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Three Mona City Council members take the oath of office

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Three council members took the oath of office in Mona on Tuesday evening at the beginning of council meeting.

Jeffrey T. Hearty, Jonathan B. Jones and Frank Riding all received the oath of office as administered by Lyla Spencer, city recorder.

Gordon Anderson, the council member who did not seek reelection, attended the beginning of the meeting as did family members of the winning candidates who were seeking office.

"I know that your families will continue to support you," said Bill Mills, mayor.

The meeting was opened, prior to the swearing-in ceremony. Former council members were needed to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. D. Cody Adams, incumbent who did seek reelection, was defeated in the November election and was

not present for the brief transfer of power.

Mills said he would like to welcome the new council members to their seats on the council and was looking forward to working with them.

He said he would also like to thank Gordon Anderson for his devoted work for the members of the community.

"I don't think the citizens of the community have any idea how hard you have worked for them," said Mills.

"I am gratified to have been honored enough to have served the people of the city," said Anderson.

Mills, at the suggestion of council members, made the assignment of duties for the new members. Jones will take over the duties of Anderson and will, therefore, be oversee all water issues. Hearty will perform the duties of Adams and will oversee

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NEW MONA COUNCIL MEMBERS • Lyla Spencer, Mona City Recorder, swears in the new Mona City Council members. The are, left to right, Jonathan B. Jones, Jeffrey T. Hearty and Frank Riding.

Mona City Council members to be trained on legal precedures

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Mona's city attorney will be on-hand on January 24 at 6 p.m. at the city offices to train the council on legal procedure's for council members.

"It will be a work session," said Bill Mills, mayor. "Anyone wanting to attend may but, in addition to our attorney, Eric Johnson, only council members will be able to ask questions and make comments."

He said the meeting would be a training session only and would be followed, at the regular time of 7:30 p.m., by the regular council session.

"We attended the training session held by the Utah League of

Cities and Towns (ULCT)," said Mills. "This is training in addition to that training."

He said Johnson would focus on issues tailored to Mona.

Every two years—following municipal elections—the ULCT (with support of the Utah Local Governments' Trust) presents newly elected official workshops at locations around the state. These workshops are geared towards newly elected officials and those officials who are interested in a "refresher" course.

Each Saturday session lasts approximately five hours and includes a copy of newest edition of The Municipal Official's Powers

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LEVAN TOWN COUNCIL SWEARS IN NEWEST MEMBERS • Sandra Mangelson, left, and Jilean Ercanbrack are the newest members of the Levan Town Council and were sworn in by town clerk Heather Taylor, January 11. They are taking over the vacant seats of Paul Mangelson and Brady Taylor, who were both presented with a plaque for their years of service. P. Mangelson has served on the town council for nine and half years and B. Taylor has served for eight years.



TRAILER PARK PROBLEMS • The Levan City Council wants to see progress in fixing up this trailer park in Levan.

Levan trailer park still has problems; council wants to see progress

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A trailer park in Levan that had seen many years of disrepair and other problems was supposed to be on it's way to a new image after it changed ownership a few years ago, but according to owner Paul Jensen, the ball was dropped and it has slid back into it's old ways.

"I take responsibility for that," Jensen said. "I made some bad decisions about management and some other things and I'm trying to regroup and move forward."

Jensen had come to council meeting to renew his conditional-use permit for the trailer park for another six months. The council had previously issued permits in 6-month increments so they could regularly check on the progress made at the park.

"I have a lot of concerns," said Russell Mangelson, mayor. "When we started this, it was going to be all cleaned up so it looked like someone lived down

there, and it hasn't happened."

He said that the clean-up was more important than the remodeling of the existing trailers. He said he had made a trip to the park that day and had noticed that some of the trailers either didn't have skirting around the bottom or the skirting was in such poor shape that he didn't know how the homeowner would be able to heat his home efficiently and keep his pipes from freezing.

Jensen said he did not own the trailers without skirting. There was one trailer that he owned that he did not know had skirting problems.

"We had that all fixed," he said.

Mangelson also said there was garbage and tree limbs piled up around the park and it wouldn't take much time or money to clean up those kinds of things.

"That's discouraging to us," he said. "Even though some of it's weeds, if they are mown down to the ground, that makes a difference and that's not the case."

Brent Taylor, council member, asked Jensen about some information stated in a letter from Jensen to the city. He said that in the letter Jensen claimed that he had solved all safety violations and codes by remodeling three existing mobile homes and had them inspected by Verl Wilkey, county inspector.

"Do you have copies of his reports?" asked Taylor.

Jensen said he had a copy of a building inspection, but the council felt that it didn't give enough information and was not sufficient enough for their records.

Taylor said one of their major concerns was that the trailers were being lived in without being up to code. He wanted to make sure that Wilkey had given the okay for a tenant to occupy the trailers.

"The city doesn't want to accept liability on some of that," Taylor said.

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Juab High School Principal Rick Robbins named Utah High School Principal of the Year

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The Utah Association of Secondary School Principals (UASSP) on, Wednesday, January 11, named Juab High School Principal Rick Robbins as Utah High School Principal of the Year.

"I am very humbled and honored to be selected as principal of the year. It is a great reflection on the entire Juab district and community. These awards happen because of terrific students, parents and dedicated teachers and staff. It's great to serve as principal in a wonderful school community that is committed to the success of our kids. I love going to school each day to hopefully make a small difference in the lives of students. I am very proud of our students, faculty, and staff at JHS," said Robbins.

Mapleton Junior High Principal Suzanne Kimball, was named as Utah Middle School Principal of the Year, and Pine View Middle School Assistant Principal Dana McConnell was honored as Utah Assistant Principal of the Year.

Robbins, who earned his doctorate in education from

the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, began his education career as a teacher and coach at Copper Hills High School in West Jordan in 1996 and served as an assistant principal at Lakeridge Junior High in Orem and Springville High School, where he also served as principal, before moving to Juab High in Nephi in 2009.

Robbins established a Professional Learning Community

at Juab which brings together parents, patrons, faculty and students.

"Principal Robbins is an outstanding leader of Juab High School. His ability to focus on student achievement and increase learning is exceptional and very well demonstrated in this year's student mathematics performance," said Jim Shank, Juab School District Superintendent.

The UASSP reported that Robbins' nominators said he is an effective communicator who has helped raise student test scores by 30 percentage points last year.

The three administrators will represent Utah in national principal competitions.

"I am very happy for Dr. Robbins, the teachers and staff at Juab High, and of course our students! It is indeed a great honor for our educational program to be recognized for excellence in education throughout the state of Utah," said Shank. "Dr. Rick Robbins is an outstanding instructional leader who is able to establish trust and respect that is essential to the successful



Principal Rick Robbins

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