

Please come out to the hearing, let us know how you feel about what we are doing, and whether you have a suggestion for how we can do it better. I live here too, I pay taxes here too, and I'd love to hear your ideas.

Mayor Dustin

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Mark your calendars to come meet Nibley City's candidates for two City Council seats. On **Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.** you are invited to bring your questions and hear the candidates voice their thoughts and vision for Nibley City. All candidates for City Council have been invited to participate. This event is being sponsored by Nibley City's Youth Council and refreshments will be served.



Primary Election

Nibley City's Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, August 15**. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. The Primary Election will determine the four City Council candidates for the General Election being held on Tuesday, November 7. General Election voting will determine Nibley City's Mayor and individuals for two (2) City Council seats.



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To contact Mayor Shaun Dustin
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Public Office Hours—Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you have comments, or information that could be included in the newsletter, please contact cheryl@nibleycity.com.

Meet the Candidates for City Council*



Kathryn A. Beus—It has been an honor to serve as your Nibley City Councilmember for the past 4 years. I enjoy getting to know people and their families through soccer, school activities, Nibley Heritage Days and the play, church functions, and other community events. Through these exchanges I have sought feedback and concerns from residents in our city and I work to give platform to those concerns on the Council. Nibley has been my home nearly my entire life. After graduating from USU, my husband and I decided to stay to raise our family here. Looking to the future, I strive to focus on what Nibley will be like for my 3 daughters, and all of our children, as we work to keep Nibley safe, beautiful, and a wonderful place to live. It has been my objective to make sure we conduct the public's business in the public eye and promote transparency in all of our dealings. As a Council, we are also the caretakers of our tax dollars, and I have worked hard to educate myself on the budget process and take part in the oversight and allocation of our resources to ensure responsible budgeting practices and sustainable projects. I take this role and the responsibility very seriously and am conscientious to do the homework necessary to make informed decisions that will have positive impacts on our families. I hope to be reelected to continue serving Nibley for another term.



Ryan Olsen—I have lived in Cache Valley for the past 23 years, with the past 7 years in Nibley with my wife and 2 kids. We were drawn to Nibley by the great neighborhoods and community here. I have been coaching soccer for several years and, with another resident, started a Nibley soccer club. My kids have also participated in the children's theater. I work up at Utah State University in Advancement, helping to raise money for the University. In my spare time I enjoy working in the garden and collecting books.

I like to look for solutions to help meet the current and future needs of this rapidly growing community and with that I would bring a good perspective to the City Council. Having a balance between property rights and infrastructure is an important issue to me.

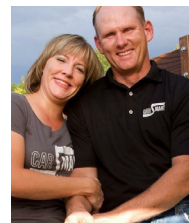


Allen V. Cook—Five years ago, we moved our family to Nibley. I have lived in Utah for the last 16 years. Ten of those were in Cache Valley. In the past few years, I have learned that I am my children's best advocate. Serving on City

Council would allow me to advocate for the future of my children, and the future of Nibley residents. As a member of the City Council, I will work hard to keep your taxes down, keep our small town feel, and keep open waterways safe and desirable.



Garrett Mansell—Hello, my name is Garrett Mansell and I am running for City Council. I want you to know a little about myself. I am the oldest of 8 children and grew up in Sandy, Utah which was small when I was growing up. I played a ton of baseball, waterskied and worked out. I love the mountains and being active. I am married with 5 children and have lived in Cache County since 2008 and have loved it and never plan on leaving. I have worked the past 17 years in the title business and I believe it gives me a very good foundation for understanding many land issues and property rights, which I think can be an asset to the citizens of our city. The reason I am running is for a chance to serve. I have never run for office before but think the City Council is a great place to start. Maybe someday I will run for something else but I just want a chance to serve. I believe service, hardwork and accountability are foundations of which all good comes from. I would appreciate your vote.



Norman L. Larsen—I grew up on a farm in Salem Idaho where I learned the value of hard work. I attended a skills competition at Ricks College and won a scholarship in their Automotive Small Business Management Program. While attending Ricks College I met my wife Charlottle and we decided to finish her schooling at Utah State in their music Program. Loving Cache Valley, we bought a home and have lived in Nibley for the past 19 years. We love the community and feel it is a great place to raise our 5 children. This is why I've decided to run for City Council.

I started CarSmart Automotive Repair in 2000 and have added several locations to serve the valley. Working for the public, I know how tight some budgets can be and that you need to make it go as far as possible. This is why I am against raising property tax or sales tax. The money should be budgeted or cut instead of raising taxes.

If you agree with me and my values for Nibley City, please give me your support and vote.

*Candidates were listed according to the master ballot position list found in Utah Code Section 20A-6-305.

Truth in Taxation Hearing



Nibley City is holding a Truth in Taxation hearing during the Nibley City Council meeting on **Thursday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m.** at Nibley City Hall. Nibley City is proposing to increase its property tax revenue and will hold this hearing to receive comments and input from Nibley's citizens.

The Nibley City tax on a \$231,223 residence would increase from \$193.05 to \$212.00, which is \$18.95 per year. The Nibley City tax on a \$231,223 business would increase from \$351.00 to \$385.45, which is \$34.45 per year. This increase is consistent with the City's historic tax rate of 0.001667.

To obtain more information regarding the tax increase, citizens may contact Nibley City at 752-0431.

Reminders from Nibley City Staff

Consumer Confidence Report

Nibley City's Public Works department is pleased to present this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services Nibley City delivers to you every day. We consistently strive to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment and are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. You can find the full report at www.nibleycity.com. Click on "Departments" and then scroll down to "Public Works".

Keeping Nibley Beautiful

Summer is winding to a close but, unfortunately, yard work continues on. As a reminder, Nibley City code 4-2 states that weeds over 12" are a nuisance and must be cut. Please keep those pesky weeds under control.

Trees and shrubs provide beauty and shade but, left untrimmed, can inhibit bicyclists and pedestrians and force them to go around in the street. Please trim trees and bushes so they do not impede pedestrian traffic.

Please dispose of your yard debris properly. You can pay to have a greenwaste garbage can picked up from your home regularly by calling the Logan Environmental Department at 716-9755 or Nibley City provides greenwaste bins so you can properly dispose of yard debris. These bins are located at 3390 South 1200 West.

Road Closures

We'd like to thank Nibley residents for their patience and understanding through this summer's road projects. The City strives to maintain our roads in good condition, making these inconveniences necessary from time-to-time. We've kept note of your concerns and value your feedback on how we can improve this process.

—Nibley City Staff

Recreation Roundup

Summer Movies in the Park

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13)

Friday, August 25—Themed activities begin @ 7:00 p.m. with the movie starting at dark at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Although this is the most recent Star Wars movie this is where it all begins. Former scientist Galen Erso lives on a farm with his wife and young daughter, Jyn. His peaceful existence comes crashing down when the evil Orson Krennic takes him away from his beloved family. Many years later, Galen becomes the Empire's lead engineer for the most powerful weapon in the galaxy, the Death Star. Knowing that her father holds the key to its destruction, Jyn joins forces with a spy and other resistance fighters to steal the space station's plans for the Rebel Alliance.



Follow us at www.Facebook.com/nibley & Instagram ([nibleycity](https://www.instagram.com/nibleycity)) to learn about the pre-show activities.

Nibley Scarecrow Fun Run

Plan to peak your summer training to include the Nibley Scarecrow fun Run on **Saturday, October 7**. Similar to last year, this even will include a kids run, the Extra Mile (2 mile race), and a 10K. Watch for registration details online at www.nibleycity.com, on Nibley's Facebook page, or in upcoming newsletters.



Serving in Our Community

Morgan Farm

The Morgan Farm has had a couple of great volunteers help with clean up. Scout Vinny Flask and his parents, cleaned out the mini-horse, Cowboy Joe's stall, and Heather Nelson had Max Kelsey from the Nibley 10th Ward help her clean out the pens used for lambing and kidding in the Spring, so they will be ready for the Nativity in December.

The extreme heat has taken its toll on the farm animals this summer and they'd like to remind you provide a lot of fresh water for your animals. The heat has also made it very difficult to keep the pastures watered and growing so the farm is feeding hay at a time of the year they don't usually have to. If anyone has extra water turns on the north canal system, the farm could use some water to help the pastures rejuvenate. The farm is also looking for some help with wood cutting, hay stacking and cover building between now and fall.

Thanks to everyone who comes to visit the farm and its animals. Go visit them when you get the chance.

The Senior Center

The Hyrum Senior Center is open to ALL seniors Monday–Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch is at noon. Please call 245-3570 by 10:00 a.m. if you are joining them for lunch.

August's Schedule

Mondays– Quilting and pool

- **Aug. 7** Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m. Board meeting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Aug. 21** Breakfast & Bingo for a Buck at 10:30 a.m.
- **Aug. 18** Mystery Trip at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays– Yoga at 9:30 a.m. Games at 12:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 1** Trip to the tabernacle to hear Craig Jessop
- **Aug. 8** FREE car wash by the Mountain Crest Caprielles from 9:30–12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays–Programs start at 12:30 p.m.

- **Aug. 2** Singing with Lezlee Monroe
- **Aug. 9** A performance by the Youth Council Cookout at Vicky's at 6:30 p.m. Bring a chair and a pot luck dish. Please RSVP early so enough meat can be ordered.
- **Aug. 16** Cowboy poetry with Dave Harston
- **Aug. 23** Saxophone with Robert Hull
- **Aug. 30** Piano with Diane Hardy

Thursdays–No lunch is served

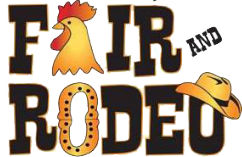
- **Aug. 3** A trip to Hardware Ranch
- **Aug. 10** Sweet Peas club at 10:30 a.m.
- **Aug. 31** Craft Fair day

Fridays– Lunch and Bingo at 12:30 p.m.



2017 Fair & Rodeo

Cache County



cachecounty.org/fair

The Cache County Fair and Rodeo will be held **August 10–12** at the Cache County Fairgrounds (450 South 500 West, Logan). Tickets for the carnival are on sale now through August 9. Pre-sale tickets for an all day pass can be purchased for \$20 at the Cache County Administration Building, Macey's Food, Lee's Marketplace, and IFA Country Store.

Seats are also available for the rodeo:

	Thursday 10 th	Friday 11 th	Saturday 12 th
Reserved	\$10	\$12	\$12
Covered	\$15	\$15	\$15

Thursday Night is family night. Get 5 tickets for \$30. These can be purchased at the Cache County Administration Building through **August 9**. Children age 2 and under are free (lap seating).

Tree Board & Wildlife Association

Most people don't feed songbirds during summer-time, figuring they will find plenty of insects or seeds to eat. However, hummingbirds can always use a little extra food. Their high-energy output needs to be supplied constantly. If you use hummingbird feeders you can dissolve one cup of sugar with four cups of water. Keep extra amounts in the fridge, but please do not put red food coloring in the mix. Most feeders have red coloring on them already. Try to keep the feeder in a shady area to reduce mold or bacteria and make sure you wash the feeder out between refills to keep your neighborhood hummers healthy. Black-Chinned or Broad-Tailed are the most common hummingbirds species in our area.



The Hyrum Museum



It isn't too late to earn enough stamps in your Passport to Summer Fun. Children who earn at least eight stamps in their passport during the summer are invited to the museum's summer-end pizza party on **Thursday, August 10** from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Drop by the museum today to get your passport and have some fun before summer is over. While there, get details on earning stamps or go to www.hyrumcitymuseum.org for more information.

The museum will be closed on **Saturday, August 5**.

Elite Hall Restoration Committee

Visit www.elitehall.org to find information about upcoming Elite Hall events and learn more about ways to donate to their restoration efforts.



School's Back in Session



Our Nibley students head back to the classroom this month. Classes begin for Nibley and Heritage Elementary, South Cache, and Ridgeline schools on **Wednesday, August 23**. Thomas Edison will start on **Monday, August 21**. Watch for information on Back to School nights from your individual school and take note of the start/end times for each school:

	Starts at:	Ends at:	Friday Out:
Heritage	9:15 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Nibley	9:15 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
South Cache	8:00 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Ridgeline	8:00 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
Thomas Edison	8:25 a.m.	2:55 p.m.	2:25 p.m.