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Council ponders a rename for 700 North

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All of 700 North may soon be named Wasp Way.

In fact, it was more than they had hoped for but Juab High School Student Body officers were happy to adapt to suggestions made by the Nephi City Council that they name all of 700 North the hoped for Wasp Way.

Tyrell Vance, Jackson Banks, Janae Bosh, Camee Coombs and Teicha Shepherd, student body officers, and Laren Swenson, advisor, met with council members just to request that they be allowed to rename 650 East as Wasp Way.

"The street is not even a tenth of a mile long," said Vance, president of the student body.

The students had discussed improvements they could make at their training camp held this summer and had decided that naming a street for the school mascot would be a good thing to do.

Brent Bowles, council member, asked if the students thought that renaming 650 East would confuse people who were trying to find the location of the high school and wondered what the street address of the school would then become.

One problem existed, said Randy McKnight, city administrator. That was that the street 650 East was not a city street. Instead, it was part of the school property.

"The post office would want a street of the city," he said, "and 650 is not a city street."

"Why not rename all of the street from 800?" asked Kent Park, council member.

Officers said they liked the idea but were being nice in requesting only the short 650 East be renamed. They had originally wanted to rename a longer street but had decided to ask for less. However, 700 North was the original plan.

If 800 East was the street selected, then it would travel directly into the east entrance

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WASP WAY • It sounds like that in the near future Nephi City crews may be adding signs like this to all the street signs on 700 North. Juab High School students have asked the city council to consider such a change to promote school spirit. The Times-News thinks this is a great idea and suggest that the city get right on it. Call you council member or city offices at 623-0822 and tell them you think it is a great idea too.

Nephi City Council adopts new annexation policy for city

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Nephi City has a new annexation policy plan that will govern all new annexations to the city.

In addition to the plan, the council also adopted a map showing the three levels of annexation the city will consider. The map had some last minute alterations as suggested by the council and was adopted with those changes.

"The final draft of the map has had some changes since the public hearings and the comments that were given there," said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

The plan, however, has not received any major changes since the public hearings, one held by the city planning commission and the other by the

city council, were held. There have been some typos corrected and some language tweaked but, said McKnight, but there were not substantial changes that would require public hearings be re-held.

By state mandate, cities must have annexation policy plans in place before annexations can take place.

The state dictates that all annexation policy plans include the following: a map of the expansion area anticipated for the City; a statement of the specific criteria that will guide the city's decision whether or not to grant future annexation petitions.

It must also identify the character of the community as outlined in the General Plan; the need for municipal services in developed and undeveloped unincorporated areas; the city's plans for extension of municipal

services; how the services will be financed; an estimate of the tax consequences to residents both currently within the municipal boundaries and in the expansion area; and must identify all affected entities.

"I would like to see the area west from the railroad tracks to the property that used to belong to Randy Greenhalgh changed from Level 2," said Wayne Jarrett, council member.

The planning commission placed the area in Level 2, instead of Level 3, because of the sewer main located there, said McKnight.

However, said Jarrett, there were some poor quality roads in that area and he would feel more comfortable with not having the priority for annexation as high for that reason.

Level 1 is the highest of the three tiers in considering possible annexation. Next, is Level 2 and last is Level 3.

"We could draw the line on 400 West," said McKnight. "West of 400 West would be included in Level 3 rather than in Level 2."

That would be a more acceptable boundary, said Jarrett.

Mark Jones, mayor, said he would like the county fairgrounds included in Level 1 on the map. That would mean that the city would look favorably on any requested annexation.

"The county would still have to file for annexation," said Kent Park, council member.

The county has requested an annexation of a small piece of property to the north of the county fairgrounds. However, in the interest of pushing the annexation through in a timely manner, they did not request any further annexations.

In fact, they indicated to other property owners who had been interested in coming in with them, said McKnight, that they only wanted to have the county road department building property annexed. The property must be inside the city in order to

qualify for city power.

"If the property continued to be in Level 2," said McKnight, "it would mean that the city would give it more study and would then move it forward."

However, said Jones, he could not see why the county fairgrounds should not be annexed in the near future and would like the map to indicate that was possible.

When Jarrett made the motion to adopt the annexation policy map, he did so with the two changes. The council voted unanimously to accept the map with the changes.

"The expansion area is defined with three levels," said McKnight.

Level 1 identifies limited areas immediately surrounding and contiguous with the boundaries of the city where public services can be efficiently extended at reasonable costs.

Level 2 identifies areas where development is desirable but more issues exist.

"These areas will require more study and planning," said McKnight. "Also the cost of utility extensions and financing methodology must be developed."

Level 3 contains those areas where longer-term development is desirable. Significant work on utility expansion and other issues needs to be addressed. These areas will be carefully examined to determine that annexation and development will not unreasonably impact agricultural or identified sensitive lands.

The expansion area, as noted on the annexation map, takes into account land with natural constraints, existing and proposed streets, land use patterns already created, plans to continue existing development building patterns, preservation

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR • Around these parts when you see the sunflowers in full bloom, you better start thinking about the fall and winter months. Along the freeways south of Nephi you see a lot of sunflowers but north of town in places that usually have a lot, they are few and far between. Time to order the long sleeve shirts and prepare for Friday Football. Go Wasps.

Labor Day Monday • Deadline Friday, August 29th, 5 p.m.

