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North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

HOW THE CITY IS FUNDED

The City is on a fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th. The current budget year is fiscal year 2007. This year's budget was originally adopted June 22nd 2006 and has been modified slightly since then. The total General Fund revenue (projected) to the city is **\$4,498,000**.

North Logan City (*the General Fund*) is funded through several sources:

Property Tax --- The property tax bill you received from the County a few months ago shows eight (8) taxing units and the total property tax owed on your property. One of these taxing units is North Logan City. The County collects the tax and makes the distribution to each tax unit. It is often misunderstood how much of your total property tax comes back to the City. By far, most of your property taxes go to the school district or to the County. *The gross revenue expected to go to North Logan from property tax in FY 2007 is \$716,000 but over half of this amount (\$369,000) is a dedicated tax for the Library and \$33,000 is dedicated to pay off an old sewer bond. The remaining amount of \$314,000 is all that will go into the General Fund. This is only about 7% of all the revenue received in the General Fund.*

Sales Tax ---The State collects the 6.35 % sales tax on general purchases but only about 1/6th of that (1% sales tax) comes back to the City. This is expected to bring in about \$1,620,000 this year, about 36% of the total city's general fund revenue.

Other Taxes, Fees and Permits -- \$772,000 (17% of the total revenue). This includes such things as the energy sales and use tax, building permits, animal and business licenses, and taxes collected by the county on our vehicles.

Other Revenue from Various Government Agencies amounts to \$290,000 (6% of the total revenue). This includes police and fire department grants plus the road fund allotment which comes from the state and is generated from gasoline taxes.

Charges for services (fees) -- \$1,156,000 (26% of revenue). Roughly half of these charges are for trash collection services and since these fees are passed through to Logan/Cache County, this is really not a revenue source we can use. Another approximate one-fourth of this category of revenue comes from road and park impact fees which are charged to a developer or home builder for the "impact" the additional construction has on existing infrastructure. The fees are charged only once. The money received from impact fees can only be used for new additions or capacity to the infrastructure, and cannot be used for maintenance of anything that exists prior to the addition or to maintain new capital improvements. There are also water and sewer impact fees.

Fines & Miscellaneous -- \$346,000 (8% of revenue). Normally almost all (about \$180,000) of the revenue in this category comes from fines received by the city through our municipal court. This year however, in this miscellaneous category there is a one-time revenue for the sale of some excess city property.

Not included in the General Fund revenues, but money that comes into the city include:

The Library Fund. This special revenue fund is used to run the library exclusively. The library's dedicated property taxes received cover the operational costs of the library.

North Logan City mourns the loss of one of its key employees. Burns Crookston, our Streets Superintendent, died unexpectedly on Fri. January 19th of complications from surgery. His great sense of humor will be missed as much as his skills with heavy equipment and road maintenance. Burns was a dedicated worker for North Logan City for over eight years and brought a great deal of experience to the city from his career in building roads. He could often be seen around town inspecting and repairing as he went. We as members of the city staff and city officials, express our love and deepest sympathy to Janis and the rest of their family.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE (cont)

A combination of endowment funds coupled with an annual transfer from the General Fund pays the bond payments for the money borrowed to originally build the library.

Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Enterprise Funds. These funds operate like any business account showing profit/loss. Fees collected are revenues, and expenses show against these accounts. *The operations of these Funds are not a component of the General Fund to run the city.*

Our budget process starts at the beginning of each calendar year. Over the next few months each department within the city will put together its budget with recommended priorities for funding. That information is presented to the Budget Committee.

The Staff prepares the expectations for revenue based upon previous budget numbers coupled with assumptions for revenue expectations. The committee evaluates all the prioritized requirements from the city departments, matching priorities for the coming year against projected revenues. It sets a target for achieving a reserve level that will be high enough to ensure meeting State requirements plus money left over for funding capital improvements in the future.

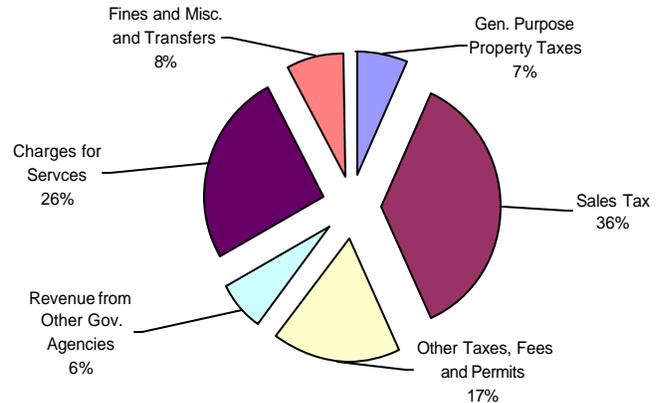
Once this is done, and funding priorities are agreed upon, a preliminary budget is recommended to the Council for review and final adoption. Workshops with the public will be held and a Public Hearing will occur in late May or early June. The budget for fiscal year 2008 must be adopted no later than June 21, 2007.

A Budget Committee meeting was held in January, and the committee recommended revisions to the existing budget and began the process to formulate the new budget. These meetings will be held regularly until a budget is put together and recommended to the Council for approval.

Going back to the discussion on what makes up revenues for the city - property taxes (excluding the dedicated taxes) make up just 7% of the General Fund Revenues. Next month I will be talking more about property taxes.

Sincerely,
Cary Watkins, 760-4615

Sources of General Fund Revenue FY2007



Fire Department News

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Symptoms of CO poisoning

CO enters the body through breathing. CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal, causing death within minutes.

Safety Tips

Install CO alarms (listed by an independent testing laboratory) inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area. If bedrooms are spaced apart, each area will need a CO alarm.

If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle, generator, or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.

If your CO alarms sounds

Immediately move to a fresh air location and call for help. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel say it is ok.

For questions regarding carbon monoxide and CO detectors, contact the North Logan Fire Department at (435) 755-5739.

What's Happening In The City Council

The City Council meetings for the month of February will be on the 1st and the 15th. There are no specific items currently on the agendas for February as of the time this newsletter article was written but there are several issues which will likely be under consideration at one or both of the February meetings. The City Council and the Planning Commission are working jointly on revising the city's general plan. The land-use element for the plan has been written and is being modified somewhat following the public hearing input received during the last few months of 2006. They are also well on their way to completing the transportation element for the general plan which will lay out where future roads will be developed in the city.

Another likely issue to be considered by the council in February is approval of the development plan for the Canyon Gates Subdivision. This large development (almost 150 acres) is planned for much of the area between 1600 East and the foothills and north of Green Canyon Road - essentially much of the area that is currently being used for gravel extraction operations. In approving the development plan, the city council ensures that all environmental issues, gravel pit reclamation and grading plans, water conservation plans, and sewer, stormwater and other issues are appropriately defined and planned for before development is allowed to proceed. Once the development plan is approved, the final plat for at least a portion of the development will be finalized and development of the subdivision will proceed.

Also in February, the council will be beginning the process of annexing five properties where the owners have requested annexation. Two of the properties are just east of Main Street around and including the land where the Eccles Ice Center is. The other three properties include and/or are adjacent to the property on the northwest corner of the intersection of 1600 E and 3100 North. Annexations take several months to fully complete so the council will be working on this issue for some time.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city offices and the library. The Herald Journal is given a copy of the official agenda as well and they normally print it in the newspaper a day or two before the meeting.

From the Chief's Desk:

This is a quick look at the numbers that were generated in December

Arrests: *North Logan 19 Hyde Park 2* **Citations:** *North Logan 67 Hyde Park 16*

North Logan Incidents												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2006	232	235	242	245	294	323	342	341	298	322	295	275
2005	253	241	246	325	256	255	260	298	275	285	252	250

Hyde Park Incidents												
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2006	97	79	85	96	107	123	107	117	107	85	94	94
2005	70	64	85	81	83	94	114	108	100	94	108	105

I wanted to take some time and talk about a need that has been expressed by our Animal Control Officer. First a reminder that it is time to have your dogs and cats registered for the new year. Having your animals registered helps us identify them if they happen to get lost and are picked up. Which brings up my topic for the month. In 2006 there were 84 cases called into our office reporting their pet as lost. Of those 84 we were able to find 76. We pick up many animals that no one calls to report missing. Our desire is to get lost animals back to their owners and we are soliciting your help. First, make sure your pets are currently registered and they have a collar, with the tags attached. Second, when a pet comes up missing please call us so that we can be on the lookout for them. Third, don't let your animals roam at will. Take the time to exercise them and keep them on your property. It is for their safety and **it's the law**. If you have concerns about animals in your neighborhood or questions about what the current laws are relating to domestic pets, please give our Animal Control Officer, Rocky Taylor, a call at 753-7600.

News For Families

LIBRARY INFORMATION

If the weather outside is frightful . . . reading is so delightful!

So why not grab a blanket and curl up with a good book from your North Logan City Library today! There are many new titles, both fiction and non-fiction, for readers of ALL AGES just waiting to be enjoyed. Here's just a sample of some new informational books you can find on our shelves:

Consumer Reports Buying Guide: Best Buys for 2007

The Right Job, Right Now by Susan D. Strayer, S.P.H.R.

Dr. Neal Barnard's Program for Reversing Diabetes by Neal D. Barnard, MD

The South Beach Heart Program by Arthur Agatston, MD

Homeowner's Tax Breaks for 2007 by J.K.Lasser

A Year of Living Your Yoga by Judith Hanson Lasater, Ph.D., P.T.

Eco-Chic Weddings by Emily Elizabeth Anderson

The Best Life Diet by Bob Greene

Mother of the Groom: Everything You Need to Know to Enjoy the Best Wedding Ever by Sharon Naylor

Cholesterol Down by Janet Bond Brill, Ph.D., R.D., LDN

Growing Carnivorous Plants by Barry A. Rice

Why We Want You To Be Rich by Donald J. Trump & Robert T. Kiyosaki

The Practical Guide to Weekend Parenting by Doug Hewitt

Lower Taxes in 7 Easy Steps by Attorney Stephen Fishman

Design Ideas for Home Decorating by Creative Homeowner

Scrapbooker's Alphabets: Inspiration and Instruction for 50 Fabulous Decorative Alphabets by Ruth Booth

Quilting: The Complete Guide by Darlene Zimmerman

Ultimate Guide To Plumbing: Complete Projects for the Home by Creative Homeowner

Cesar's Way: The Natural, Everyday Guide to Understanding & Correcting Common Dog Problems by Cesar Millan

Quacker Time on Thursdays and Fridays at 11:00 a.m. and **Toddler Time** on Tuesdays at 10:10 a.m. will start the **1st of February** in the Library's Meeting Room! Ventriloquist puppet, **Quackers**, comes alive as he and his furry and not-so-furry friends tell stories, sing songs and have lots of fun! Shows are free and no registration is required. Children must be accompanied by someone 16 years or older. To ensure that all children can view the show, adults are asked to sit either in the chairs or to the sides of the crowd on the floor. Colorful vinyl floor mats are available for everyone's comfort. Photos may be taken but, please, no electronic recording of the programs is allowed.



The North Logan Book Discussion Group will be meeting on Thursday, February 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the Young Adult Section of the Library. On the agenda is the read entitled "**The Color of Water**" by James McBride, which tells the remarkable story of Ruth McBride Jordan.

*"It is a success story, a testament to one woman's true heart, solid values, and indomitable will. Ruth Jordan battled not only racism but also poverty to raise her children and, despite being sorely tested, never wavered. In telling her story – along with her son's – "**The Color of Water**" addresses racial identity with compassion, insight, and realism. It is, in a word, inspiring, and you will finish it with unalloyed admiration for a flawed but remarkable individual. And, perhaps, a little more faith in us all." (Amazon.com)*

The Library will have used copies of this intriguing book available for Book Discussion Group members. Just ask at the Front Desk.

Boys & Girls: Quacker's Joke of the Month:

Why don't mountains get cold in the wintertime?

A. Because they wear snowcaps!

SINCE WE NEVER KNOW WHEN IT WILL SNOW, OUR ROAD CREWS NEED YOUR COOPERATION



So, they're asking you to not put out your trash cans before 6:30 each Thursday morning. They usually start plowing in the wee hours, so you could help them, and the condition of your street, if you'll delay parking on the street or putting out your trash until after 6:30 a.m.

We plow the main roads first, then do the subdivisions as soon as we can, so remember that we have many to get to, and we'll get to yours as soon as we can! And, while we're talking about snow and streets, please be aware that city ordinances prohibit the pushing, shoveling, throwing, etc., of *any* snow onto or across the roads.



Also, if you have a fire hydrant in your neighborhood that's buried or surrounded by snow — please do all you can to get it clear in case you or one of your neighbors have a fire. A few minutes digging out a hydrant today may make the difference between minor damage and a complete disaster!

TIME TO LICENSE (or re-license) THOSE DOGS AND CATS!!!

All dogs AND CATS will need to be licensed **before March 1st of 2007**. All tags expired on December 31, 2006 no matter what month they were purchased. Please also bring in the required proof of your pet's rabies vaccination (must be valid for six months past new licensing date).



The ordinance requires all dogs & cats (except field cats) to be licensed. A **50% increase** goes into effect after February 28th for all unlicensed dogs and cats. The fees that apply in January and February are:

<i>Spayed or neutered dog</i>	\$10.00	<i>Un-neutered or spayed dog</i>	\$20.00
<i>Spayed or neutered cat</i>	\$5.00	<i>Un-neutered or spayed cat</i>	\$10.00

Notice: No more than two dogs and no more than four cats are allowed on a residential property of less than one acre. Those on one acre or more may have more than this number of dogs or cats, but it requires a kennel license following obtaining a conditional use permit. The fee to apply for a conditional use permit is \$20.00 and the kennel fee is \$50.00 per year. Call 752-1310 for details.



Winter Parking Restrictions Have Begun!

It's the time of year to remember it usually snows in Cache Valley! We would like to remind everyone that the winter parking ordinance is in effect from November 15th to March 1st.

This means vehicles cannot be parked on city street curbs and shoulders between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 am. Citations will be issued.

Wal-Mart Parking

We've had an increasing number of people parking in front of Wal-Mart rather than in the marked parking areas in the Wal-Mart lot, and that has resulted in an increased number of citations being issued. Please note that the front curbside area (marked with yellow stripes) is a fire lane and **NO PARKING IS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME**.

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on Monday, February 12th at the Golden Corral at 2044 North Main in North Logan. The cost is \$3.50 per person and all senior citizens are invited to attend.

Please **RSVP** to Savannah Baker at (753-0287), Lila Eddington (753-0203), Eva Fay Anderson (753-0340), Eileen Stocking (752-1217) or Alva Johnson (753-3070) by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9th**.



Dear Citizens of North Logan City—The Cemetery Committee would like to update you on the progress that has been made in 2006 and what will be happening in 2007.

In 2006 the City Council, City Staff and the Cemetery Committee have accomplished the following items:

- Officially named the city cemetery “The North Logan Memorial Park”;
- Created the Fees, Policies and Procedures for the cemetery and the Cemetery Ordinance;
- Determined the layout for the cemetery including plot size (5’ x 10’) and the plot price (\$250);
- Started work on the 2500 North bridge across the upper canal;
- Connected the main water line to the edge of the cemetery property;

In 2007 these items will be accomplished:

- The final design for a sprinkler system will be completed;
- Completion of the bridge on 2500 North before the water is in the canal in April;
- Completing a gravel road between the bridge and the cemetery land;
- Putting the sprinkler system in place and planting grass and trees;
- The plots sold will be tracked with a new computer program;
- Withdraw North Logan properties from the Hyde Park Cemetery District;
- Plots will be available for purchase in August or September, 2007.

We are very excited to be this close to the completion of the first phase of the two acre cemetery and will be looking forward to the future with walking paths, a veteran’s memorial and an amphitheater. We will update you when more progress is made in the spring.

If you have any questions please contact one of the members of the North Logan Cemetery Committee: Mark Williams, Nancy Potter, Duane Chadwick, Richard Bradford, Kay Gilgen, Dee Israelsen, John Stocking, LaConna Hogan, Peggy Giles and Cordell Batt.

Together, We Can Save A Life!

The Cache County American Red Cross Chapter assists with local disasters and provides emergency preparedness and life-saving classes to the citizens of Cache County. These courses are provided through the Disaster Services and Health and Safety Services' departments, respectively. If you or someone you know is interested in any of the above courses please contact your local chapter at 752-1125 to sign up today! Upcoming classes will be offered on the following dates (also found at www.cacheredcross.org):

Community CPR & Standard First Aid

- February 6, 7, 8 (5-8 pm nightly)
- February 24 (9 am -4 pm)
- March 3 (9 am - 4 pm)
- March 31 (9 am- 4pm)

Disaster Services Classes

- February 20, 21 (6-8 pm nightly)
- March 17 (8 am-12 pm)
- March 21, 22 (6-9 pm nightly)

We are also seeking motivated individuals to serve as **volunteer instructors**. The American Red Cross provides a 4-night training and Instructor Manual for \$155. Learn how to save a life, and then teach others your skills! To sign up for a class, training or make a donation call 435-752-1125 or visit www.cacheredcross.org

Notice: Annual Shareholders Meeting of the Green Canyon Irrigation Company (north of 2500 North)

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the North Park Irrigation Company will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room of the North Logan Library. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect directors and to conduct such other business as may come before the meeting.

Help Wanted: North Logan City is looking for full-time and part-time temporary grounds workers. The job will start in April and continue through the end of October. If interested, please pick up an application at the city office, 2076 North 1200 East from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



