

Heber City News

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CITY STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

By Mayor Alan McDonald

On Saturday, January 23rd Heber City held its annual Strategic/Budget meeting for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The Meeting was held at the Senior Citizens Center. (The City is grateful to the Senior Citizens Center staff and Wasatch County for allowing us to use their facilities without charge for our meeting.) The meeting was attended by the City Council, Planning Commission, City Administration, Department Heads and the Mayor. The City Strategic/Budget Planning meeting focused on a number of areas including, setting priorities, exploring ways to strengthen our City operations, evaluating and adjusting the budget, looking for emerging City issues, working towards common goals and establishing working relationships among all parties to facilitate positive outcomes.

The City currently has 59 full time, 31 part time and 6 legislative employees. The total annual budget for 2015/2016 including all funds, is approximately 18 million dollars. Sales Tax collection for the previous fiscal year was 11.49% higher than 2014. The City had its highest revenue producing year on record for building permits, requiring 4,824 inspections. The Public Works department is in need of additional employees and expanded facilities in order to accommodate the demand for the department's services. City Manager, Mark Anderson, pointed out that the water and sewer funds are still insufficient to cover operational and maintenance costs. Many parts of old town Heber have failing water and sewer lines. The City is putting together a master plan concerning needs for replacement and maintenance of its existing infrastructure

The City Administration, along with the department directors were given time to share their goals, ideas and plans for each of their individual departments, as well as time to express the challenges they are facing. The department heads looked at past performance to determine what changes need to be made in the coming years.

All of this information was recorded and will be available on the City's website. I encourage everyone to listen to the meeting or download a copy of the minutes,

when available. It will keep you updated on what is happening within the City.

Other items that were discussed during the meeting included: the new Public Safety building, the new industrial park by the airport, the northwest sewer line, the changing of the City's zoning and code book to a form based code, Main Street, vote by mail, and landowner requests for property annexation into the City.

The City Manager, Mark Anderson, and the department heads will start preparing a tentative budget for the City beginning in February 2016. Mr. Anderson stated: "This will require executive staff to meet together to evaluate and prioritize the needs of the City and balance them with existing resources."

The City is currently in a strong financial position, but we are operating within an increasingly constrained financial environment, making it difficult to adequately fund the essential services and facilities of the City. The department directors identified what those services are, and made a strong case that funding for them was imperative. Although the Council has some difficult challenges in front of them, we are confident that we can overcome those challenges and accomplish our goals with hard work, determination and support of the citizens of Heber.

Mayor Alan McDonald

A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

By Chief Dave Booth

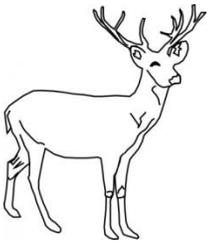
It is my pleasure as your Heber City Police Chief to welcome you to the opening of our new public safety facility. We have made the move and are settling into our new building. We are excited to have a facility that can help us raise the quality of service we provide to our community members. We share the facility with the Heber City Justice Court. The new facility will be just east of the old police facility (old Central School) at **301 S. Main Street**. Please use our temporary entrance on the northwest corner of the building; it is clearly marked with temporary signs. We plan to host a grand opening this spring, once the project is complete. Please excuse our mess and temporary accommodations until completion of the project. Thanks for all of your



patience, support, and efforts in making Heber City a great place to work, play, and live.

DEER SURVEY

There has been a lot of talk about the impact of wildlife within the Heber City Community. In an effort to better understand our community’s ever changing needs, we have developed a survey. You may access the survey on the Heber City website, the Heber City Police Department’s Facebook page, from the Wasatch Wave, or simply come to the police department at 301 S. Main Street and one will be provided to you. The survey will take less than five minutes. Your opinion is valued and needed to assist the City in making the best decision on behalf of our citizens.



CERT TRAINING SPRING 2016

The Community Emergency Response team (CERT) program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and train them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.



Using the training learned in the classroom and during CERT exercises, members can assist their community or workplace following an emergency event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Classroom instruction is held on Wednesdays in Heber at the Heber City Police Department, but if you miss a class, they are also offered in Orem on Tuesdays and in Provo on Thursdays.

Unit	Orem	Wasatch	Provo
Preparedness	3/8	3/9	3/10
Fire Safety	3/15	3/16	3/17
Medical I	3/22	3/23	3/24
Medical II	3/29	3/30	3/31
Light S&R	4/12	4/13	4/14
Operations	4/19	4/20	4/21
Disaster Psy.	4/26	4/27	4/28

Terrorism	5/3	5/4	5/5
Mock Disaster (Combined)	5/3	5/3	5/3

Registration forms are available at the Heber City Police Department, 301 S. Main St. For more information, email whjelm@gmail.com, or call 435-503-1046.

CULINARY WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY BILLING

On January 7th, 2016 the City Council adopted a 12% rate increase on culinary water rates and a 10% increase in secondary irrigation rates to reduce operating losses in the water fund. The base culinary water fee will increase from \$14.50 to \$16.25 per month and usage rates will also increase by the same percentage. The 10% secondary irrigation rate increase will vary based on your lot size.



FAT, OIL AND GREASE

The City wants to remind residents and businesses that disposal of fat, oil and grease in the City sewer system is prohibited. Although the fat/oil/grease may be in a liquid form when it is dumped into a sink or drain, it soon cools and becomes a solid that can cake and plug home and City sewer lines. Also, business owners need to regularly maintain grease traps to avoid fat, oil and grease from entering into the sewer system and creating potential backups the cause damage to other homes and businesses.

MOUNTAINLAND H.E.A.T. PROGRAM

Do you need assistance with your utilities? The Home Energy Assistance Target Program, known as HEAT, is open to applicants through April 30, 2016. This program provides a lump sum benefit to assist individuals and families pay higher energy costs during the winter season. Eligibility and amount of benefit based on income, household size and composition. Applications are accepted by appointment, by mail or online. Contact the Mountainland Heat Program today for more information at [801-229-3855](tel:801-229-3855), or www.mountainland.org/heat.



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