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## Dedications of Mona City Hall and veteran's memorial may coincide with pioneer celebration

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Two dedications of new additions to Mona will be made this summer and council members wondered if they could be arranged to take place during the annual summer pioneer celebration.

The new community center and the veterans memorial will both be ready by the time the city celebration takes place the end of July, if all goes as planned.

In addition, council members discussed preliminary plans for the Pioneer Day Celebration.

Mona City's Pioneer Day Celebration will be held on July 21-22 this year.

"Completion of the city building is just a few weeks out," said Greg Newton, mayor.

He said that the building would be completed by the celebration and that an open house for the public could be held at that time so that residents could walk through it and could see what a great facility they now had in the city.

"A ribbon-cutting would also be a good idea," said Molli Graham, council member.

Residents of Mona could be on-hand to view the official opening of the new community building.

The council could be in the photo as the ribbon was cut and, if it was done during the celebration, there would be a large interested crowd to view the ceremony.

Newton said the city had \$300,000 in the capital improvements fund, owned the property which amounted to a \$90,000 value, had a loan from CIB for \$180,000 at 2 percent interest and a grant of \$178,000 which will never require repayment.

"The building was forecast to \$685,000," said Newton. "But because it was done by the local building authority, there will not be an increase in taxes since the money being used by the building authority does not need to come from a dedicated revenue stream."

"There is a 2,600-foot open area and the doors between the open area and the council room can be slid open."

The area may be rented out for family reunions, wedding receptions and community events. Sound may be piped into the open area and the doors opened for large public hearings.

The second topic for consideration was the new veterans memorial.

"The veterans memorial will be finished by the end of June," said Newton. "I was wondering if we could time that dedication



**MONA CITY HALL** • The new Mona City Hall is coming along fine. The city council is planning to dedicate it during the annual Pioneer Celebration in July. This year's dates are July 21 - 22.

## Grocery wholesale, manufacturing, and data-type industries may be a good fit for Juab County

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The final economic development planning committee meeting for Juab County was held and two Mona City Council members were well-satisfied with the result.

Jonathan Jones and Jeff Hearty, both Mona council members, said the meetings had been informative and helpful.

"There were a lot of good ideas presented," said Jones. "Councilman Hearty gave an excellent presentation at our meeting."

Hearty said that they had attended the last formal meeting of the planning committee and now there will be other committees formed.

"We have some good ideas," he said.

Though East Juab has a large number of people engaged in agriculture, it was

not one of the industries receiving high interest on the survey, said Jones.

"It has been interesting to be on the committee, said Hearty.

Jones said that there were 40 people on the economic development committee who worked to determine which of the 177 business responses were the most advantageous matches for the county.

"There are some exciting things for our community and for all in the county," Hearty said, "which will, hopefully, provide additional tax revenue."

The number of surveys completed by residents of the county dealing with the ASAP (Area Sector Analysis Process) set a new record.

Brent Boswell, county economic development director, is spear heading the process, and when all is done will have the necessary information on companies which might locate

in the county and on those companies which will be compatible with residents' preferences.

The Western Rural Development Center Area Sector Analysis Process (ASAP) was designed by Extension Specialists and Agents for Extension to use in collaboration with community leaders and has already been successfully applied to several communities across the region.

A team of community development specialists from throughout the west developed ASAP to assist communities in their economic development efforts. A six-county collaboration exists between Wayne, Juab, Grand, Sanpete, Sevier, Millard and Piute Counties.

Hearty said that the committee had eliminated some of those industries which were possible matches.

"In the first round," said Hearty, "we eliminated some of the industries and, in the

second round, we started breaking the list down."

The committee has been reviewing different types of businesses for the county.

Economic Development, under the direction of Boswell, is continuing to move forward and the committee has discussed grocery wholesale, different types of manufacturing companies, and some data-type industries which might be a good fit for the county.

It has been a preliminary type of review, said Hearty.

All of the information will be summarized and will be shared with the communities in the county.

"We will have a database with information on companies that want to come to the county so that interested companies will be able to access that information," said Hearty.

"It is exciting to know the opportunities that the county can now pursue," said Jones.

## Filing period for Mona City Municipal Election is approaching

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The mayor's seat and two city council seats will be open in the 2017 Mona City Municipal Election.

Each council seat is at-large for a four-year term. The mayor's position is also for a four-year term.

"I do not have to be available at the city office," said Lyla Spencer, city recorder, "but I do have to be available to anyone who wishes to file."

She said that prospective candidates could come to her home to file. Her address and phone number needed to be available to anyone seeking to file.

Council seats for Molli Graham and Jeff Smith are up for election in the November election.

"I will not be running again," said Graham.

Mayor Greg Newton said that he also was choosing not to seek reelection.

Persons interested in becoming a candidate for office must

file a Declaration of Candidacy in person with Lyla Spencer, city recorder, from June 1, 2017, to June 7, 2017, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5: p.m. Monday through Friday.

"There are only six days this year for potential candidates to register," said Spencer.

To qualify as a candidate for a municipal office, the individual must be a registered voter and be a resident of Mona for 12 consecutive months prior to the election.

They must be: a United States Citizen; at least 18

years old at the time of the next election, and be a registered voter of Utah.

In accordance with Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in Utah until the right to hold elective office is restored under

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