

Heber City News

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NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

SNOW REMOVAL AND PARKING

Submitted by Officer Xela Thomas



The Heber City Municipal General Election will be held November 7, 2017 for the following positions: Mayor and 2 City Council Members - 4-year term each.

We have received so much snow over the past several weeks and we would like to send out a friendly reminder that your sidewalk should be cleared of snow and ice. You can be held liable if someone is injured due to your choice to not shovel your sidewalks. Also, please DO NOT push snow into the roadway.

Candidate filing period is June 1, 2017 through June 7, 2017. Declaration of Candidacy forms or Nomination Petitions must be filed in person with the City Recorder at 75 North Main, Heber City, Utah, during the normal business hours of 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

12.06.040 Sidewalk: Cleaning; Enforcement

In accordance with Heber City Code, individuals filing as candidates for the Heber City Mayor or Council shall pay a \$50.00 fee at the time of filing their candidacy with the City Recorder. This filing fee shall be refundable only if it is determined that the person filing is not qualified to be a candidate, or who is found to have improperly filed. (Ord. 2003-25, 2003)

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to push, pile or place snow or ice so that it unreasonably obstructs or blocks driveways or streets or blocks the visibility of motorists or otherwise creates a dangerous condition for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. This subsection shall not apply to snow or ice removal activities by Heber City.

Please contact Michelle Eldredge with any questions or concerns at 435-657-7886.

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 is 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: Parking on the street November 15-April 1 may result in a parking ticket. On-street parking is not allowed during or within 24-hours of any snowfall.



Public Works Facility Expansion Update

At the end of the Public Works Facility Expansion public hearing held by the Heber City Council on January 19th, the City Council authorized staff to submit an application for a loan/grant for the first phase of the Public Works facility expansion to the Community Impact Board (CIB). The application is due February 1st, and will be reviewed by the Board at their March, April or May meeting. The Council authorized an application requesting a \$2,975,000 loan at 1.5% interest for 30 years and a \$525,000 grant. If the City proceeds with the project, the City would also commit approximately \$2,000,000 of existing funds to this project. Until the CIB reviews the application, the City is unsure whether the application for funding assistance will be approved, modified or rejected.

The reason the City is seeking funding from the CIB is due to favorable interest rates and loan terms and grants that they can offer which could result in significant savings to the City/residents, as the current market interest rate for a 30 year bond is approximately 3.64%.

At the public hearing, City staff made a presentation regarding the functions performed by Public Works, needs for current and future operations, funding options and the financial impacts of the proposed project on residents. During the hearing, four members of the public addressed the Council to express their concerns with, or support for, the project. Because of the limited public feedback the Council received, the Council wants to continue to inform the public regarding the need for expanded facilities and solicit feedback from the public concerning this project before a final decision to proceed with, or postpone, the project is made.

The City has completed the programming phase of the project which identified current and future needs to support the operations of the Public Works Department. The primary functions that Public Works performs for our community are as follows: Road Construction and Maintenance, Snow Removal and Salting, Culinary Water Supply and Protection, Flood Irrigation, Secondary Water, Sanitary Sewer Collection, Storm Drainage, Flood Protection, Street Lighting, Traffic Control and Signage.

The City completed the construction of the existing Public Works facility in 2005. Since that time, the City population has increased in excess of 60%. Due to rapid growth, the existing facility no longer meets the City's needs. Examples of the most significant needs are as follows: Storage of specialized vehicles in a temperature controlled environment, adequate storage of road salt, storage of parts and materials, large vehicle mechanics bays, drying beds for street sweeping and storm drainage debris, covered outside vehicle storage, employee parking, office space, expanded training room, additional restrooms, etc.

At this time, the City has discussed the need to increase impact fees for Streets, Water and Sewer to fund the portion of these facilities that are demanded by new growth. No proposed utility rate or property tax increases are being discussed to fund this project if the Council decides to proceed with the project.

After the application is reviewed by the CIB, the City will communicate the outcome to the public. Any preliminary approval for funding that may be granted will not be finalized until the Board meets at their funding meeting in June.

To get a deeper understanding of this project, the PowerPoint presentation shared at the public hearing is available for public review on the City's website at www.ci.heber.ut.us.

