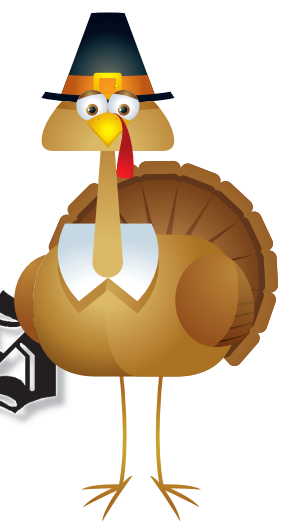


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## Nephi City updates water conservation plan

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Nephi has updated the city's water conservation plan.

State statute requires that municipal water systems prepare, adopt and periodically update a written water conservation plan.

An update of Nephi City's current plan was prepared by Kyle Marchant, Public Works Director, and Justin Blackett, Water and Sewer Department Superintendent, and was adopted Tuesday by the city council by ordinance.

"The city must review the plan every five years," said Randy McKnight, city administrator. "I would like to review with you a couple of the highlights of the plan."

In response to the continual growth that the state of Utah has seen statewide, citizens and leaders of Nephi City have become increasingly concerned about the future cost and/or availability of a finite supply of water.

The adopted plan constitutes the needed planning for water conservation for Nephi City. It is intended to address the concerns of both the city and the State of Utah while in compliance with the State of Utah Water Conservation Plan Act.

"Nephi City had a 2004 Census population of 4,904," said McKnight. "The 2014 census population estimate is 5,508. This equates to an average growth rate of 1.30 percent per year for the last 10 years."

Nephi City leaders, both political and staff, have always regarded the water needs of citizens as a top priority. As a result, a well-maintained and efficiently operated water system provides citizens with water where and when it is needed.

The water system has some current needs but overall it is in good shape and as new development returns to Nephi City, the system will be able to meet the increased needs through planning and efficient utilization of water supplies.

"There are 1,960 residential connections," he said. "There are an additional 191 commercial customers and two industrial connections for a total of 2,153."

"The system also supplies water to the golf course and various parks and cemeteries for outdoor watering purposes," said McKnight.

It should be noted that a pressurized irrigation system is available to approximately 700 connections in the city. This system is owned and operated by the Nephi Irrigation Company and is not affiliated with Nephi City. However, Nephi City does have an agreement in place with the Irrigation Company to trade water from their respective sources so as to give the city more potable spring culinary water while the irrigation company

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## BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS AT THANKSGIVING

Here's hoping your holiday is stuffed with the best things in life, like family, friends, peace, joy and contentment.

Wishing you and yours all the best. Happy Thanksgiving, and thanks for your patronage.

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## County commissioners express displeasure with TransWest officials at meeting

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TransWest officials are surprised that Juab County Commissioners do not want power transmission lines traveling through Salt Creek Canyon and commissioners are more surprised that there should be any surprise at all on the part of transmission agencies.

George Garcia, Uinta-Cache-Wasatch Forest Service District Ranger, Spanish Fork Ranger District, set up an information meeting with TransWest, Rocky Mountain Power, the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the commission to discuss the electric transmission lines following questions the commission had asked of him.

In addition to Garcia, in attendance were: Joe Tippetts, TransWest Associate General

Counsel; Don Watts, Central Utah Regional Business Manager for Rocky Mountain Power; Mike Doyle, Environmental Planning Group; Michael Gates, Field Manager at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Clara Stevens, Realty Specialist BLM Fillmore Field Office; David Fetter, consultant with TWE and works for consulting firm AE Com; Kenton Call, Public Affairs Officer with the USDA Forest Service; and Nancy Smith, project manager of PacificCorp.

Rocky Mountain Power's Gateway South transmission project and the TransWest Express' transmission project were discussed and how they will affect the Juab County's Salt Creek Canyon which has become a transmission corridor much to the chagrin of the Juab County Commission.

There was discussion about the various proposed routes for the projects and that the

routes should avoid populated areas and sage grouse core areas—both suspected factors in routing the lines into Juab County.

"I am not a proponent of the transmission lines in Salt Creek Canyon," said Rick Carlton, commissioner. "I think your line (TransWest) should have bypassed Utah."

Tippetts said that the commissioners had agreed to a joint resolution and he was surprised that they were now opposing the lines.

"This is the first time TransWest has heard this," Tippetts said. "We are very surprised."

Carlton said that the commissioners who had predated his election had all opposed having the transmission lines in Salt Creek Canyon. Since he had been in the commission,

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## The Christmas Festival - A Holiday Tradition

The Juab Fine Arts Council's Christmas Festival has a tradition of kicking off the holiday season with Santa Clause himself! Our wonderful Nephi City Fire Department makes sure Santa arrives safely and always has plenty of treats for the kids. Countless volunteers also work many hours to bring joy to the children who attend the festival.

New to the festival this year is a gingerbread house contest. It is open to all ages and the entries must be 100% edible. Participants must drop off their entry at 10 am the morning of the festival at the Juab Fine Arts Auditorium in the

county building. Prizes will be awarded at 2 pm.

The crafts are free to children and include Christmas tree ornaments, magnets, cookie decorating and Santa art. Also, for a small \$2 fee, pictures with Santa are available or the children can receive a letter from Santa straight from the North Pole. Children may also bring their letters to Santa to place in the "magic" mailbox for free. The entire community is invit-

ed to join the tradition Saturday November 28th from 11am to 2 pm in the Juab County Auditorium.



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## Sidewalks will continue to be installed in Nephi on SR 132

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Sidewalk is being installed in Nephi near the freeway in the center of the city.

"The current pedestrian safety project will install sidewalk along the south side of State Route 132, from approximately 900 East to the south-bound ramp of I-15 and from the north-bound ramp from 1-15 to approximately 1150 East," said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

The project is financed by UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation).

Those funds are dedicated to safe sidewalk projects along state highways.

"Nephi City provides a match for these projects, usually in the form of labor, equipment and materials," said McKnight.

He said that when Wendy's and 7-Eleven, had built the complex, they had installed sidewalk. However, when One Man Band was built, the sidewalk was not extended in front of that property.

"Now all of the sidewalk in that area will match up," said McKnight.

The legislature of the State of Utah has recognized the need for adequate sidewalk and pedestrian safety devices. State policy declares that "pedestrian safety" considerations be included in all state highway engineering and planning for all projects where pedestrian traffic would be a significant factor.

The Safe Sidewalks Program provides a legislative funding source for construction of new sidewalks adjacent to state routes where sidewalks do not currently exist.

For a proposed sidewalk location to be considered for the Safe Sidewalks Program, it must first meet the following criteria: it must be located adjacent to a state highway; it must be located within an urban area or an area where the immediate environment of the project is of an urban nature; significant pedestrian traffic; 25 percent local government match.

"The current project will close gaps in the sidewalk between the businesses located at 800 East and those located at Sheep Lane," said McKnight.

The purpose of the Safe Sidewalk Construction Program of the Department of Transportation is to fund the cost of correcting pedestrian hazards and other safety projects on State highways.

The Department of Transportation has been appropriated funds by the state legislature annually for its sidewalk safety program. These funds are then obligated for pedestrian safety projects when matched with funding from local governments.

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