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## Auditor says Mona City needs to tighten purse strings

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Mona needs to watch the city budget carefully.

Greg Ogden, CPA, Springville, independent auditor, gave the council the audit report on the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Mona for the year ended June 30, 2017, at council meeting on Tuesday.

"This is the earliest we have ever done the audit," said Ogden. "We were working to get done early this year."

The total net position for the city as a whole decreased by \$8,685; the total unrestricted net position for the city as a whole decreased by \$94,290; the total net position for governmental activities increased by \$130,982; and the total net position for business-type activities decreased by \$139,666.

"The capital projects fund is down because of this nice building," said Ogden. "Money needs to be added to the fund."

He said that the city council needed to tighten the metaphorical belt and keep additional spending at a bare minimum.

The city ended up paying more for the building than originally planned because the property, already owned by the city, was required to be listed as a \$90,000 expense.

Newton said the city had \$300,000 in the capital improvements fund, owned the property which amounted to a \$90,000 value, had a loan from CIB for \$180,000 at 2 percent interest and a grant of \$178,000 which will never require repayment.

"The building was estimated at a cost of approximately \$685,000," said Newton. "But

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## Budget crunch will delay certain projects in Mona

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Because of the budget crunch, it was decided that the small strip of asphalt in the drive into the parking lot will not be paved this year.

There is a small strip that is along the old driveway but next to the new city center where the asphalt was disturbed to lie utility lines.

"Since we haven't started with the asphalt I told our contractor that we would need to wait until spring," said Molli Graham, council member.

Katrina Long, council member, said that since that money was not going to be spent for asphalt, she would like to see it used to begin work on the city's general plan.

"We could put off the asphalt until next July and use the \$20,000 to begin work on our plan," she said. "One of



**DIP CAUSING CALLS TO MONA OFFICIALS** • This dip in the road at 300 West and 300 South in Mona has a few residents protesting to city council members. Katrina Long, council member, wants the dip to be reversed or modified.

## Dip in road causing controversy in Mona City

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A dip was built into a road in Mona along the street of 300 W 300 South.

Jeff Smith, council member, who is over the streets for the city, said that the street needed to have a dip in order to prevent illegal high speed traffic along the roadway.

However, Katrina Long, council member, wants the dip to be modified or reversed.

"Can we reverse the dip?"

asked Long.

She said that a lot of folks in town had objected to the dip and had called her to protest.

The dip had more than one function, Smith said.

"It also helps with storm water," said Smith.

Instead of storm water going onto the properties along the roadway, the dip leads the water away from those properties.

It was built and designed with the help of a licensed contractor who does that type

of work professionally, said Smith.

"It is an illegal dip," said Long. "We will be liable for any damages."

She said that the dip was much too deep and needed to be filled. She was afraid that someone would hit the dip in the roadway and it would cause car damage or an injury accident.

"We are liable," said Long. "It is not a legal dip."

Smith said he wondered why no one had called him to

complain since he was over public safety and roads.

He said that the city could build dips into roadways and that they did have that authority.

"I am afraid that if we don't have a dip there, people will keep speeding on the road and a kid will get killed," said Smith. "If that happens, we really will be sued."

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**REGION CHAMPS** • The JHS girl's tennis team are Region 14 champions. Katja Braden, front left, was an individual region champion. Keanna Williams and Jessica Willmore, front, were doubles champions. Taelyn Ballow, back left, was also an individual champion. Megan Welburn took 2nd in singles, and Marinda Everitt and Emma Echols finished second in doubles. The team is coached by John Willmore and Andy Williams. Photo courtesy of Juab Tennis

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