



The Nibley City News

Nibley, Utah—October 2019

Thoughts From Mayor Dustin



Mayor Shaun Dustin

My kids come to me every once in a while and ask me for money. I always try to come back with, "What are you going to do with it?" If they don't have a plan, then the answer is an easy "no." If they do have a plan, then they know that I am willing to talk to them.

We manage the City budget the same way. When I vote for someone now, the thing at the front of my mind is that I am giving someone the power to spend my money—money that I earned through hard work and takes me away from my family and the things I want to do for fun. If I am going to be giving my money to other people to spend, and to people that I might love, but not as much as I love my kids, then I expect them to have a plan. And I expect a better plan from grown-ups than I do from a 10 year old.

That's why our City staff and our Council invest time and effort into planning. First, we should be budgeting around your priorities—not necessarily individual priorities, but community priorities. A good plan asks people what they need. Second, once we know what the needs are, good plans will document those needs and commit to making them happen. From that commitment, we can figure out costs. Then we can match the priority and the cost against the budget.

Have you ever made a plan and it doesn't go the way that you expected? Sometimes plans don't work exactly the way we want them to. That great American philosopher Michael Gerard Tyson once said that, "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face." When something unexpected happens, that doesn't mean that the plan was bad or the effort was wasted. Sometimes life throws us a curve ball. The important thing about planning is that when the plan doesn't work out, and even though we may not get the result that we wanted right now, we still know where we want to go when we regroup.

So if you want to know what the plans are for Nibley, you can go to the City's redesigned website or come in and talk to Stephen Nelson, your City Planner. If you want to get to the nitty-gritty of how the money is being spent, you can also look at the city budget (also on the website). Finally, if you want to have a say in how it's all done, 1) vote in November, 2) volunteer and/or comment when the City is working on a plan, and 3) talk to your representatives. We represent you best when we know how you feel.

Mayor Dustin

Planning For Our Future



Stephen Nelson
Nibley City Planner

Utah is one of the fastest-growing states. This growth is due to a combination of those moving here for economic opportunity and from internal growth. Utahns tend to have more children and we have an aging population as our residents are living longer. This growth provides challenges to many communities around the state as more people begin looking for housing and jobs. Development seems to push out traditional

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Tips For a Safe Halloween

- Don't wear earbuds
- Keep walkways safe
- Arm Trick-or-Treaters with flashlights
- Walk in groups
- Inspect all of your candy
- Keep outdoor lights on and pets indoors
- Use cross-walks when crossing the streets
- Don't be a *scarey* driver
- Wear a safe costume to prevent fire danger

Nibley City wishes you a safe and Happy Halloween!

Nibley City Hall—Closed

Nibley City Hall will be closed **Monday, October 14** for Columbus Day. Columbus Day commemorates the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492. For many, the holiday is a way of both honoring Columbus' achievements and celebrating Italian-American heritage.



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

MEET THE CANDIDATES

for City Council
in the 2019 General Election

**HOSTED BY THE
NIBLEY CITY YOUTH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 6 PM
NIBLEY CITY HALL**

Questions for the candidates can be
submitted at the event or in advance to
cheryl@nibleycity.com

Meet the Candidates for City Council



Tom Bernhardt—I've lived in Nibley since December 2007. I served briefly on the Planning & Zoning Board prior to serving as a Councilmember starting in 2015. These last 4 years it has been a great privilege to serve you, the citizens

of Nibley. I've also enjoyed working with the other members of the Council, the Mayor, and city staff.

Dealing with growth and trying to balance the vision of maintaining the rural feel of Nibley that the citizens helped define in Nibley City's General Plan is a good example of a continued issue that the City Council will be faced with over the next several years. The decision on the best way to grow affects all of us in many different ways. I've tried to make sure that I've listened to citizens concerns, both during council meetings and individually, and make decisions based on the input and what current ordinance allows.

Approving annual budgets and setting property tax rates are additional examples of difficult decisions that need to be made. This has a direct impact to you as it involves your money. I do listen to the citizens' concerns and try to balance those concerns with the necessity of ensuring that the city continues to be in a solid fiscal position, now and well into the future.

My goal is to continue working hard to maintain Nibley as a gem of the valley. With your vote and support I know that we can continue to do that.



Kay Sweeten—I am excited to run for Nibley City Council. Nibley has been home for 15 years. It has been a great community in which my husband and I have raised our 5 children. I hold a Bachelor of Arts from Utah State University in Communications and have taught private piano lessons for 36 years.

I was elected to serve on two School Community Councils overseeing trustland funds for Ridgeline High School from 2016-2018 and Nibley Elementary School from 2012-2018. I have also been elected to serve in my local Republican precinct as President (6 years), Vice President (2 years), Treasurer (2 years) and as a county and state delegate. In 2010, I successfully lobbied the Utah legislature, meeting with all but 3 of the elected state leaders. Governor Herbert honored the new law with a special ceremonial bill signing.

Nibley is a vibrant, growing community with many opportunities to serve and volunteer. I have volunteered for various Nibley city programs and activities, including Nibley Children's Theatre, Nibley Royalty Program, Nibley Talent Show, and Heritage Days. In these programs and activities I have overseen budgets, resources, volunteers, and worked closely with office staff.

I want to serve the wonderful people of Nibley with fiscal prudence, guide growth while remembering Nibley's heritage, and build a community that allows its citizens space to create an even better city.



Nathan Laursen—Nibley City and I grew up together. Living in Nibley for 26 of my 35 years gives me a unique perspective on the issues we face as our city continues to grow. The Nibley I was born in had one park, one church and no elementary schools. Over the last three decades, I've witnessed Nibley City grow stronger and overcome major issues because of the strength and involvement of the people who call it home. As our community grows at a rapid pace, decisions about the infrastructure, safety, and future development of Nibley City need to be made responsibly. I want to help by increasing citizen awareness and engagement.

As we build Nibley, it builds us. As a young "Niblet" I participated in the children's theater, city youth council and city recreation programs. It is a thrill for me to watch my two daughters and our neighbors enjoy the trees we planted, parks we built, and programs we cre-

ated. For 25 years, I have served as an elected student body officer, missionary, board member and volunteer for many school, community and national organizations. Through service and education I have gained my love, appreciation and respect for our culture, country, and the power of informed and engaged citizens.

The people and programs of Nibley are what made me who I am today and I want to ensure they continue to build our community. I promise to study the issues, seek input, and make decisions that will continue Nibley City's heritage of being a great place to live..



Tim Ramirez—After coming to Cache County for USU, I began working for the Cache County Sherriff's Office 15 years ago. Currently, working as the Detective Sergeant for the county, I have come to feel that I never want to leave this beautiful place. Over the years I have worked in many different areas of the Sherriff's Office, particularly enjoying my placements as the deputy for the various smaller towns throughout the county. I have also had the distinct pleasure of being a member of the Nibley City Council for the past 3 years. My wife and I have lived in Nibley for 11 years now. Kate's job as the Speech-Language Pathologist at Nibley Elementary brought us to Nibley, and the amazing community kept us here. Our 2 young boys work hard to keep us on our toes and apprised of all the fun places to explore and activities to attend here in Nibley.

Through my involvement on the city council, I have gained a deep connection with Nibley and the plans for its future. The experience of participating in this civic duty has been invaluable to me and my family. I hope to continue with a new and varied perspective through both my work for the county and my families deep love for this community we share. I would love the opportunity to continue to aide in the development of Nibley as an inviting place for our community members and families to grow and prosper while maintaining our home town atmosphere.



C. J. Pink—CJ stands for Cecil Roy and I am a Cache Valley native of twenty-two years. I grew up in Hyrum and currently reside in Nibley with my wife Keisha and our two beautiful daughters, Kiah and Havenliegh, and our dog, River.

I was raised by a hardworking father, Cecil Pink, who is a Jamaican immigrant, and now a U.S. citizen. As a first generation child of an immigrant, and with my mother's multi-cultural heritage, I have a unique and diverse view of the community in which I serve.

I am running for the Nibley City Council where when elected, will champion diversity, encourage green and open spaces for new developments in the city, and support the economic growth of the community I love. I will work with the council on strategies to further develop Nibley's growing infrastructure needs.

I am currently an active member with Family Feeding Families and my full-time job at Smith's Marketplace and Sprinkler Repair Guy daily brings me in touch with local residents and offers me a unique opportunity to hear and discuss their concerns.



Larry Jacobsen— Greetings! My name is Larry Jacobsen, and I am a candidate for Nibley's City Council. I got a start in Nibley government with a five-year term on the Planning Commission, and I have been a Council Member for the past 13 years. My interest in another Council term continues where it began: with a fascination for the process that preserves Nibley's unique heritage, and at the same time, cautiously embraces change in new and exciting directions. Back when I accepted the Planning Commission appointment some twenty years ago, I understood the irony of needing to maintain the great place that Nibley is, while also appreciating the process of change that allowed Becky and me to move here in the first place. With similar motivation, I always try to understand and evaluate both sides of a Council discussion before committing to a decision. We have a great City staff who make our lives better by efficiently providing services that we cannot provide for ourselves (roads, water, sewer, trails, recreation, parks, ...), and we have an incredible community where our citizens are proud to be from Nibley. As always, please let me know if you would like to go deeper on a specific topic involving Nibley City (coordinates on Nibley's website). I am thankful for my past opportunity to serve our community, and I would be honored to give it another four years. Thanks.

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

Early Voting and General Election Day



Residents of Nibley are welcome to start coming to Nibley City Hall on **Tuesday, October 22**, during regular office hours, to cast their ballot up until General Election Day on **Tuesday, November 5**. The polls will be open **7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.** on General Election day.

If you miss Meet the Candidates night you can listen to the audio recording at www.nibleycity.com.

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land uses, such as vast fields of cattle, alfalfa, and corn in exchange for suburban and commercial developments. However, these changes provide opportunities for great places to recreate, new business and economic opportunities, and the development of great places to live.

Because of the challenges and opportunities that Nibley City faces, we are taking steps to ensure we have a plan for future growth to help enhance the lives of all that live here. The Nibley City General Plan was adopted in 2016 and helps guide the City by outlining the vision for Nibley City housing, economic development, transportation, utilities, growth, and the general character of the City. In addition to the General Plan, the City has several other master plans to provide more detail for the needs of the City. These include transportation, water, sewer, stormwater, economic development, future land use, annexation, financial stability, open space, parks, recreation, and trails. All of these plans are available to the public and can be found on the Nibley City website under *Departments; Planning & Zoning; Master Plans*.

Cache Valley Wildlife Association

Nibley City and the Cache Valley Wildlife Association will be hosting several activities at Firefly Park on **Saturday, October 12, from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** The City will dedicate a pollinator garden that has been designed to attract and support pollinating insect and birds. Bring your gloves and shovel and help plant more plants in the pollinator garden at Firefly Park. Nibley City is providing the plants for this butterfly-shaped garden. The specific plants used will provide nectar for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Finally, bring seeds collected from your garden or those that didn't quite make it into the ground this summer, to share with others at a plant and seed exchange. Also, bring over zealous perennials from your yard; this is a great time to thin them out. However, you don't need to bring anything. Simply come pick up seeds/plants and chat about types that do well in our area.

For more information on this event, contact Becky Yeager at blyeager@comcast.net or 757-6283.

It's Autumn and there are several reasons to plant during Fall sales. The best time to plant trees was 20 years ago. The next best time is today.

Nibley's City Council meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Nibley City Hall. The Nibley City Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas, minutes, and ordinances are posted on the Nibley City website: www.nibleycity.com and www.pmn.utah.gov.

Nibley City keeps plans updated with the newest information and examines and updates a master plan each year. In the past twelve months, the City has updated the Future Land Use Map, Annexation Policy Plan, and the Transportation Master Plan and is currently updating the Water Master Plan and is creating a new Moderate Income Housing Plan. The Water Master Plan will help Nibley plan for new water infrastructure and water conservation. The Moderate Income Housings Plan reviews Nibley City's current housing, zoning, subdivision options, and future housing needs. The City works hard to balance the need for housing developments but maintain open space by using a Rural Preservation Subdivision ordinance and Residential-Planned Unit Development ordinance. These ordinances are designed to allow property owners to realize the value of their property but maintain some open space within those developments.

Through careful planning and working with property owners and members of the community, Nibley can remain a great place to live, work, and play for both current and future residents.

Recreation Roundup

BOONANZA
Family FUN Night

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 25TH

5:30-8PM

@ HERITAGE ELEMENTARY

Family Costume Contest
FREE Activities | Candy



FOOD TRUCK
Dinner specials

More Info @: www.NibleyCity.com | www.facebook.com/nibley | 752-0431



Holiday Decorating Contest—Registrations will be due the end of November.

Holiday Open House—Santa will be there on Saturday, December 7, 2019.