

Mayor's Report

15 August 2022 – 20 August 2022

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Greetings, boss. here is my status report. Yeah, it used to be a weekly report; I took some time off from writing. I appreciate some of you noting that you hadn't seen a report in a while. That means somebody is reading these! Yippee skippee!

Garbage Collection

As previously mentioned, Logan has given the official notification that they will terminate their contract to collect and landfill garbage outside their city limits starting 1 July 2023. An association of Mayors (Nibley included) have put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to private companies to provide this service when the Logan contract expires. The unincorporated part of the County, along with each of the cities and towns in the County – minus Logan, Smithfield, Richmond, and Lewiston – are participating in this RFP. Proposals are due back on 9 September, and we anticipate hearing from four private companies. Beyond evaluating those proposals, we are also working on creating a special service district to give governance authority to the participating jurisdictions. My appreciate to Lindsay Peterson, North Logan Mayor, for spearheading our collaboration.

Council of Government (CoG) Funding Request

Nibley's staff is hard at work finalizing our funding request for voter-approved local sales tax that is committed to transportation projects. Most of the funds for our roundabout on 3200 S came through the CoG, and now we are hoping to continue developing 1200 W from the roundabout going north. Our 1200 West will eventually connect to Logan's 1000 West. This is an important corridor that has been planned regionally and locally for more than twenty years. Because 1200 West is not a bypass for Logan's Main Street, our 1200 West will be completely different than Logan's 1000 West. I am excited about the design we are proposing: a 30- to 35-mph road with traffic-calming features and a separated bike path. On a side note, I realize that building the 3200 South roundabout required lots of patience from you. Thank you for that. I believe the 3200 South roundabout is a great addition to Nibley.

2600 South

I have mentioned previously that the new pavement at 2600 South is a private road and currently closed by its owner. We have been working with the owner to open that new – but incomplete – road. While it is usual for private developers to build roads and for Nibley City to then accept ownership of those roads, this one is a bit different because 2600 South is not yet complete. Nibley usually doesn't take ownership before roads are finished. As we work on early adoption of this road, we are putting safeguards in place to ensure that Nibley Citizens don't end up paying to complete the road – that will come during development of the adjacent land at the developer's expense.

Presumptive Council Vacancy

Congratulations to our Councilmember, Kathryn Buess, the presumptive winner of a seat on the Cache County Council. After the general election makes it official, we will begin the appointment process to fill her Nibley Council seat (sad). If you have ever thought about being on our Council, this a great way to get there. Please stay tuned for details.

Thanks for reading. We will catch up on more details in coming reports. Please call, text, or write anytime.

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