

## Mayor's Report

31 January 2022 – 05 February 2022

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What's Nibley City working on? For an indication, here is my status report for the past week with a summary of what I was involved with.

- Prepared for City Council Meeting
- Met with staff and proponent on continuation of preliminary plat approval
- Met with consultant to drafting a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance
- Attended a meeting with Sherrif and Staff on County Animal Shelter
- Spoke with a Nibley resident on Fire and EMS protection in Nibley

**City Council meeting preparation.** As I mentioned in the last report, City Council meetings drive a cadence for lots of activity in our city and I'm supposed to set agenda for those meetings and help staff provide information for each agenda item. You probably know that we hold Council Meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (with a few exceptions) at 6:30 pm. Rather than advertise specific meetings in this report, I encourage you to visit the city website for specific agenda and information packets. I suggest you go through the home page (NibleyCity.com) on your way to the Government and City Council tabs to see what else is happening in Nibley. If you prefer a direct link, then here it is.

<http://nibleycity.com/index.php/government/city-council/city-council-agendas>

The chart below represents a month of time showing how preparing the agenda, writing information packets, and making that information available to the Council and Nibley Citizens is a continuous process. Our staff does an excellent job of that, my thanks.

CCM = City Council Meeting

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Write Prelim Agenda for CCM 1	Staff Prepares Draft of Information Packet for CCM 1			Send Info Packet for CCM 1 to Council
Make Final Agenda and Info Packet for CCM 1	Post CCM 1 Final Agenda and Info Packet to Public.		CCM 1	
Write Prelim Agenda for CCM 2	Staff Prepares Draft of Information Packet for CCM 2			Send Info Packet for CCM2 to Council
Make Final Agenda and Info Packet for CCM 2	Post CCM 2 Final Agenda and Info Packet to Public.		CCM 2	

Public Hearings have extra steps not listed in this chart. I will talk about Public Hearings in a future report.

**Continued discussion on future phases of Ridgeline Park Preliminary Plat.** The Council continued the consideration of this preliminary plat in our last meeting. As previously mentioned, the heavy lifting needs to be done at the preliminary plat stage, and I feel this was a good decision on the Council's part. In a follow-up meeting with the proponent this week, I sensed the proponent's frustration that the Council wanted another meeting to work on this. That frustration is certainly understandable, and sensing it helped me clarify my role in this process. My job is not to do the engineering and planning to present the proposal to Council. It is my job to provide cover to the Nibley Staff so they can get that work done, even if it means stepping in front of a proponent in support our Staff. By the way, I will have my opinions for or against proposals before the Council, but it is also not my job to approve or deny those proposals. It is my job to make sure the Council can make an informed decision and that the Council has considered the many points of view on a proposal. I hope you (Nibley Citizens) will help me get that done.

**Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance.** This is a preliminary effort working with a consultant to write an ordinance for the P&Z Commission and City Council to consider. This ordinance would allow preserving open space in one part of Nibley while developing other parts to a higher density. In that regard, it is like our Open Space Ordinance. However, this ordinance would coordinate the preservation and development between parcels of land owned by different individuals within Nibley. In addition, the coordination would not have to happen all at once on a single project. This is a worthwhile task headed up by our City Planner, Levi Roberts, and I appreciate him leading out on it. Levi and I agree that writing an ordinance might be the easier part of this process. Making it work for the benefit of all of Nibley's Citizens could be more difficult. For example, I suspect most of us want the area around our own property to be preserved while parcels further from us could be developed. Nevertheless, there may be parts of Nibley that we all agree should be left alone, and this could be a way to do that.

**Cache County Animal Shelter.** Jamie Gonzales (Nibley Staff) and I met with Sheriff Chad Jensen and his staff to learn about, and give guidance on, an Animal Shelter that the County is building in conjunction with New Vision Veterinary Clinic. Loose dogs are a county-wide issue not limited to Nibley, and the County is taking leadership here. As Sheriff Jensen explained it, the goal of the new Animal Shelter is to reunite loose pets with their owners. The goal of the new Animal Shelter is not to take the place of the Cache Humane Society, or to compete with local veterinarians. With the coming of a local USU Veterinarian Program, New Vision Veterinary, and Cache County, I think there is a great synergy in action. Specifically, I was impressed with the facilities in the new shelter devoted to medical treatment of injured animals as well as spay and nurturing services. By the way, don't forget the Nibley Dog Licensing and Rabies Clinic on 26 February 2022. There are details at <http://nibleycity.com/index.php/latest-city-news/682-heritage-animal-hospital-2019-rabies-clinic-2>

**Discussion with a Resident on Fire and EMS Protection.** I had an informative conversation with a Nibley resident who wanted to share their thoughts with me about emergency services in Nibley. As you know, things have changed in the past two years, as we are now part of a non-Logan district for Emergency Medical Services (EMS). I won't go into detail about our conversation, and I mention it here because this discussion is exactly what I hope for in my relationship with Nibley Citizens. If you have questions, concerns, thoughts, or proposals, please let me know.

**Public Service Announcement.** While this isn't part of my job at Nibley, I'm putting it in anyway. Please take care your health, including regular screenings for things like colon cancer. I'm glad I don't have to do that every year.

Thanks for reading. You are my boss. Please call, text, or email anytime.

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