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Local business owners unhappy with certain aspects of Main Street project

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The downtown Main Street Project does have a plan available for all interested to view.

Carmela and Dave Worwood, representing some of the downtown merchants located in the construction zone of the project, attended council meeting hoping to get some questions answered.

"In everything, there are rumors," said D. Worwood.

He wondered if there was a plan available that could be viewed by merchants who had questions.

"There was an agreed upon and a final plan," said Mark Jones, mayor.

UDOT had also agreed to the plan and the contract was bid out with the work to be done outlined.

One change which had taken place in that plan was the location of the planter boxes to be installed in the four-block historic Main Street area.

"The location of those planter boxes has been modified," said Jones. "We re-situated them, and late as this morning, they have been moved."

When the pink paint was placed on the sidewalk area, indicating the proposed location of those planters, it was noted that there were problems in that some of those boxes were right in front of business entrances. Those locations were changed.

"The white paint are the new proposed planter boxes," said Jones.

There was also a misunderstanding about the height of the boxes, he said. They would only be 12-inches or one-foot high.

Where the boxes had been proposed, D. Worwood said, they would have been in front of his business' door and in front of Kasey Wright's door. They would have created an impediment leading into their businesses on Main.

The planter boxes should no longer be a problem, as far as entrances were concerned, said Jones because they were now relocated.

D. Worwood said that the planter boxes still created a problem and would do so even if they were only six-inches high. Snow removal had been made a problem by the addition of the boxes.

The sidewalks in front of businesses could no longer be cleaned using a backhoe because the planter boxes would be in the way.

"I can't do the snow removal anymore," he said.

"Is the city going to remove the snow?" asked C. Worwood.

The city would do that, said Jones.

Jones said that the plants in the planter boxes would also not be watered by hose but by an underground watering system so that they could be cared for without having to have a



GETTING READY FOR HOMECOMING • Members of the JHS Etch N Sketch Society, or Art Club, paint the front window of The Times-News on Monday afternoon to get ready for Homecoming Week. The big game is this Friday against Canyon View.

Nephi City's existing culinary water system needs an overhaul to accommodate for future needs

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The existing Nephi City culinary water system does not meet all the current requirements and standards set forth in the Utah Division of Drinking Water Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems.

It is expected that all the expense for the project will come to approximately \$19 million.

"In the year 2015," said Randy McKnight, city administrator, "we finished the city culinary water master plan."

As that plan was reviewed, he said, there were a lot of questions about how the city could meet the outdoor water needs of the community in the future. The majority of homes in Nephi are not connected to the irrigation secondary water system.

"Water rates will have to go up," said McKnight. "We will need to change the rates."

When loan and grant money was sought, the lending agencies, in this case the Rural Water Agency, wanted to make certain that the water utility could pay its own way. "They are not anxious to lend or grant money to a city unless they can see that the local utility can carry its own end of the finances," he said.

Larry Ostler, council member, asked what areas were being considered for the new storage tanks.

McKnight said that one would likely be on the far south end of the community.

"When do you anticipate that we will need to look at changes in the rates?" asked Nathan Memmott, council member.

Now was a good time to consider the change, McKnight

said.

McKnight had prepared a summary of the culinary water project study which he shared with the council.

In that summary, he outlined the city culinary water project needs.

"The culinary water source capacity and storage capacity are currently inadequate to meet system demands," said McKnight. "In addition, many distribution pipelines are undersized."

As a result, he said, a large percentage of the system cannot meet even the 1,000 gpm (gallons per minute) minimum fire flow required by the state and the system is far short of the fire department's requested fire flows of 1,500 gpm for residential areas and 3,000 gpm for industrial areas.

A large number of existing fire hydrants are undersized and many fire hydrants in the system are over 70 years old.

"The system needs additional valves," he said. "Relatively large areas of our system are routinely required to be isolated to repair leaks or conduct maintenance."

There are over 45-miles of line in the streets, he said.

With the exception of components installed in recent subdivisions and the blue tank, which is 44 years old, the entire system is over 50 years old.

"Nephi City has an immediate need for additional source capacity, storage capacity, distribution system piping upgrades, additional distribution system valves, fire hydrant upgrades and upgrades to the disinfection system to bring the system into compliance with all the rules for public drinking water systems," he said.

The Nephi Culinary Water Improvements Project--2017, is a major culinary water improvements project, which will bring the culinary system into more complete compliance with the rules and allow the system to meet culinary water system standards required now and the system needs that are projected for the next 20 years.

The project includes rehabilitation/reconstruction and upgrade of existing system wells, to provide an additional 3,400 gpm of culinary water source capacity to Nephi City.

"An additional culinary well may be purchased or constructed if required to meet the projected required source capacity," McKnight said.

Also included in the project is the construction of two additional culinary water storage tanks, which will add an additional 3 million gallons of storage capacity to meet the projected required culinary water storage capacity required for the next 20 years.

"The storage improvements will include a small booster pump system to fill and circulate water in one remote tank," he said.

Approximately 155,000 feet of 16-inch, 12-inch, 10-inch, 8-inch and 6-inch AWWA C900 PVC pipe and fittings to replace undersized main pipe-

lines throughout the Nephi City culinary water system.

"Small diameter cast iron lead joint pipelines will also be replaced where possible," said McKnight.

The project will include new meters for all wells and springs and chlorination system upgrades will be made to ensure that the culinary water system meets disinfection requirements.

The project calls for approximately 220 new system mainline valves of various sizes and types, approximately 140 new fire hydrants and a system wide SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system to monitor and control various culinary system components.

Not included in the description of the work was that the output of Upper and Lower Bradley springs would be combined into the existing Upper Bradley spring transmission pipeline, which is deteriorated.

Soon to be noticed is the potential Rural Development loan/grant application. An ad can be found in the Times-News expressing the intent to apply.

A description of the projects

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Homecoming parade will take alternate route due to Main Street construction

The Homecoming Parade will take place this Friday at 2:00 p.m., but due to construction on Main Street it will take an alternate route.

The parade will begin at the Nephi 1, 2, 8 Ward Church on 200 East as usual, but it will go up 200 South to 400 East and then travel to the high school.

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