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Nephi greets the Olympic Torch



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The temperature may have been chilly but the hearts of Nephi's residents were warm as they welcomed the Olympic Torch for 2002 to Nephi on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

At Nephi City Park, a large crowd gathered, as did newscasters and their equipment, a news helicopter, Chevrolet interactive display and Coke traveling exhibits.

"I want you all to know that those carrying the torch are heroes to someone else," said the SLOC representative.

He said, in past Olympics, sports heroes were honored. Others who carried the torch had nominated themselves for the honor.

"This Olympic Torch Run is different," he said, "those who are carrying the torch were nominated by others, by those who considered them heroes because they are people who have touched the lives of others and lighted the fire within."

Chad Brough, mayor, also spoke at the park and said the community was happy to participate as a host city for the torch run.

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TORCH RUN • left, Mariann Gibson, editor of *The Times-News* one of seven torch bearers to carry the torch last Tuesday, February 5th. Crowds estimated at between 5,000 to 15,000 lined the torch route to welcome the Olympic flame. The other 6 runners from our area were Mike Brown, Kate Bates, Leonard Trautvein, JaNell Stephenson, Gina Taylor and Iris Tolley.

Continual non payment of utility bills will result in cut off for Mona residents

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Those who owe a lot of money for utilities should be cut off from those utilities, especially if they have made no attempt to pay the bill for some time.

"One utility user now owes \$700," said Bryce Lynn, mayor, "and that should not be allowed."

Electricity in Mona is not included as a utility on the city bill. Utah Power and Light provides power to the community and does the billing. Natural gas and water are the utilities billed by the city.

Lynn said those with high bills should have the utilities shut-off and they should not be turned on until

the bill is paid.

There were actually four residents who had high bills, he said. None of the bills was being paid down and, therefore, all of the residents should have their utilities disconnected until payment was made.

"One of the bills has not had a payment made since June 2001," said Rick Schnurr, council member. "Perhaps the only way to get the attention of that family is to shut-off the utilities."

Attempts to contact them personally, face-to-face, had failed, he said. The meter-reader, Denise Pay, reported that she had been unsuccessful in trying to talk to the utility-user.

Lynn said that residents of the

community should not be allowed to build up such large billings. It was not fair to others who paid bills on time and it was also not fair to the one not paying.

"The bill just keeps building up," he said.

The end result was an overwhelming bill—like the \$700 one—that would be difficult for anyone to pay in one lump sum without going out and borrowing the money and paying interest on it.

However, the money could have been paid as the utility was billed, month by month. That makes it eas

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Levan Town approves EMT training, new business licenses, dicusses irrigation company,

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The Levan Town Council had a brief meeting on Feb. 6, 2002 at Levan Town Hall. New business licenses were approved, gas rates discussed, and a meeting between Forest Service and the irrigation company was scheduled. EMT training was also approved by the council.

•Golden Mangelson brought to the council's attention the need to discuss with the Forest Service water rights. A public meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss these issues.

•New business licenses were approved for Janalee Mangelson, an in-home beauty shop; Andrew Robinson, engineering and tech support, health and nutrition sales and shipment; and Heather Taylor, a greenhouse. A business license for Wayne Rice will be held over until the coun-

cil can meet or talk with him concerning a mobile trailer park. Concerns over trailers not meeting codes prompted the council to wait until Inspector Ver1 Wilkey could look over the trailers and approve them for use.

•Ryan Aagard expressed his concern for city funding for EMT training in Levan Town. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training was approved unanimously by the council for Bruce Rowley, Levan fire chief, and for anyone else interested to run on the ambulance crew. Seven-hundred dollars was approved for Levan Town to pay for training to be held in March in Ephraim. However, people who take the course have to commit for two years of service on the ambulance crew. If not, then those individuals will reimburse the town for the training.

•In July of 2001 a \$.03 gas rate increase was approved by Levan

council. This increases the price per therm to \$.71. This increase was never changed and will now show up on residents's monthly statements. County residents will also see a 5% increase. The new rate is the same as Nephi City.

•The council discussed increasing the amount of utility deposits to cover any shortfalls. Council members were concerned that the existing amount of deposits —\$150.00 for gas, \$150.00 for electric— would not be sufficient enough in case someone skipped out on their bill. Rod Wankier and Ryan Aagard, council members, were asked to work on the new ordinance.

Utah Municipal Power Agency will hold a meeting Feb. 28, 2002 in St. George. Levan Town will hold a work session with the Forest Service Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002. The next scheduled town meeting will be March 6, 2002.



Steve Bennion, Southern Utah University President, began the Olympic Torch Relay in Nephi. His segment started at the Welcome to Nephi sign at the east entrance into Nephi.

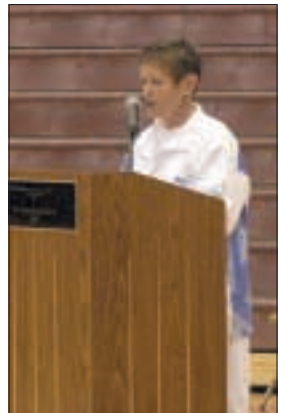


Cold temperatures did not deter the enthusiasm of these young Torch Relay fans. Wrapped in warm blankets, they were ready to cheer and be part of this historic event.

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The crowds along Nephi's Main Street continued to grow in anticipation of the arrival of the Olympic Torch.



Iris Tolley welcomed the community to a special Torch Relay Program in the Juab High School Gym.



A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the flame brought cheers and tears to those along the route.



Clark Greenhalgh served as Master of Ceremonies. Many of East Juab County's sports heroes were recognized for their accomplishments.



Following a short program at Nephi City Park, Torchbearer Leonard Trauntvein takes the flame from the stage and carries it on its way to continue the Relay to Salt Lake City.



The Olympic Children's Choir performed for the capacity audience.



Torchbearer Mike Brown had a lot of support from his family and friends who were on hand to cheer him on.



Channel 2 correspondent Reese Stein presented Juab High School cheerleaders with a uniform worn by his mother-in-law who was a JHS cheerleader in the 1940s.



Holly Young chair of the Nephi Olympic 2002 Torchbearer Task Force can now relax after months of preparation.



On Thursday and Friday, students at the Nephi and Mona elementary schools got a close-up look at the Olympic Torch. Torchbearer Mariann Gibson visited each classroom and invited the students to touch the Torch and share the spirit of the 2002 Winter Olympics.



Torchbearers were introduced during the program before departing for their assigned segments to carry the Olympic Torch through Nephi.



Cheyenne Howarth sang a patriotic song to open the program.