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## Remodeling work in county building will commence in January

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The inside of the county building will begin to be remodeled in January.

Juab County Commissioners decided to accept a bid for the work to be done by Ryan Lynn Construction for \$79,400.

“That will include remodeling the clerk’s office, taking down the south stairs, but it does not include the flooring,” said Rick Carlton, commissioner.

It was the only bid received for the project, he said. He had contacted three construction companies and had called them several times requesting them to get in a bid but, when all was said and done, only one contractor was actually interested in the job.

“Our crew will do all the ceiling tiles,” he said.



**REMODELING TO START IN JANUARY** • Areas of the Juab County Building will be remodeled in January according to the Juab County Commission. The Clerk’s office and the south stairs are areas slated for work. Ryan Lynn Construction was awarded the contract.

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## Nephi City will address financing options for proposed water projects at next meeting

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Financing for proposed water projects that will benefit the residents of Nephi will be addressed at council meeting on December 20.

“For some time, the city has been working on a plan to finance the construction of water system improvements identified in the water system master plan,” said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

Financing of the approximately \$19 million project has been investigated, he said.

After discussion of the proposal, council members agreed to have Kasey Wright, city attorney, prepare a parameters

resolution and have it ready by December 20 for adoption.

“If we don’t act now,” said McKnight, “in January there will be a substantial raise in interest.”

Financing of priority projects through the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development agency has been explored, he said.

McKnight said that the potential exists to pursue a combination of a loan and a grant from USDA Rural Development that would fund the final design and the construction of these priority improvements.

“If the council adopts a bond (loan) resolution before the end of 2016,” said McKnight, “the current loan terms could

be locked in, avoiding an interest-rate increase scheduled for the first of the year.”

Greg Rowley, council member, asked what made the determination in the percentage of grant VS loan the city could obtain?

McKnight said that the actual split was still to be determined. However, it would be a combination of the two.

The combination of loan and grant would approach \$20 million and the low-interest loan would be repaid over a 40-year term.

“Substantial savings over the life of the loan would be achieved if the lower interest rate can be secured,” he said. “Approving a parameters resolution would keep the financing plan on track.”

Final commitments on the specific loan and grant package would be made at a later

closing, as the project moves forward.

“If the council desires, a parameters resolution can be prepared for consideration at the December 20th council meeting,” McKnight said.

McKnight said the Nephi City Culinary Water Project Description Summary indicated the need for an upgrading of the culinary system and outlined certain projects that needed to be addressed.

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

He said that the existing

culinary water system does not meet all of the current requirements and standards set forth in the Utah Division of Drinking Water Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems. In fact, the culinary water source capacity and storage capacity are currently inadequate to meet the requirements in those rules.

In addition, many distribution pipelines are undersized.

As a result, a large percentage of the system cannot meet the 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm) minimum fire flow required by the state, under peak-demand conditions and the system is far short of the targeted fire flows of 1,500 gpm for residential areas and 3,000 gpm for industrial areas.

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## Families of fallen officers will be eligible for health insurance coverage thanks to recent legislation

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In Nephi, in keeping with state law, police officer’s families will now be covered by health insurance if the officer is killed in the line of duty.

“Recent legislation requires employers of public safety officers killed in the line of duty to provide health insurance coverage for the surviving spouse and for the child of the officer (until the age of 26 for a child),” said Randy McKnight, city administrator.

“This will apply to just those who are police officers,” said McKnight. “We have 10 sworn

officers.”

A trust fund has been established to help participating employers pay the cost of these benefits.

Participating employers make contributions to the fund and then are able to call on the fund to help pay for the benefits over time. The initial contribution rate will be \$95 per public safety officer per year.

“The funds will come out of the police department budget,” said McKnight. “The fund is for the participating agency’s active employees participating in a retirement system.”

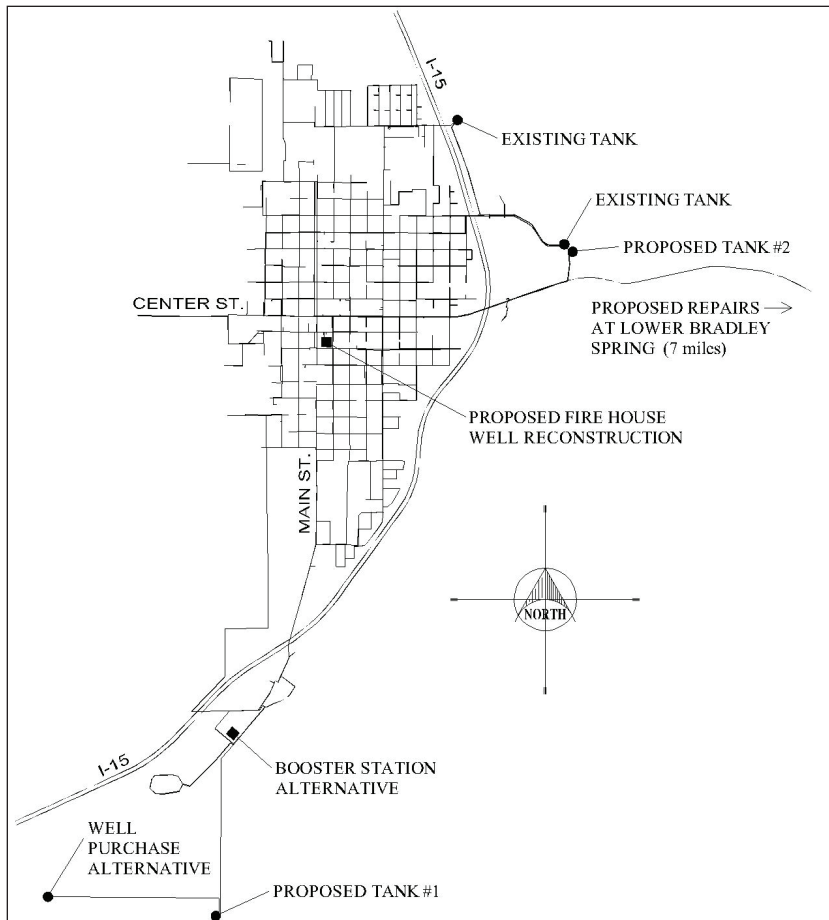
The council agreed to approve the cost-sharing agree-

ment with the Local Public Safety and Firefighter Surviving Spouse Trust Fund.

The cost sharing agreement is authorized by Section 53-17-301 of the Utah Code and R698-8 of the Utah Administrative Code and is made effective between Keith D. Squires, Commissioner, Utah Department of Public Safety and Nephi City as a participating agency.

“In the event of a line of duty death of a member, the participating agency is required,

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