

Mayor's Report
28 March 2022 – 02 April 2022
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Free trees and shrubs! If you have ever visited our yard, then you can tell that Becky and I like trees and shrubs. So much so that our yard might border on the wild side (my opinion, only). Either way, the birds seem to like it. Many of our plants originated as small bare root starts that we purchased through the Utah Association of Conservation Districts. To honor Nibley as a Tree City USA, and to thank the citizens of Nibley for welcoming us as part of the community, Becky and I are donating trees and shrubs for you to plant in your yards. We purchased 120 bare root starts and we will give them away at **6:00 pm on 25 April 2022 at Nibley City Hall**. To give more people a chance, we will ask each family to start with two plants for the first half hour, and then increase the limit until everything finds a good home. See you there! Please call or text Becky (435-757-6283) or me (435-512-7495) if you have questions.

Here are the type of bare root starts available.

- Peach Leaf Willow
- Golden Currant
- Nanking Cherry
- Red Splendor Crabapple
- Red Osier Dogwood

Now back to business. Here are some of the things I worked on this week, and an indication to what's going on in Nibley City governance.

- Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Coordination with Hyrum
- Road acceptance at Heritage Elementary
- Possible Noise Ordinance Changes

Rather than type full names and titles throughout this report, I use these references.

Justin	Justin Maughan, City Manager
Darren	Darren Farar, Engineer
Levi	Levi Robers, Planner
Cheryl	Cheryl Bodily, Recorder



Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO). The CMPO aids in regional planning, especially on transportation issues. I attended a CMPO meeting where we learned about a study funded by UDOT and coordinated by the CMPO for public transit first-and-last-mile projects. The first-and-last mile study focused on ways to encourage use of public transit by detailing opportunities for specific improvements in each municipality. For Nibley, the study identified bus-stop improvements on both sides of UT-165 near Ridgeline High School. The

improvements include bike racks, additional concrete pads, and pedestrian shelters. These costs of these improvements were detailed, and total \$390k (ouch!). The first-and-last-mile study did not include funding, and we talked about ways for municipalities to work together towards funding.

In addition, I learned about a chance to participate a new CMPO Regional Transportation Plan. This Regional Transportation Planning process is important because only projects included in this plan are eligible for the voter-approved local sales tax for transportation projects. In Nibley, the 1200 W 3200 S roundabout is largely funded through the CMPO, and we will be applying additional funds this year to finish 1200 W. We learned of opportunities to contribute to the revised Regional Transportation Plan, including meeting with the Planning Commission and City Council. Details to follow as they are available.



Meeting with Hyrum. Justin and I had a productive meeting with Hyrum City's Mayor Stephanie Miller and Ron Salvesson, City Manager. It's nice to get along with our municipal neighbor to the south. We



coordinate with one another to provide several important services to both communities. These include the Senior Center, the Library, and the Municipal Court. In our meeting, we talked about future cooperation between our towns, including trash collection (with other municipalities as well), possible wastewater treatment (nope, it's not dead yet), and a future boundary agreement between Nibley and Hyrum. The Nibley City Council has already adopted a version of this agreement, and the Hyrum City Council has reviewed it. Hyrum will have some suggestions for Justin and me to take back to our City Council. I am looking forward to sharing those suggestions when we receive them.

Road Acceptance at Heritage Elementary. I mentioned previously, this intent was to finish a process started with the construction of Heritage Elementary that would have Nibley City accept ownership of a road at the school. The road runs north from 3200 S and between the school building and a parking lot to the east. Justin and I presented this possibility to the City Council, the proper authority to accept this dedication. During the Council meeting, we realized the potential expense to Nibley that could result from the need to hire another crossing guard on this road if the city owns it. As a school-owned road, school staff is providing this important safety function. Justin and I met with the school district to discuss this wrinkle. We are all interested in ensuring the safety of school pedestrians and are trying to find the best way to accomplish this. As you probably know, the school district owns additional land at the Heritage School location, and the school district explained that a plan for that additional land might be forthcoming. For that reason, we agreed to leave the road ownership with the school district while they work on possible plans for the area around Heritage Elementary.



Noise Ordinance. Nibley City has a noise ordinance. Justin and I met with Deputy Matt Hansen – the deputy assigned to us through our contract with the Cache County Sheriff – to hear his concerns related to enforcement of our noise ordinance. Deputy Hansen is a great asset to Nibley City, and he had good suggestions for us to consider, including ordinances from other municipalities in Cache County. This is an important issue for me, and I took the assignment to work on this part of our ordinance.

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

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