

I WANT TO UPDATE EVERYONE ON THE PROPOSED SALE OF OUR GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES, ALONG WITH OTHER MATTERS.

There have been changing circumstances with the utilities sale that have required a considerable amount of time and focus to work through. The change is primarily being driven by Rocky Mountain Power now showing an interest in purchasing our electric utility. With two potential bidders, the City Council will likely be faced with a significant decision at the August 19 City Council meeting.

If the City Council decides to award the sale of the utility to one of the bidders, the decision will ultimately rest with you the voters. The sale will become a ballot question for November's election and you will be able to tell us whether or not to continue with the transaction.

Because there is no state statute that specifically governs the sale of a municipal gas utility, only the electric utility sale will be on the ballot. However, the sale of the gas utility to Questar Gas will depend on the sale of the electric utility because the bonds are tied together and must be paid off together. If the City Council passes a resolution to award a bid on the electric utility and the public votes to approve the sale, then the City will move forward with negotiating formal agreement for each transaction. If residents vote to not sell the electric utility, or if the City Council does not pass a resolution approving one of the bids, then it is likely that neither of the utilities will be sold in the immediate future.



Thanks to the volunteers who helped replenish the sand bag supply at our public works building after storm-related flooding on July 29. About 50 people pitched in. We appreciate our service-oriented community!

I am certain you have more questions, and I will be doing my very best to answer them. This is an evolving process and I will provide updates as we have new information. Bids should be available to the public after August 14 and will be posted on our website.

At the last City Council meeting, we shared the financial results from Pony Express Days (PED). The goal that we were aiming for was to keep PED costs before wages at or below \$25,000. I am pleased to announce that our events department knocked it out of the park and not only met this goal but made some money on the events!

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****Important information about budget billing****

In light of the potential sale of the City's gas and electric utilities, those who are enrolled in the budget billing program should be aware of possible changes. If the utilities sale is finalized, the budget billing program would be discontinued in December 2014. At that point, actual consumption amounts would be reconciled with the monthly budget billing amount. Depending on household consumption, residents on budget billing may owe a balance or conversely, receive a credit. If a balance is due, it would be reflected on your final billing statement from the City. If a credit is owed, our billing office would send you a check.

Because a final outcome on the utilities sale may not be known until after the November election (see the mayor's message above for update), we plan to continue to offer our annual budget billing open enrollment period in September. Enrollment forms will be available on the City website, Utilities page, and in the billing office at City Hall starting September 1. Forms will also be mailed with the bills in September.

If you are enrolled in budget billing and would like to opt-out, you may do so at any time by contacting our utility billing office at utilitybilling@emcity.org or 801-789-6609.

The preliminary results show we made \$5,453.28 before paying employee wages for PED. When we add in the expenses of employee wages, we spent a total of \$23,305.46 for the PED festivities. I am thoroughly pleased with these results, and I hope you are also. We will have a staff meeting in the coming months to discuss the plan for next year's PED. I have confidence that this year's performance is repeatable, and having set the baseline, we can manage PED and any improvements or additions in a controlled manner.

I want to be perfectly clear that the accounting for PED fiscal year 2014 does have other expenses from the prior year's rodeo, derby and a final payment to the stock contractor which was a contractual obligation for this year. While those expenses were a result of prior

commitments and will not exist from this point forward, they are expenses associated with PED. A link to the financial analysis is available on my blog. This analysis shows expenses strictly from this year and also expenses including prior obligations.

Finally, I know there have been concerns about recent accidents on Cory B. Wride Memorial Highway (SR73). I have spoken with the director of UDOT Region 3 to ask for an evaluation of the intersection at Sunset Dr. I have also asked Alpine School District and SITLA to conduct a traffic study related to the new Black Ridge Elementary. I will keep you informed on this as I get feedback from these other entities.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Mobile App Cancelled

The City has cancelled our contract for the Eagle Mountain City mobile app due to unresolved issues with the function of the app and small number of users. If you have downloaded the app, please delete it as we will no longer be updating it.

City Survey for Residents

Eagle Mountain City would love to get your feedback on our City government and services. A survey for residents is available through August 15.

After completing the survey there is a link where you may enter a drawing for a \$50 utility bill credit. Three credits will be awarded through a random drawing. Winners will be contacted. A link to access the survey is on the City website, News section.

Free Parenting Workshop

Communities That Care is offering a FREE five-session workshop series called Guiding Good Choices to parents of children in grades 4-8. Parents will learn to set clear family guidelines, as well as learn and practice skills to strengthen family bonds, help their children develop healthy behaviors, and increase children's involvement in the family. Dinner and daycare provided.

Following are the dates, times and locations of the Guiding Good Choices workshops:

Session 1, Eagle Mountain, Pony Express Elementary, 5:30 pm-8 pm: September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Session 2, Eagle Mountain City Hall, 6 pm-8:30 pm: October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20

Session 3, Saratoga Springs Council Chambers, 6 pm-8:30 pm: January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18

Session 4, Saratoga Springs Council Chambers, 5:30 pm-8 pm: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Please contact Caryn at 801-888-9147 or cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com for more information.



Movie in the Park Friday, August 15 SilverLake Amphitheater 9:15 p.m.

- * Food vendors on site or bring picnic
- * Kids' games before showtime
- * Candy concessions

Admission is FREE

City Events Coming Soon:

Trick or Treat Village at Nolan Park - October 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Turkey Trot - November 27, 8 a.m.

Sewer rate increase affects The Ranches

The Timpanogos Special Service District, who provides waste water service to the City's North Service Area (The Ranches), approved a rate increase of 13.8% recently. To cover the cost of this increase, the City Council approved a change to the City's waste water rate for The Ranches from a total of \$38 per month to \$41.14. This rate change will be reflected on utility bill received in August.

The increase per customer is \$3.14 per month or \$37.68 per year. If the City did not adjust the rate we would be subsidizing \$163,041.36 annually for residents in The Ranches. The South Service Area (City Center) rate is \$43 per month. City Center waste water services are provided by the City's wastewater treatment plant.