

Mayor's Report

12 September 2022 – 17 September 2022

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Greetings, Boss. Here is my status report for the week.

Justin Maughan returned to Nibley after a well-deserved week off. I was incredibly happy for him to be back.

Advanced Planning for the Stokes Nature Center

Justin, Levi Roberts (City Planner), and I met with the Stokes Nature Center to discuss a concept plan for their property on 2600 South. As mentioned, the Nature Center is developing an outdoor classroom and perhaps a preschool facility. We didn't see any show-stopping issues, and Stokes felt they could move forward with their application. Back in 2015, the City Council waived the water and sewer impact fees for the Nature Center at this property to support their project. This property has an interesting mix of stake holders, with the Stokes Nature Center as the landowner, the Utah Department of Wildlife Resources who holds the conservation easement, Nibley City, and Cache County – because about one-third of the Nature Center's property is in the unincorporated county. No worries, this is going to be a great addition to Nibley.

Morgan Farm

Justin Maughan and I met with two citizens who are passionate about enhancing the value of Nibley City's Morgan Farm to our residents. I hope this is the beginning of a group of people that might be known as "Friends of the Farm". Stay tuned for an opportunity to be involved.

Mayors Association: Open-Space Ballot Initiative

I attended a Cache Mayors Association meeting where we learned about the upcoming open-space bond that Cache Valley citizens will have a chance to vote on in the November election. I won't try to influence anyone's vote in these reports. However, I hope to help voters be informed on the issue. More opportunities to come.

Future Trash Collection

I have previously talked about the need to replace Logan City as the county-wide trash hauler. The mayors who have been meeting towards this goal have received four responses to our informal request for proposal (RFP) from private companies to provide this service. The fees proposed by the private companies are competitive with the fees that we currently pay to Logan. Our next step is to form an inter-local agency that has the authority to approve contracts. Based on lots of meetings with the other mayors, John Luthy, Cache County Attorney, has provided us a draft to form this agency. Each participating city, along with Cache County, will have the chance to join this agency. This whole process has been a challenge, but by golly, I think that we can git 'er done.

Cache Valley Historical Society

Although not a duty associated with being Nibley Mayor, I found myself on the Board for the Cache Valley Historical Society. This is a fun group. It seems that the older I get, the more I appreciate history, especially if it helps explain why things are the way they are. The most notable activity the Historical

Society does is a monthly lecture series. This month's lecture was on the history of the sugar beet industry in Cache Valley. It was a great lecture, and even better were the comments and discussion by the attendees who actually grew and processed sugar beets. Great stories.

Water Main Break

Thankfully, this is not a common occurrence in Nibley. We had a water main break at 4000 South and Main Street last week. We were lucky that no residents were without water while the crew repaired the break. While I had nothing to do with repairing the pipe, I include this item in this report to thank the Public Works Staff who worked from Wednesday afternoon until Thursday morning to make this repair. We have a talented and professional staff who truly cares about the services they provide to Nibley citizens.

Heritage Elementary School Second Graders

I will end with the highlight of the week. The Office Staff and I spent a couple of hours with the Second Graders from Heritage Elementary School during their field trip to City Hall. What a blast! They toured the office, played a Family Feud game that taught about the city government, and held a mock City Council meeting. The Council Agenda included a Public Hearing and the Council's consideration of this question. "What time should second graders go to bed?" There were lots of opinions accompanied by enthusiastic discussion. The motion that came closest to passing (but lacked a majority of the Council's votes) was "when their parents go to bed". Nibley staff and I were careful to point out that we were just pretending to decide on their bedtime to show how the Council makes decisions. Furthermore, the only people authorized to make that decision are their parents and guardians. I hope you didn't have any fallout at home from our fun at City Hall.

Thanks for your interest, boss. Please call, text, or write anytime.

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