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## Jenson Refrigeration breaks ground at ceremony

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It was a day of celebration for the Jenson Refrigeration family as they broke ground for a facility to be built on the south end of Nephi just to the south of the Owens Corning plant.

Master of Ceremonies at the event was Jenica Jenson Olsen, Director of Business Development and Marketing. Jaks Olsen, Vice President, introduced the distinguished guests.

Speakers were: Justin Seely, Nephi City Mayor; Jenna Draper, Six County Association of Governments, and Brent Boswell, Juab County Economic Development Director.

Justin Jenson, Owner and President, introduced the Jenson companies, and Ken Jenson, Founder and CEO, addressed the community relationship with Jenson Cold Storage.

Also present from the Jenson family were: Julie Jenson, Founder and CFO, Miranda Jenson, Consultant, and the eight young Jenson children.

"Thirty-five years ago, I was born into a hard working family," said Jenica Olsen.

She said that her parents were risk takers and had the theme: "You must make the choice, to take the chance, to see the change."

Boswell said that had not Clinton Painter, commissioner, been at another meeting he would likely have been the speaker.

He said the company had been working to come to Nephi for at least two years and it had been painful for them.

"They went through Covid problems, a supply chain shortage, inflation and now high interest rates," said Boswell. "They are an example of how to go through tough times and succeed."

He said he appreciated so many from the state coming to attend the groundbreaking.

The Jenson family had Nephi roots, he said.

"I am impressed that they are already doing work on the site."

Draper said that the first time she had visited a Jenson facility, she and other visitors were welcomed with their names posted on the door and by being greeted by friendly employees. She found them to be very welcoming and very dedicated.

"They will be able to provide cold storage for meat and cheese products instead of farmers having to ship them out of state," she said.

That would be a great aid to local ranchers and dairy owners.

Seely said the family business began with two people and four children and was now well known and had a strong



**GROUNDBREAKING** • A groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 4th for the Jenson Refrigeration Cold Storage facility to be built south of Owens Corning.

## Owners of RV parks feel situation could have been handled better by city leaders

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Thirty people attended a city council meeting and most were there to discuss a 30-day limit for a stay at an RV (Recreational Vehicle) park and RV owners had requested they be on the agenda.

As an agenda item, several of the RV park owners were recognized and asked if they wanted to speak to the council but first, Seth Atkinson, city administrator, said he wanted to discuss the history.

"The council has had many discussions about long-term stays at RV parks," said Atkinson.

The Nephi City Code 10.15.5.(3) states the following: "No space or spaces in a recreational vehicle park shall be used by one individual vehicle for more than 30 consecutive days, nor shall such space or spaces be rented or leased to any one individual for more than 30 cumulative days in any 90 day period. However, with

the approval of the planning commission, one space may be designated for and occupied by a permanent manager without this 30 day limit."

On July 27, 2021 RV park owners and some tenants attended a council meeting. The council listened to different ideas from the owners for longer term stays but no changes to the code were made.

"The council has taken the position that only after the RV park owners come into compliance with current code, will they consider making changes for longer term stays," said Atkinson.

Since that date in 2021, very little has changed with the RV Parks.

"Police activity has been high at a few of the parks," said Atkinson. "There continue to be safety hazards associated with the long-term tenants and one of the parks had a fire that was extremely dangerous."

After much work of gathering information and evidence from the city's code enforcement officer and city attorney,

they were directed by the council to issue citations for RV park code violations.

Kyle Garrett and his wife, Keti, own the Salt Creek RV park at 22 Sheep Lane Drive not far from the Cinder Creek Event Center.

"I have lived in Nephi for 55 years," said Kyle Garrett.

His grandparents lived here and his grandfather served in political positions. He had come back to live in Nephi and had worked to make his businesses a success. He is

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**CONCERNED CITIZENS** • Around 30 people attended Nephi City Council meeting to voice their concerns about long-term stays in RV parks.

## Transmission line project area meets most of the criteria for annexation

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The report done by city staff on the proposed 138 kV project area for the city council indicated that the project did meet most of the criteria for annexing the property.

"The need for municipal services exists," said Seth Atkinson, city administrator. "Several property owners in

the 138 kV project area have requested municipal services including water and power."

Since there are at least two large businesses that would like to receive municipal services, this helps to eliminate the need for a special service district or county-operated municipal services to service these businesses. In exchange for these utility service connections, easements have been granted to place the city's 138 kV transmission line.

"Water and natural gas lines have already been placed along the same route and were partially paid for by the Utah Army National Guard for their new Readiness Center near the airport," said Atkinson. "Any extension of the sewer or connection to the existing services and future power services would be paid by new and existing development."

The annexation policy plan states that the city has a policy of discouraging annexations

for residential uses so that the city will in-fill. The north area of this proposed annexation would be mainly for industrial and commercial purposes.

"The southern portion of the proposed annexation could be used for residential uses behind any zones along Main Street," said Atkinson. "The purpose of the 138 kV Project

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