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Residents in Mona say noise is not the problem when it comes to ATVs; question proposed ordinance amendments

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A public hearing about a proposed amendment of Mona City Code 6-2 concerning the noise of certain vehicles within city limits and related matters drew an interested and verbal crowd of 47 on Tuesday.

"There will be no comments from the council or myself," said Bill Mills, mayor. "Please come up to the mic and give your name. You will be timed and will be allowed three minutes each."

In addition, he said, those interested may email or text the city office with comments.

Residents offering comments were: Joshua Davis, Janice Boyd, Wade Woolstenhulme, Jeff Walker, Kerry Lynn, Dan Woodland, Cory Ballow, Heath Hanson, Janae Kay, Janette Southworth, Brady Kay, Kurt Shelley, Mike Jensen, Stacy Peterson and Jana Hardy.

The consensus of all who spoke was that the ordinance in place should be enforced and that the issue should be about safety and not noise. Many said they would rather have the young outside than stuck in front of electronics inside.

Davis said he thought there was some miscommunication because he saw nothing about speeding in the proposed ordinance. Noise from motorcycles was specifically being called out.

"If noise is the main concern, the Razor 1,000 is as high in decibels as a dirt bike," he said. "If people will not speed, it will be quieter."

He said that not every single thing needed to be regulated and if noise was the problem then the town should worry about barking dogs and bleating goats.

Boyd said that a dirt bike reached 95 decibels and a truck reached 100. It was the speed limit that should be enforced not the noise. [According to the CDC, noise above 70 dB over a prolonged period of time may start to damage hearing.]

"What percentage of Mona is concerned about noise?" she asked. "Mona is growing. Have them [complainers] go to mediation."

Woolstenhulme said he would like to echo what had been said. When he was asked if he liked living in Mona he would reply that he loved it. He loved the rural feel.

He invited people to think back to when they were young and would run around town.

"We do have laws on the books," he said.

The laws should be enforced. If someone gets two or three tickets, it will get around town

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PUBLIC COMMENTS • A large crowd attended a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to Mona City Code concerning ATVs.

Stampede committee gets final approval for beer license for upcoming bull riding event

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The Nephi City Council met in regular session in the council chambers of city hall located at 21 East 100 North at 7:35 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2020 prior to the work session that was scheduled for the evening.

Mayor Glade R. Nielson called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

Mayor Nielson explained that the council meeting had been scheduled to consider the approval of a beer, business, and special event application from the Ute Stampede Committee for the Extreme Bull Riding Event to be held at the fairgrounds on September 19,

2020. The Ute Stamped Committee was applying for a Class A Beer License that would allow for the sale of beer in original containers for consumption off premise.

Nielson said that a conference call meeting had been conducted with Commissioner Clinton Painter, Commissioner Byron Woodland, Sheriff Doug Anderson, Anita from the Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Chief Mike Morgan, Seth Atkinson and the beer distributor. Nielson said that the original idea of a "beer garden" was not allowed by the state because of the COVID-19 restrictions. He said that if the beer license is granted that certified servers would be selling the beer.

Commissioner Woodland addressed the council and said that the Ute Stampede Committee had given a great presentation to the commissioners (at a previous meeting) and at that time the commissioners had voted to allow the sale of beer at the event. He stated that now that he had had more time to think, he decided that he was against the beer sales. He believed that the event could still be successful without beer sales.

Nathan Memmott, council member, questioned the committee about signing a facility lease agreement with the county. He interpreted the code to mean that since the committee had leased the entire fairgrounds, the "premise" was the

entire fairgrounds and that the consumption of the beer would not be off premise but would be on premise, therefore he would be against approving the beer license.

Memmott said he was adamantly opposed to allowing beer to be sold at the event.

The Ute Stampede Committee interpreted the code as the building where the beer is sold to be the "premise" and that the arena where the beer would be consumed would be off premise and would comply with the Nephi City code.

Nephi City Attorney Kasey Wright read the Utah State

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Alcohol will not be allowed on county-owned property starting October 1st

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Alcohol will not be allowed at Juab County fairgrounds or on any county-owned property in the future.

On Monday, the county commission approved an ordinance enacting Title 11, Chapter 2, entitled offenses and miscellaneous provisions of the Juab County ordinances by enacting Section 11-2-14 regarding prohibition of alcohol at Juab County properties.

"This is not an amended ordinance," said Ryan Peters, county attorney, "it is a new ordinance and will come under offenses and misdemeanors."

Section I reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person to pos-

sess or sell any alcoholic beverage on the premises of any Juab County property. A first violation of this section is an infraction. A second or subsequent violation of this section is a class C misdemeanor. If any provision of this ordinance conflicts with Utah State Code, Utah State Code takes precedence.

"Section II. This ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2020 and upon at least one publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof in a newspaper published and having general circulation in Juab County."

A roll call vote was taken with all commissioners voting in favor of adoption of the ordinance.

"For an infraction," said Pe-

ters, "\$750 is the maximum fine. For a misdemeanor, there can be 90 days jail time and a fine."

Byron Woodland, commissioner, asked fellow commissioners if they wanted the ordinance to allow commissioners to make a change upon request by any organization presented to the commission in the future or should it just be disallowed.

"I thought that it should be disallowed," said Clinton Painter, commission chairman.

As worded, the ordinance would require changing the ordinance to allow alcohol to be sold at any event in the county.

"We want to have good family-oriented events on county property," said Woodland.

It was not about the money

but is about offering wholesome events the entire family can enjoy together.

Woodland had also wanted an incremental punishment to follow the person who does not obey the ordinance.

Peters said that the ordinance would take 15 days before it could become official and that was the reason that the effective date for the ordinance be set as October 1.

"It has been properly noticed," said Peters.

Commissioners had considered adding the word, "consumption" to the list of prohibited activities concerning the use of alcohol on county prop-

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