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North Logan City NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE - WHAT'S THE LATEST ON THE CITY'S BUDGET?

Each year the city council considers how the city's finances will be handled for the coming year. This is probably the most important single thing we do as the governing body of the city. The responsibility to manage the funds of the city is not taken lightly by anyone on the council. The process takes months and input is solicited from the city staff, our Budget and Finance Committee as well as receiving input from citizens in the community. For the past several months I have been including articles in this newsletter relating to the financial affairs of the city. Several issues have been raised in those articles and hopefully they have been instructive in helping the citizens of the city understand how the finances of the city are managed and in particular, how the property taxes affect the city's budget. I will not reiterate the things I have written in the past few newsletters but I will take this opportunity to answer some of the questions that have been raised to me on these important issues.

Q: Are we going to have a property tax increase this year?

A: That is still yet to be determined. A property tax increase is really on the table every year and that is no different this year. The public hearing on the budget will be a good place for citizens to express their thoughts on the budget. A tax increase, if contemplated, would not actually be approved during the budget approved in June. A truth-in-taxation hearing would have to take place in August, and only after that takes place could a tax increase be approved.

Q: If we have a tax increase why would we need it, what would it be used for?

A: The portion of the property tax which is used in the general fund has not been increased for about 16 years. Other portions of our tax bill may have gone up but the general purpose portion of the tax that goes to North Logan has stayed quite constant. Total property tax dollars received by the city does go up each year because of new growth, but that same growth also brings with it increased costs for the services needed for new growth. For example, more homes means more roads which means more road maintenance, snow removal, etc. We can rely on new growth to sustain us at an equal level of service but our level of service per home or per business is higher than it was 16 years ago. We have more park land per person and we have better police and fire coverage than we did then. The biggest unfunded area of the budget, however, is covering the costs of maintaining our infrastructure. For years the basic upkeep on our building, roads, vehicles, and other equipment has been unfunded. The burden of maintaining and replacing our capital investments will be passed on to future generations if we do not begin setting aside funds to do so soon. We are short about \$500,000 each year in funding our capital investment needs. That has been building for many years.

Q: If the property tax is raised, how much will it be raised and how long will it be before it needs to be raised again?

A: If no tax rate increase is approved the resulting tax rate that would be certified for next year would be about 0.000832 compared to the 0.000849 which is what it was last year. Currently the highest tax rate being considered by the council is about 0.001490, which is about what the rate was back in 1994. The higher rate would put us at about the mid point of other cities in the northern half of the state as far as the general purpose tax rate is concerned. As for how long it will be before there will be another tax rate increase - many cities adjust their property tax rate every year or two to keep up with inflation and the growth of city services. That way there is no need for a large increase all at once like is being considered here. If the tax rate is not adjusted for 16 years it becomes much harder to justify a substantial adjustment all at once.

Let me reiterate that the financial health of our city is sound and will continue to be with or without a property tax increase. If the council chooses to continue to run the city without the contemplated tax increase, there will be some things that will go undone, mostly in the area of setting aside funds for maintaining and replacing our capital investments. If no tax increase is made the city's finances will continue to meet our immediate needs on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. On the city's website (www.ci.north-logan.ut.us) you can view the draft FY2008 budget as well as last year's budget. Also, a formal public hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 7th at 6:45 pm. I encourage your input and participation in this process. If you have specific questions on the budget please call or email me.

Sincerely,
Cary Watkins
760-4615 or d.carywatkins@gmail.com

What's Happening in City Council?

The City Council meetings for the month of June will be June 7th and June 21st. During both meetings the city council will continue work on the city's budget. During the June 7th meeting (beginning at 6:45 pm) the council will be having a public hearing on the budget. During this meeting the council will be trying to make some of the final decisions on what the budget will be for the upcoming fiscal year beginning in July. The budget for next year must be passed by June 22nd. If a property tax increase is to be considered, an interim budget would be passed and then a truth-in-taxation hearing on the proposed tax increase would be held in August after which the final budget would be passed. If no tax increase is to be considered, the budget that would be passed in June would be the one governing next year's finances for the city. The city is posting copies of the proposed budget on the city's website at www.ci.north-logan.ut.us as different versions of the draft budget are developed. A copy of last year's budget is also available for comparison.

During the June 7th meeting the council will be considering a resolution authorizing a sales tax increase to be placed on the November ballot. This resolution does not authorize any tax increase, it merely permits it to be put on the ballot. The voters would then decide if the proposed sales tax increase would be put in place. The contemplated increase would be used to expand the transit service in the valley. More information on this issue will be posted on the city's website as it becomes available.

Other issues will be considered by the city council during the month of June including consideration of approvals for various subdivisions that are on the horizon. As of the time this newsletter was written, no other specific items have been scheduled for the June meetings.

Look for the official council agendas as they are posted at the city offices, at the library and on the city's website. These postings are normally done the Monday prior to the scheduled city council meeting. 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

I wanted to take a minute and talk about riding off-highway vehicles. Throughout the summer we receive complaints about individuals riding four wheelers and motorcycles on private property or on public property that is restricted in use. Designated open space within subdivision is often restricted to non-motorized vehicles. The simple rule is that if you do not own the property then you need to locate the owner or controlling agent and get permission to ride. You must obtain written permission and have it on your person while you are riding. Just because there are visible trails in the foothills does not mean there is open riding. Be considerate and get permission first. It's the Law.

Chief Kim Hawkes

SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The North Logan Senior Citizens will hold their monthly luncheon at 12:00 noon on **Monday, June 11th** 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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2 - National Trails Day
- 7 - City Council 6:30
- 7 & 8 - City Surplus Sale 9:00 - 3:00
- 9 - Reading Program Kick-Off 9:00 - 12:00
- 11 - Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00
- 14 - Planning Commission
- 21 - City Council 6:30
- 28 - Planning Commission 7:00
- 30 - Art on the Lawn 10:00 - 5:00



JUST A REMINDER THAT THE BLUE RECYCLING CANS WILL BE PICKED UP ON JUNE 14TH AND 28TH .

Please find more information about these activities in The newsletter articles or call the city offices.

A Message From Your Water Department

We are having a problem with water meter lids being opened. As a reminder, our city ordinance does not allow the meter to be opened except by an authorized representative of the city.

If you have an automatic sprinkling system, please make sure your stop and waste valve is turned on all the way. We are finding residents who's valve isn't turned on all the way for summer use and water is leaking into the ground. We also find each year many residents who don't turn the stop and waste valve off all the way and they leak water all winter long.

Lawn (TURF) Irrigation Systems - For the protection of the water purveyor's distribution system, all irrigation systems must have an approved backflow prevention assembly that is commensurate with the degree of hazard. Irrigation systems are categorized as high health hazard or moderate health hazard as defined below:

Any irrigation system that contains pumps or injectors for the addition of chemical and/or fertilizers is considered a high hazard. This risk assessment is also based on the additional hazard posed by bacterial contaminants found on lawns, and on the possibility of changes being made to the irrigation system by the customer. An approved reduced pressure backflow assembly (RPBA), or an approved air gap separation, should be required in all cases where chemicals or herbicides may be injected into the irrigation system, or where an auxiliary water supply is also provided for irrigation water.

All irrigation systems that are not classified as high health hazard are considered to by moderate health hazards. This risk assessment is based on the hazard posed by bacterial and chemical contaminants found on lawns, and on the possibility of changes being made to the irrigation system by the customer. An approved double check valve assembly (DCVA), or pressure vacuum breaker assembly (PVBA), should be required.

However, an approved PVBA does not provide adequate protection if it is subjected to flooding, back pressure, elevated piping, or if compressed air is used to winterize the irrigation systems. In these situations, an approved DCVA should be required as a minimum level of protection.

If you have any questions, please call the water and sewer department at 753-5226 or the city office 752-1310 extension 11.

Commercial Building Permits

None

Home Businesses

Gordon's Lawn Care
Michael Murray Dental - Dental Services
Mercurio/Latin Tech - Advertising Services
Hansen Hive LLC - Investments
Discovery Time - Day Care
Sun Stone Landscaping - Landscaping Services

Commercial Businesses

Trident Systems Inc. - Engineering Services
Vision Health Eye Care - Optometrist

Permit Type	2007 to date	2006 to date
Single Family Residence	26	15
Multi-Family (Apt.)	0	0
New Commercial (Retail)	2	7
Office	4	3
Remodel (Existing Comm.)	1	1

**GROWTH
CORNER**

A reminder from the Fire Department

There are no burn permits issued during the summer months. Please recycle your yard waste by using a GreenWaste can or taking it to the dumpster near Elk Ridge Park.

and the Streets Department

In the next month and into July we will be doing *chip seal* on 1200 East from 1500 North to 2300 North, 1600 East from 1500 North to 2700 North and also 1800 North from Main Street to 800 East. Please be aware of the ongoing efforts in doing up-keep on the roads, and please slow down in order to keep your vehicle in good condition!

**THERE WILL BE A SURPLUS SALE JUNE 7TH
AND 8TH FROM 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW CITY SHED JUST WEST ON ELK RIDGE PARK - ABOUT 1000 EAST OFF 2500 NORTH. THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF ITEMS INCLUDING BIKES, COMPUTERS, OFFICE FURNITURE, ETC. ALSO SOME LOST-AND-FOUND ITEMS FROM THE PARKS. PLEASE COME SEE IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN USE!

LIBRARY INFORMATION

GET A CLUE @ Your Library!

is the theme of this year's summer reading club for kids of **ALL AGES!**

READ books, or be read to, and you can win prizes!

Children and teens can register beginning **June 2nd** and will have until **August 2nd** to reach their reading goals. Those who register will receive a special club reading sack filled with goodies and a club reading log. Many area restaurants and businesses have been generous with coupon donations for this worthwhile program! The State Library Division in Salt Lake City has also funded much of materials and programs for this reading motivational program through an annual grant entitled **Community Library Enhancement Funds**.

On **Saturday, June 2nd**, there will be an awesome **KICK-OFF PARTY** on the grounds outside the Library featuring free refreshments, amusement park rides and giant blow-up slides and houses, provided by North Logan's own kid's party expert, Ray Checketts! Come win prizes and have lots of outdoor fun from **12 noon until 3:00 p.m.**

The next session of the **Book Discussion Group** will take place on **Thursday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Young Adult Area of the Library. The featured book is "**Emma**" which was written by Jane Austen.

The Library has multiple copies of this classic "read" available just for the asking. Please see Stephanie Harrell, Assistant Library Director, for a copy.



Quacker Time on **Thursdays & Fridays at 11:00 a.m.** and **Toddler Time** on **Tuesdays at 10:10 a.m.** will be continuing throughout the summer months. Children of all ages are welcome to these fun-filled puppet/story/music programs.

The Library is creating and expanding three graphic novel collections – one each for children, young adults and adults. These will include popular comics and graphic novels from America, Japan and other countries. The Library selects graphic novels based on popularity and critical acclaim, and the staff expect this collection to become very popular, especially among our teen readers!

Some graphic novels may reflect different cultural standards and artistic styles. The novels written for older readers may contain some sensitive material. The Library staff would like the public to know that they are careful to classify these novels for the intended age groups, but they ask patrons to be discerning in choosing material that is appropriate for the chosen reader(s). The Japanese graphic novels (or manga) will usually list a rating on the book that should help patrons in making selections.

The children's graphic novel collection is recommended for ages 7 to 11. Older readers may also enjoy many of the titles in this collection. The young adult graphic novel collection is recommended for ages 12 and up. Older readers may also enjoy many of the titles in this collection. The adult graphic novel collection is recommended for ages 16 and up.

The study room, which is adjacent to the Friends of the Library's Book Nook, now has a television, equipped with a built-in VCR player, free for use by patrons. Reservations for the free use of this room for private meetings, study, lessons, etc., may be made at the Library's front desk.

Boys & Girls, Quackers' joke of the month is:
When do you know if an elephant is under your bed?

A: When your nose touches the ceiling!

USDA'S SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM Free Summer Meals for Children 18 and Under

<u>SITE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Mt. Logan Middle School	875 North 200 East	Logan	8:00-8:45 am	11:30 am-1:00 pm	June 11 - Aug 3

You don't have to apply or bring identification. For more information call Logan School District: 755-2300 Ext. 18 for more information. The program will be closed Wed., July 4, Mon. & Tues. July 23rd and 24th. For other locations in Cache County call 752-3925.



Join Us...
Saturday, June 30th
10am-5pm
1491 East 2300 North

Interactive art event featuring:

- **Community Paint-In** sponsored by distinguished North Logan artist Michael Bingham (Paint Utah).
- **Lee Burningham**, well respected ceramist, will bring three potting wheels.
- **Plein air artists**, such as internationally acclaimed Charles Engebretson along with Shane Larson, Jill Osbourne and others will paint on the grounds.
- **Art Exhibit** - in old home will feature: Christi Heal, Kathy Ashcroft, Colleen Howe, Eric Wallace, Harrison Groutage, Charlotte Andrus, Charles Engebretson, Shane Larson, Shane Ross, Scott Wakefield, Michael Malm, Nancy Seamons Crookston.
- **All day entertainment** including: The Kingsmen, De-ja- Vu (Craig Mortensen), USU String Quartet, Valley Dance Ensemble and more.
- **Aggie Ice Cream**, Joe Hawkes and "Friends of the Library" will be selling favorite flavors!!
- **Auction**-- Fine art and many great items.
- **Raffle** -- Great items including a quilt made by Lucy Peterson-Watkins.

Free to the public, and **free** parking
Leashed and well behaved dogs are welcome.

Sponsored by the *Dean F. and Bessie C. Peterson Charitable Trust* for the **Friends of the North Logan Library and The Alliance for the Varied Arts** www.artonthelawn.net

Some lawn space may still be available for Cache Valley artists. Call Lucy Watkins 752-4749

We have a new North Logan City Youth Council!!!

Mayor: Camille Peterson
Secretary: Jessica Christensen
Historian: Kylie Downs

The Council Members are:

Top Row: Mason Cardon, Hans Gunther, Mike Petersen, Jessica Christensen,

Lauren Howell, Jeff Jorgensen, Aaron Bennett

Bottom Row: Camille Peterson, Kate Clissold, Kylie Downs, Rachel Jensen, Megan Bagley, Stephen Bennett, Seleste Boyle



We are looking forward to another great year!

FOR INFORMATION ON PARKS RESERVATIONS - PLEASE CALL OR
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