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Nephi City bans fireworks on east side of I-15

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Nephi has a new ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks on the east side of Interstate 15.

Justin Seely, acting as mayor pro tempore in the absence of Mark Jones, was authorized to sign the ordinance so that it could become effective immediately.

"We pass a new ordinance concerning fireworks every year," said Larry Ostler, council member. "Could we make an ordinance that would be permanent?"

Seth Atkinson, city administrator, said it is probably better to pass a new ordinance every year so that it is called to the attention of the public annually.

That way, the public is aware that there is an ordinance Nephi City Council has authority to pass ordinances to govern the affairs of the city which is granted under Utah Code Annotated.

Atkinson said that the fire chief is concerned that with hot weather and dry foliage, the city is in danger of a fire being caused accidentally that could create a wildfire which could, in turn, threaten homes and structures.

As everyone who watches the news knows, man-caused wildfires are already burning in the state, he said.

Fireworks cause a substantial number of fires in Utah on an annual basis.

Nephi City Council has authority to regulate and prohibit the discharge of fireworks and the council finds that an ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fireworks on the east side of Interstate 15 is in the best interest of the city and its citizens.

Nephi City Council finds that limitations on the use of fireworks are warranted to reduce the potential for damaging and costly forest and range fires.

The ordinance was adopted and reads as follows: "The city hereby prohibits and makes it illegal to discharge any fireworks within Nephi City on the east side of Interstate 15 and on property owned by Nephi City on the east side of Interstate 15.

"The effective date of this ordinance is the date on which it is published, June 28, 2017. This ordinance will sunset (expire) on December 15, 2017."

In 2005, Utah identified almost 600 communities and their surrounding natural resources as "at risk" from wildland fire.

One of those communities is Nephi. Eureka, Levan-East Bench, Mammoth, Mona-Willow/Mendenhall, Nephi-East Bench, Nephi-West Bench/Dog Valley, Rocky Ridge, Sevier



FIREWORKS ON THE 4TH OF JULY • As of Monday June 26th, Nephi City will sponsor fireworks at dusk at the Juab High School football field again this year on the 4th of July, but the city says that may change depending on the weather. The city will also prohibit any fireworks east of I-15 due to the high fire danger. The fire department points out the many fires burning in our state as examples of man caused fires.

Celebrate America at the July 4th event

All are invited to attend the Fourth of July festivities at the Nephi City Park on Tuesday, July 4.

The day's schedule is as follows:

6:30-10:00 a.m.—breakfast

7:00 a.m.—3 on 3 basketball tournament registration

8:00 a.m.—3 on 3 basketball tournament begins

9:00 a.m.—Opening prayer and flag raising ceremony

9:15 a.m.—Country store opens

9:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.—Carnival

10:00 -11:00 a.m.—Quilt auction

11:00-3:00—Hamburger stand open

11:00-12:00—Dodgeball tournament registration

11:30-12:15 p.m. Talent show, act 1

Noon—Dodgeball tournament

Noon—Scones and watermelon

12:30-2:30 p.m.—Live auction

2:30-3:30 p.m.—Talent show, act 2

Fireworks at JHS football field starting at dusk (subject to change due to weather or fire restrictions).

School board adopts budgets at meeting

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The Juab School District's proposed 2018 budget and final budget for 2017 were adopted following a budget hearing.

Darin Clark, district business administrator, discussed the 2018 proposed budget, the 2017 final budget and the 2016 actual results at the budget hearing held Wednesday evening prior to the district meeting.

Just a small handful of interested patrons were in attendance as Clark began the discussion with a revue of the general fund revenue.

"Property tax revenue is budgeted to remain level, unless board chooses to go through Truth-In-Taxation," said Clark.

There is an increase in state revenue due to 4 percent increase in WPU (Weighted Pupil Unit) and growth, he said.

Clark presented a pie chart for the 2018 budgeted general fund revenue by source show-

ing that local funds accounted for 23 percent, federal funds 6 percent and state funds 73 percent.

"Personnel costs account for 89.4 percent of general fund expenditures," said Clark. "The district has approximately 575 employees and most are paid from the general fund."

The 575 employees include 153 full-time equivalents (FTEs) who are "contract" employees. Of the 153 FTEs, 107 are teachers, 35.5 are classified employees and 10.5 are school or district administrators.

He said that the 2017-2018 budget includes a 3 percent cost of living increase for all employees, the funding of step and lane increases and an increase of 1.6 percent in health insurance premiums.

The 2018 budgeted general fund expenditures by function are for student and instruction support at 7 percent, school administration at 6 percent, maintenance at 9 percent, transportation at 4 percent, general administration at 4 percent, business at 1 percent

and instruction at 69 percent.

Also discussed was the 2018 budgeted general fund expenditures by object: textbooks and supplies represented 6.4 percent; purchased services another 3.4 percent; equipment is 0.5 percent; other represents 0.3 percent; personnel costs is 89.4 percent.

The School Activity Fund accounts for individual school revenue and expenses. The budget total is \$1.1 million for all schools, said Clark.

"Juab High School accounts for about half of the total," said Clark.

Clark also talked about the non K-12 program.

"There is \$490,000 budgeted to run non K-12 programs that include athletics and other extra-curricular activities, preschool and adult education,"

he said.

Growing programs include soccer and tennis, said Clark.

The Debt Service Fund includes \$1.23 million budgeted to pay bond principal and interest plus miscellaneous fees related to bond compliance and reporting.

The 2017-2018 Capital Outlay budget includes the following: \$1,160,000 of capital improvements including major projects, summer maintenance and equipment. It also includes bus and vehicle purchases and a contingency budget for unforeseen events

The fund includes \$600,000 for instructional equipment and supplies.

See **Budget** on page 2

EARLY DEADLINE...

Because the 4th of July is on Tuesday (our normal press day) this year, our deadline for the July 5th paper will be Friday, June 30th at 5 p.m. Please plan accordingly.



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