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No new complaints about John Kuhni Sons Inc., however plant is preparing for possible Chapter 11 bankruptcy

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This year, since January 2010, there have been no new complaints about John Kuhni Sons Inc., Mills Road, located south of Levan.

Kuhni's tenure in Juab County has brought financial woes, family discord, citizen complaints of odor and disposal violations and a string of environmental violations.

For this reason, Juab County Commissioners have set up periodic meetings with the owners of the facility in order to find out what progress the company is making in cleaning up the facility.

Paul Kuhni, new president of the facility, and Tyler Young, attorney with Allen K. Young, his father, at Young, Kester & Petro, Provo, who represent John Kuhni and Sons, Inc., attended county commission on Monday to discuss the progress of the company in meeting terms of the company's conditional use permit.

Young represents Paul and Greg, brothers of Kevin, who first ran the plant. Paul and Greg took over operations in March 2009.

"We haven't had any new complaints," said Val Jones, commission chairman. "That is good news."

LuWayne Walker, commissioner, asked about the status of the state-demanded waste water disposal plan.

"The state came down after our last snowstorm," said Paul Kuhni.

Officials did not see the ex-

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COMING RIGHT ALONG • The East Juab Water Efficiency Project, a joint project of Central Utah Water Conservancy District and Nephi Irrigation Company, is progressing at the mouth of Salt Creek Canyon. 2,200-feet of pipeline us being installed to lessen the amount of water being lost to seepage at this point.

Levan Irrigation Company denied again for water hook-up

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"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." —unknown.

Golden Mangelson and Bob Shepherd, representing the Levan Irrigation Company, came before the Levan Town Council to ask again for a water hook-up to their building which is outside city limits.

The irrigation company came before the town council last year to ask for a hook-up to their building to provide culinary water for restroom facilities. At that time, the town council felt that a precedence would be set and they didn't want to go down that road.

According to G. Mangelson,

the town has some options. He said that with the water right the town has to run the hydros, they are obligated to return that water to the irrigation company. He said the water should be returned to the head of the system. One way to do that is to make a connection in the hydro line and take part of the water out, but that would reduce the hydro flow. The other option is to make a connection as it comes out of the hydros and deliver it to a 2-inch water line provided by the irrigation company.

Council member Brent Taylor asked to be brought up to speed on the issue since he was not on the council last year when the issue first arose.

G. Mangelson said that the town has in the past allowed

hook-ups outside city limits for stock watering. If there was someone who borderlined or was outside city limits who had excess water, the town would allow hook-ups for that. He said state law says that utilities can be furnished outside city limits provided there is enough water.

"Water is a sticky subject right now," he said. "Sometimes there is enough and sometimes there isn't."

The irrigation company has potable water, he said. It's just a matter of where they hook up on the system to get that water.

He also said that because this is not a residence, the town should consider allowing a hook-up to a commercial building.

"That would solve a problem for us," he said.

Council member Paul Mangelson said he stood by his original opinion that the town should not set up a precedence.

"It's been the town's policy not to go outside the city limits," he said.

Council member Brady Taylor asked who had hook-ups outside city limits. G. Mangelson said there was a line down the lane past Bart Aagard's house, a line out to Silo Lane, and a line through Bob Shepherd's property. Those were mostly for stock watering, however Shepherd said the line through his property had a connection that he gave the town a right-of-way.

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New general plan for Nephi will address the city's present and future needs

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There were just 22 people in attendance at the city planning commission public hearing designed to take comment on the new general plan for Nephi City.

Hopeful of a larger crowd, the planning commission had scheduled county commission chambers for the meeting rather than using the smaller city council chamber.

Glenn Greenhalgh, city plan-

ning commission chairman, introduced members from the consulting firm, CRSA, from Salt Lake City, who will be working to develop a plan to replace the general plan now in use which was adopted in 1996.

Members of the planning commission present were: Greenhalgh, Richard Paxman, Shannon White, Wes Lynn and Wayne Jarrett.

Mark Jones, Nephi City Mayor, and members of the council were also present.

Those from CRSA on hand for

the public meeting were: Susie Petheram, Senior Planner and Preservationist; Laura Hanson and Donald Bauku. Maria Vyas, Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants, was also present.

Fehr & Peers will be consulting with CRSA on transportation planning and traffic engineering services.

CRSA is a design and planning firm, with three offices in Utah and Idaho.

"We were founded in 1975 and are a mid-sized firm," said Petheram. "We have worked all over the West. Our services include: architecture, planning and urban design, landscape architecture, interior design and LEED consulting."

"How do you create a great place?" she asked.

She began the presentation in the general meeting with a slide show and then the group was split into two parts to allow for more input from those in attendance.

Also prior to the breakout meeting, all in attendance were given two visioning exercises. One of those consisted of mapping the neighborhood of the person participating.

The participants were asked what the center of their neighborhood was, what the landmarks were, their favorite place, what was missing, what were

three things liked, what three things would improve the neighborhood and how big the neighborhood was.

In the general meeting, Petheram said that Utah had a long history of regulated city planning which began in pioneer times.

"The general plan will address the city's present and future needs," she said. "The purpose of a plan is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all citizens of the city."

The planning process will identify the community's land use, circulation, environmental, economic, and social goals and policies as they relate to land use and development and will provide citizens with opportunities to participate in the planning and decision-making processes of their communities.

The general plan provides a basis for local government decision-making.

"The last time the city addressed the general plan, they did it in-house," she said.

Elements of the plan include: land use, transportation systems, open space preservation areas, parks and trails, moderate income housing needs, economic development, agricultural land in the city, design standards and areas that could be annexed into the city in the

future.

A survey of residents was taken earlier and is to be used to help in the general plan development.

There will be another public meeting in the future with more feedback from the residents of the community requested at that time, Petheram said.

There will be a draft plan phase one and a draft plan phase two.

"The survey found that people liked the small-town atmosphere," she said.

Also considered pluses were the lower crime rate, the clean environment and abundant open spaces

Julie Banks, resident, said she had talked to Brad Johnson, Environmental Health Scientist, about hazardous waste and while Nephi was not a big community it was something she thought should be addressed.

Frank Grover, in his breakout session, remarked on several items he thought should be considered. Some of those were a need for skateboard parks and bike riding areas. He did like the gingerbread on homes that made for a unique flavor.

He also mentioned that a large

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