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GRADUATION AT JUAB HIGH SCHOOL • Tonight Juab High School will graduate the class of 2018 at Commencement. Above, the 179 Seniors practiced throwing their caps high at a recent photo shoot.

Nephi City deeds surplus property to Horizon Metals in exchange for public easement railroad spur

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Horizon Metals wants to expand and would like to use city property to expand but have agreed, in exchange, to have a public easement railroad spur on the property.

A resolution indicating that the needed property owned by the city was surplus and could, therefore, be disposed of was passed and adopted at city council meeting on Tuesday and Mayor Glade Nielson was authorized to sign it.

For a couple of years now, the city has been negotiating an agreement with Horizon Metals in the industrial park to maintain access to a nearby rail spur.

"The city currently owns two parcels of land to the south of Horizon Metals and to the

north of NRP," said Seth Atkinson, city administrator.

Atkinson showed a picture of the two pieces of property which are currently in the city's possession.

The original intent of the agreement with Horizon Metals was to create a road and utility easement around the edge of the Horizon Metals property to provide access to the rail spur, said Atkinson.

The city, in return, would transfer these two properties to Horizon Metals so they could eventually construct a new building.

An agreement was signed to this effect in August of 2017.

Horizon is now ready to construct their new facility.

"We have been at work trying to determine where the easement for the access road should be placed," said Atkinson. "It has now been surveyed

and agreed to by both parties."

The roadway easement was reduced from 40-feet to 20-feet on the spur, because, said Atkinson, at 40-feet it encroached on the sidewalk.

"Is there room for an 18-wheeler to turn?" asked Justin Seely, council member.

Ed Park, city streets superintendent, had been to the site and had done the measurements, said Atkinson. Park had determined that there was plenty of space for an 18-wheeler truck to turn.

The agreement signed by the city and Horizon Metals last year, a draft agreement to transfer the property, along with an exhibit showing the parcel numbers, and a survey exhibit showing the future access road alignment were presented for council consideration and were all reviewed.

In Title 1, Chapter 12 of

the Nephi City Code, it specifies that real property disposal must have a hearing to provide public input. However, this applies to properties with a fair market value of \$100,000.

"It is unlikely that the two parcels owned by the city equate to \$100,000 or more," Atkinson said. "To support this assertion, copies from the tax assessor are also provided showing that the land value for both parcels is around \$40,000."

Although a public hearing was not required, council action was required to declare the property surplus. Resolu-

tion 05-15-18-A had been prepared to accomplish this purpose, he said.

The city has worked with Horizon Metals for some time in order to come to this agreement consistent with the council direction given to preserve access to the rail spur.

"The value and popularity of a railroad spur comes and goes," said Neilson. "My only item to clarify is who maintains the right of way?"

Kasey Wright, city attorney

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Memorial Day events in the county

May 28th is Memorial Day and here are some of the dedications throughout east Juab County:

- Mona—Veterans Memorial Dedication and Breakfast: 7:00-9:00 a.m.—breakfast will be served. \$5.00/person, veterans are free. 9:30-10:00 a.m.—program. 10:00 a.m.—Flag ceremony, followed by dedication of the memorial. Located at the Mona City Cemetery.

- Nephi—On Monday, May 28, the American Legion Nephi Post #1 will honor all military service personnel who are interred in each of the two Nephi Cemeter-

ies located on 400 East. The City Cemetery service will be held at 9:30 a.m. The Vine Bluff Cemetery service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend either or both military honorary services. An outline will be available to the public at each service for everyone in attendance, which will also list the new names on each Veterans Memorial during the past year.

- Levan—Memorial Day services will be held at 10:00 a.m. with a short program at the Levan Town Cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend.



3A STATE TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPS • The JHS girl's track team ran away from the competition and won the 3A state title on May 18-19 at BYU. It has been twenty years since the team last won a state title. They edged out 2nd place finisher Delta (89.5) with a team total of 107.6. The team is coached by Ron Marelli. Story on page 14. Photo courtesy of Angie Hall.

Early Deadline...

Because Monday is Memorial Day, the deadline for our May 30th paper is Friday, May 25th.

Please schedule accordingly.



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