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## The Zombies are coming, the Zombies are coming

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A Zombie Chase, 5K race, planned for Eureka may not need to be permitted by Juab County even though it crosses Highway 6 inside the city.

Highway 6 is not a county road, it is a state highway.

Terry Brown and Trent Groot have planned a fundraising CharityVision Zombie Chase for Eureka to be held on June 22.

"They applied for a mass gathering permit," said Pat Ingram, county clerk/auditor.

The permit costs \$100 and there is also a fee of \$1,000 for a standby ambulance. However, the ambulance was usually needed for motorcycle races but this was a different sort of activity with the participants running.

Brown said that they had arranged for EMTs to be present in case a runner needed help but that they did not think an ambulance needed to be there on standby.

They did think having a deputy present where Hatfield Road crosses Highway 6 was important.

"Hatfield Road is the last road out of town," said Brown. "The Zombie Chase is entirely inside city limits."

Brown said that the race is a 5K Adventure Run through a Zombie-infested Eureka in the thick of night under a full moon. There is a particularly dark alley in downtown Eureka that cannot be seen from Highway 6 that is anchored on one end by the Jail and is only for the brave of heart.

The Zombie Chase will be held during the night and is covered by liability insurance. The duo also had permission from UDOT to cross the highway and had all the other necessary documents.

They had come to the commission prepared to gain permission and the county permit signed by Chad Winn, as commission chairman.

"We have been meeting with Eureka City Council for several months," said Brown.

Ingram said that she would need to contact the sheriff and talk to him so that he would be aware of the event.

While the commission was discussing the permitting process, Jared Eldridge, county attorney, questioned why the county was even involved. Other than needing a standby deputy, there was nothing about the event that would require the county to be involved.

"It is being held inside Eureka City," he said. "The highway the race will cross is a state highway."

Winn said he had been wondering the same thing. However, he thought that the sheriff should be consulted by Brown and Groot.

"We can't approve anything that is to take place within the city," said Eldridge.

The pair had been working with the city council in Eureka and had received the permission they needed to use city streets from the city.

The city should be the permitting agent.

They were directed not to make out a check to the county until they had met with the sheriff and discussed their proposal with him.



COOL, GREEN AND INVITING • As our temperatures move into the 80's and 90's this weekend, the cool lushness of the canyon will be calling for more of us. Our trip to the Ponderosa campground on Monday, showed that very few campers are taking advantage of the canyon now, but with Father's Day approaching and the 4th, Stampede and 24th just over a month away, it time to think of reservations and parking your trailer for those 16 days that are allowed.

## Mona City makes out wish list for next fiscal year's budget

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It is budget creation time in Mona and city council members listed their wish list items for the coming year.

Everd Squire, director of finance, suggested that the first order of business, prior to discussing the budget, was to determine who the city's independent auditor should be for the coming year.

Greg Ogden, CPA, has been doing the work for the city for several years and, said Squire, had his recommendation to continue the work.

"I can also recommend him," said Bill Mills, mayor. "He pays really, really close attention to the audit and does an excellent job."

Council members agreed and Ogden will be retained for the coming year.

The council also decided to increase the fireworks budget by another \$500 this year so that the city's 24th celebration can just keep improving year by year.

"We need to be thinking about getting a new lawn mower for the city," said Frank Riding, council member. "The two we have are old and are beginning to nickel and dime us to death."

He said a new mower would be approximately \$6,000 and may be less for a trade-in.

"I hate trade-ins," said Mills. "The original owner got rid of the equipment for a reason. I think we should increase the budget for a new lawn mower to \$8,000."

The water department could use a water-finder.

Mills also suggested that in the city garage, a shelf might be installed to hold small items that belong to the city. Those types of items, if not stored properly, had a tendency to disappear.

The maintenance building needed wire racks installed to store items and to get them off of the floor.

Mike Stringer, council member, said the city needed to budget money for street signs and for the concrete that would be needed to install them.

Michelle Dalton, secretary, said that city hall was in need

of a new copy machine.

"The one we are using is old and was purchased second-hand," she said.

The machine is temperamental and cannot always be counted on to work.

Mills said that some wastewater plan improvements needed to be made, and those should be put into the budget for the coming year.

Road upkeep and repair needed to be planned for as well.

"We need to look at setting aside some money for a tractor," said Mills. "We also need to get a posthole digger for our own tractor so we can do our own work."

A pick-up truck and a street sweeper could be planned but would depend on what the state surplus had to offer.

"It is time for the city to modernize and get some equipment," said Mills. "It is time to step into the 21st Century."

Dalton said she would also like some money set aside to add to the city's Christmas decorations. She wondered about purchasing some lights to decorate the pine trees at the park.

It would also be nice to get some new decorations for the light poles at the edges of Main Street.

"We could start out by getting new decorations for every other pole, for example," she said.

Allen Pay, city water master, said the city needed to replace a power take-off trap because it was twisted inside and the entire PTO trap needed to be replaced. That would come at \$1,000.

The water department entrance doors also need to be budgeted for, he said. One new door was needed to be replaced. Snakes and mice have been able to gain entrance into the facility.

Traditionally, said Squire, the water department is budgeted approximately \$20,000.

"This year," said Mills, "we should probably make that \$30,000."

Upkeep on culinary water system items needed to be planned for.

"I have never had this much input on a budget," said Squire. "Thank you. I appreciate your suggestions."



NEPHI JUAB COUNTY COURTHOUSE • Juab County would like to invite all interested parties to the new Juab County Courthouse ground breaking ceremony to be held on June 10 at 9:00 am behind (east) the existing Juab County Courthouse. Above is the artist representation of what the new building will look like.



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