

Nibley City Mayor's Report

23 July 2024 – 18 August 2024

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Greetings, boss! Thank you for reading this report. Please be sure to check the official public notifications on Nibley's website (www.nibleycity.com) and the Utah Public Notice website (www.utah.gov/pmn/) for more information.

As always, my sincere appreciation to volunteer Leslie Maughan for proofreading and reviewing these reports for clarity before you see them.

Here are some highlights from the past few weeks and the topics in this report:

- **Indoor Recreation Facility Update**
- **Culinary Water Grant**
- **Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) Board**
- **Stokes Nature Outdoor Classroom Update**
- **Nibley Zip Code?**

Indoor Recreation Facility Update

The steering committee for the indoor recreation feasibility study met with our contractor last week to kick off the feasibility effort. We had a good discussion on the scope of work that Chad Wright (Nibley City Recreation Director) has worked out with the contractor. I feel that we also have a good understanding of the need to consider various scales and potential coalitions that Nibley might form with other entities on indoor rec space. Those entities could be other municipalities in the southern part of Cache County, Cache County itself, the Cache County School District, or private companies who are interested in partnering with Nibley City. On this last possibility, Chad, Justin Maughan (Nibley City Manager), and I had several recent meetings with private entities interested in partnering with Nibley on indoor rec space. Those entities range from soccer to ice hockey to lacrosse. While these are very early discussions, it is a good time to have them. From the schedule presented by the contractor, we could have the feasibility finished in the early part of 2025.

Culinary Water Grant

Thanks to the purposeful efforts of city staff, Nibley City has been successful over the past several years to secure grants for planning efforts and infrastructure improvements for roads, active transportation, and recreation space. Now we can add culinary water. The Utah Division of Water Resources notified us recently that we will receive a \$760k grant to help us construct a required new well and water tank. In addition to Justin Maughan and Tom Dickenson (Nibley City Engineer), we owe appreciation to Casey Snider, our representative in the Utah House, for the receipt of this grant.

Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) Board

This board met last week to coordinate funding efforts between the federal government and the Utah Department of Transportation on road projects in Cache County. We have also had several recent meetings in preparation for the grant-application process that awards money from local-option sales tax to Cache Valley transportation projects. Nibley City will submit a request for the last half of the last phase (Phase 5) of the 1200 West road project later this summer.

Stokes Nature Outdoor Classroom Update

The Stokes Nature Center is quickly approaching the construction phase of their outdoor classroom in Nibley on 2600 South. I have mentioned before that \$1.9M in funding for this project is coming from the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) via the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). If you have been following the planning commission and city council agendas, you know that Stokes is asking for site-plan approval through a development agreement, as well as a waiver of project application fees. The city council will consider those topics on their next agenda. I won't distract from that council discussion by going into details here, but I will mention that I met with Kendra Penry (Stokes Executive Director) to better understand a cooperative relationship between Nibley City and the Stokes Nature Center.

Nibley Zip Code?

Talon Bigelow, Nibley City Office Specialist, has been investigating what it would take for Nibley City to have its own zip code. As this idea moves forward, you will have opportunities to share your thoughts on it. In addition, if you want to let me know how you feel about it now, then I am all ears. This proposal does not include Nibley having its own post office. Instead, this would give us our own zip code while maintaining the same service through the Logan Post Office. I will admit that my own opinion on this has evolved over the past thirty years, and I am currently more interested in hearing what you think rather than giving you my opinions.

Happy Back-to-School! I am always happy to hear from you on any topic at any time. Please call, text, or write.

Thanks,
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