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Mona City approves petition for annexation

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A new annexation in Mona received preliminary approval in Mona.

Lyla Spencer, city clerk/recorder, will now begin the steps to get the annexation to the point where it can be officially accepted.

"On February 6, at approximately 7:30 p.m., you received the application from Kevin L. and Janice S. Stanley for the Stanley Family Annexation," said Spencer.

Both of the Stanleys were on hand at the city council meeting to present the petition.

The city council voted unanimously to approve the petition and to begin the process of annexation.

The annexation includes 35 acres and is located in the Mona City growth area. It borders Mona and the north and east but is actually located next to the railroad tracks which run west of Mona.

The Mountain View Estates Development borders the property on the East.

"Utilities are located along 200 West Street," said Spencer.

She said that she had looked at the application along with Lynn Ingram, planning and zoning commission chairman, and determined that the application meets the requirements of law for the State of Utah.

"Tonight, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley will present to you the application on the Stanley Family Annexation for either acceptance or denial," said Spencer.

"If the council accepts the petition/application, or is considered to have accepted it, you shall forward the petition to me, the city recorder, for certification of the petition according to Utah law," she said.

Within 30 days of the council acceptance, Spencer will consult with the county assessor, clerk, surveyor and recorder.

Those records, she said, are necessary to determine, with the assistance of the city attorney, whether the petition satisfies the requirements of UCA 10-2-403 (2), (3), & (4).

If the petition meets the requirements, Spencer will then certify the petition and deliver or mail written notifications of the certification to the council and the county commission.

According to state code, if the city recorder determines that the petition meets the requirements of state law, the city recorder will certify the petition and notify in writing the city council and the contact sponsor of the certification; and provide notice of certification as required under Utah Code.

"The certification letter will be available at our next city council meeting, on February 27, 2018," said Spencer. "We will then continue the process for the Stanley Family Annexation."

Basic criteria for annexing

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MONDAY BROUGHT SNOW AND ACCIDENTS TO THE NEPHI AREA • A multi-car accident north of Nephi Monday afternoon had north-bound traffic at a stand still for hours on Monday. Traffic was re-routed through Nephi and Mona on old Highway 91 until the accident was cleared after our press deadline. A full story will run in our next issue as UHP personnel were not available to give us information on Monday.

Mona City Council fixes ordinance dealing with setbacks

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Somehow, when Sterling Codifiers standardized Mona's ordinances, a few changes were made that were not caught.

One of those changes was the subject of a public hearing held in Mona concerning an amendment to city code 10-6-5 and repeal of code 10-6-6.

Lynn Ingram, city planning commission director, said that the ordinance needed to be amended where setbacks to buildings were defined. Planning had discussed the need

for an amendment and had recommended that the council make the change.

"We want to keep the setbacks on side yards for an accessory building at 5-feet," said Ingram.

Following the public hearing, in regular meeting, the council agreed to pass the amendment and to repeal code 10-6-6.

At the public hearing, Ingram presented the amendment for yard requirements. The hearing had drawn few concerned residents.

Those proposed amendments were: "The minimum

side yard for a main building shall be 10-feet. The minimum side yard for an accessory building shall be 5-feet.

"The minimum distance between any two buildings on a lot must be 10-feet.

"The minimum front yard setback for any building shall be 30-feet from the property line.

"The minimum rear yard for any main building shall be 30-feet and for an accessory building 5-feet.

"On corner lots, the minimum setback for all sides that front a street is 30-feet.

"All run off from the roof of

any building must run off onto the owner's property."

Repealed by the new amendment was 10-6-6 which dealt with accessory buildings and differed from the amended version in number of feet for certain setbacks.

One of those that was repealed altogether was the requirement that there be a minimum of 3-feet between the main building and an accessory building.

"With anything less than

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Mona City submits application for CIB funding to help prepare and implement a city general plan

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Mona's application for a CIB grant in order to prepare and implement a city general plan has been submitted and is on the June funding cycle.

CIB is a very important source of funding frequently utilized by eligible entities in Utah to implement capital improvements projects. The funding comes through what is known officially as the "Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board" but is more commonly referred to as CIB.

Jeff Hearty, city council member, has been working with the Six County Association of Governments in getting the application on the CIB list.

"We will need to put together a tiered water rate," said Hearty.

Jonathan Jones, city coun-

cil member, said that it was a state law that all cities have tiered water rates.

In the 2016 General Session, the Utah State Legislature passed the "Water System Conservation Pricing" bill which requires all retail water providers, including all cities, to establish an increasing rate structure for culinary water.

Tiered water pricing is a critical tool used by water utilities to incentivize conservation. Tiered water rates must meet both conservation and utility revenue objectives.

In order for Mona City to apply for grants, loans or bonding to help with city needs, the city must have an updated general plan. The one in place is no longer acceptable because it is several decades old and state requirements have changed since it was implemented.

A general plan is a comprehensive, long-range plan for

present and future needs of the municipality for growth and development of land within the municipality.

It serves as an advisory guide for land use and the compass or planning tool for the community and is covered by Utah Code Section 10-9a-401.

According to the state code, every municipality must have a general plan and it must include land use, transportation and traffic circulation, and moderate income housing.

The land use element must designate goals, extent, distribution and location of land for housing, business, industry, agriculture, recreation, education, public buildings and grounds, open space and other categories as needed.

"We have three bids," said Katrina Long, city council member.

Those bids were generated

during the past year but none have been acted upon.

"We don't have to go back out for bids," said Bill Mills, mayor. "I checked and found out that the bids can still be used."

However, the city should go back to the bidders and see if they wanted to stay with the bids they submitted earlier.

Nevertheless, those early bidders probably would not be interested in bidding again because the lowest bid to come in was much lower than the others.

"The last bid was less than half what the others had bid," said Hearty.

A candidate for the Brigham Young University Master of Public Administration is still willing to take the project on.

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