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Mona City Council holds public hearing to discuss bonds for new city hall

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Another public hearing, required by federal law, was held by the local building authority to discuss the proposed new city hall for Mona City.

There were just 16 residents present for the hearing but Eric Johnson, bond counsel for the city, was also present and was able to explain his role in the necessary bonding for the proposed edifice.

The bond that the city is seeking is not the same sort of bond the city acquired for the sewer system project, said Johnson. For that bond, the city agreed to pay off the bond amount with the money made from charging residents a sewer use fee each month.

"This has to be a different kind of bond because the city building will not take in revenue," said Johnson.

In the 1970s, he said, the jail in Iron County was condemned. The need for the people of the county to approve a new facility and bonding for that facility was apparent. However, in not one election, but two, the people of the area voted against the proposal.

"The state legislature then enabled local building authorities in the state," said Johnson. "The result in Iron County was that a loan was taken out by the building authority and the jail was built by the building authority and was leased to Iron County. The money from the lease went to repay the loan."

By law, he said, the local building authority has to be made up of the mayor and city council. The funds then are taken from one city pocket and put into the other but it works.

Therefore, a public hearing was held by the local building authority and a resolution was presented at the end of the hearing. The building authority

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LOOKING FOR A BITE TO EAT • The seagulls were out looking for something to eat in the west fields on Monday. With all the rain we received over the weekend, they shouldn't have any problem finding a worm or two. The farmers have planted their fields and the seagulls are never too far behind. Once the swimming pool opens next week, though, the seagulls will be out looking for a stray french fry or two.

Newell family unhappy with Mona's decision to not participate in water line build

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Tom Newell told the Mona City Council that his two sons were no longer interested in building in Mona and informed the council that, in his opinion, the council had lost money which would have helped build a culinary line in the west area of the community.

Two weeks ago, the council determined that they could not afford to participate in the project at this time.

"When the lines are upgraded, is it the city's obligation to do that?" asked Newell.

Will the city have to, at their expense, build a loop line? he asked.

When the master plan for the culinary system is referred to, said Jeff Hearty, council

member, it is a guideline as to when projects are done. It was in the five to 10-year plan.

Newell also handed the council two bids, which his wife retrieved at the end of the meeting, that were much lower than the \$90,000 that the city had estimated it would cost to engineer the water line build.

"You finally beat us into the ground," said Newell. "We are not arguing with you."

He said he just wanted the city to understand that the city would have benefited \$30,000 in water that would have come from his shares but now would not.

The couple also felt that their sons, Josh and Jeremy Newell, had been "clobbered" in the paper. In addition, they thought that some involved with the city were uncooperative and had put roadblocks

in the road of the plan for the two Newell sons to build in the community.

"The boys decided to build in Nephi City," said Tom Newell. "I'm old and I wanted to see my sons living in Mona."

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

Hearty was assigned to come up with an MOA with the Newells. Before doing so, he contacted Jesse Ralphs, engineer with Sunrise Engineering, the company that did the culinary water master plan for the city.

"Jesse estimated that it would cost \$50,000, at a mini-

mum, just for materials to run the line," said Hearty. "The engineering could be at least 10 percent of the construction costs. In addition, a fire hydrant was needed."

One of the lines coming into the proposed area is only a 4-inch line. An 8-inch line is needed. In addition, there was not a loop but a dead-end at the Newell property.

Hearty said that the issue of the water line making a loop was also important.

"We are willing to help pay for the line," Josh Newell told the council a month ago. "We thought we would be helping the city on a 45/55 percent split. We would be a team."

The young men had put out

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REGION CHAMPS • The JHS softball team won the Region 12 championship with an undefeated season. Members of the varsity team are Kloie Park, front left, Sydney Cragun, Rylee Bryan, Dakota Gee, Josie Richards, Taylei Williams, Sarah Harmon. Back, Assistant Coach Andy Williams, Jalynn Love, Taelyn Ballou, April Horrocks, Olivia Durbin, Lydia Douglas, Mikenlee Bryan, Kaitlin Sperry and Coach Tina Squire. Story on page 7



REGION CHAMPS • The JHS boys track team placed 1st at the region meet held on Wednesday, May 11 at Juab. The team beat out Canyon View for the number one spot. The team will compete at state track on May 20-21 at BYU. Story on page 7.



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