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Mona City says it cannot afford to pay for half the cost of water line to property

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It just won't work—Mona cannot go in with Josh and Jeremy Newell to install a water line to their property.

The issue came to a head when Jeff Hearty, council member, was assigned to come up with an agreement that would be fair for the Newell brothers and for the city. As he worked on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) he found that the expense was more than the city could afford.

"I just don't know how I could say, with a straight face, that it (paying for half of the water line construction) would be a good use of our taxpayer's money," said Hearty.

The Newell brothers attended council meeting two weeks ago to find out if the city had yet obtained an easement to run a water line along property owned by the Union Pacific Railroad on the west of the city. They also discussed an understanding they had that the city would pay 55 percent of the water line extension to their property.

However, the area needed to be engineered for fire suppression before the city could approve any sort of cooperative agreement.

The Newells have been trying to get permission to build two homes on the acreage given them by their father. That land has special significance to the Newells since it belonged to their grandfather and has been in the family for generations.

Hearty was assigned to come



APRIL RAINS HAVE BROUGHT A BUMPER CROP OF "BLUE MUSTARD" • to this vacant lot west of Wendy's on 100 North and many other properties around town. Jeff Banks, from the extension office, says it can be controlled with the spray Juab County and Nephi City pass out in the spring. If you have a bumper crop, call Jeff at 435 623-3450 and he will tell you what to buy.

Business owner in Mona seeks one water meter for two commercial properties

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One water meter can serve two commercial properties if they both belong to one business owner, are located next to each other and if the two properties are owned by one person and the first property does not use a significant amount of water.

John Bliss, owner of the storage units located at 365 South Main, had three ques-

tions when he came before the Mona City Council. He wanted to know if he could have his meter installed at his storage unit property, he inquired about his water credits and he wanted to know if he could have a light installed on the pole near his business.

"In the future, I am planning on developing the lot just south of the storage units," Bliss said. "I plan to put commercial offices there when the time is right."

He also wondered if he

would be allowed to bolt two signs identifying his business on to the building on the west and north sides. They would not be lighted signs and would measure 4-feet by 8-feet.

Those signs would be allowed under the sign ordinance.

"The real reason I am here tonight," said Bliss, "is to have a water meter installed at the storage sheds."

He needed to be able to wash out a unit from time to time and needed a right to

hose down areas.

For seven years, he said, he had a right to a connection but had never used water there before. He did have a water line installed when the first set of his storage sheds were built.

He would install a frost-free tap, he said.

There is a water line to his property, but there is no meter which means that until there is, there can be no service.

Michelle Dalton, city secretary and treasurer, said that his record with the city shows the culinary credits and what Bliss has paid to the city.

He said that he has a French Drain in the back of his property but on the bulk of it he has just gravel. Used water would pass through the gravel and be cleaned before going into the water table.

He does not have outside watering shares, he said.

Greg Newton, mayor, said that the property used to have a meter and Bliss did have culinary credits. There was also natural gas.

"I was turning people wanting to rent a storage unit away," Bliss said, "so I decided to add the final phase."

Next he plans to build a professional complex, he said.

That would be located on the property just south of the storage units, he said, and would be next door to the Benson Trucking Company property. That would wait until there would be enough professional businesses in the not too distant future.

Bliss wondered if he could take one of the culinary water credits assigned to his storage units to make up the three re-

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1ST PLACE AT STATE • The Mt. Nebo FFA took 1st place in Livestock Evaluations. Pictured are Rylie Wright, Kylee Taylor, Mattie Sherwood, Jaxson McPherson, and Jonathan Burton, advisor.



1ST PLACE AT STATE • The Mt. Nebo FFA took 1st place in Agricultural Issues at the state contest. Pictured are Shelby Garrett, Carson Lovless, Brennan Sage, Leon Sherwood, Jaxson McPherson, Tate Shepherd, Kylee Taylor, and Jonathan Burton, advisor.

Mt. Nebo FFA receives two 1st places at state contest

By Jonathan Burton

Mt. Nebo FFA Advisor

Forty-one students attended the State FFA Contest in Logan this past week. There are 17 competitions and our chapter competed in fifteen of them.

Mt. Nebo FFA took 1st in the state in Agricultural Issues. Team members included Kylee Taylor, Shelby Garrett, Jaxson McPherson, Tate Shepherd, Carson Lovless, Brennan Sage and Leon Sherwood.

They presented on Water Use in Utah. The students gave a 15 minute presentation on any agricultural issue and had 7 minutes where they were asked questions.

Mt. Nebo FFA also won 1st place in Livestock Evaluation. Team members included Kylee Taylor, Mattie Sherwood, Jaxson McPherson and Rylie Wright. In this contest, students evaluate cattle, sheep,

hogs and goats. Students judge a class of four animals and gave oral reasons on three classes.

Both of these teams will be representing the state at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October.

Receiving Gold ranking at state were Agricultural Issues, 1st; Livestock Evaluation, 1st; Agricultural Communications, 2nd; Dairy Cattle Evaluation, 2nd—Mattie Sherwood, 2nd high individual; Forestry, 3rd; Marketing Plan, 3rd; Meats Evaluation, Agricultural Technology and Mechanical Systems, and Vet Science.

Receiving a Silver ranking at state were Farm Business Management, Floriculture, Horse Evaluation, and Milk Quality and Products.

Receiving a Bronze ranking at state were Agricultural Sales, and Nursery and Landscape.



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