

City Council Meeting

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CITY OF
REXBURG
America's Family Community

January 08, 2014

Mayor Richard Woodland

Council Members:

Christopher Mann Jordan Busby
Donna Benfield Jerry Merrill
Bruce Sutherland Sally Smith

City Staff:

Stephen Zollinger – City Attorney
Richard Horner – Finance Officer
John Millar – Public Works Director
Val Christensen – Community Development Director
Scott Johnson – Economic Development Director
Blair Kay – City Clerk

5:00 P.M. City Hall Work Meeting (light meal provided for City Council)

A. Discuss City Council Goals for 2014 – City Council members

Brad Wolfe said the prayer.

Mayor Woodland led the pledge.

Goals:

Mayor Woodland listed his goals for the upcoming years:

1. Monthly News Letter assignments to City Council Members.
2. Completed biking path – Hidden Valley.
3. Sidewalk easement by new apartments.
4. Reconstruct Steiner Elevator Curve on 1st North and 2nd West.
5. Seek funding for River Beltway on 5th West.
6. Create a Community Garden.
7. Continue the Safety Program.

The City Council listed their goals:

Council Member Jordan Busby:

1. Improve traffic flow on 12th West and 7th South by Madison High School.
2. Encourage more community involvement (Rexburg 101).
3. Monthly News Letter or newspaper article by Council Members.
4. State of the City Address - invite citizens to be more involved.
5. Create an additional City Park.

Council Member Jerry Merrill:

1. Establish a theme for the City of Rexburg to encourage tourism.
2. Change slogan to America's Family "Recreation" Community.
3. Bring in more tourist traffic revenue.

Council Member Donna Benfield:

1. Increase economic development – seek out businesses.
2. Increase reporting on new job development.
3. Create Envision Madison Master Plan for growth showing city park locations, etc.
4. Create Downtown Revitalization Master Plan to get ahead of the curve to avoid reactive management.
5. Improved infrastructure downtown including trees and lighting.

Council Member Elect Brad Wolfe:

1. Encourage more theatre with plays and shows at the Romance Theatre.
2. Encourage downtown revitalization projects.

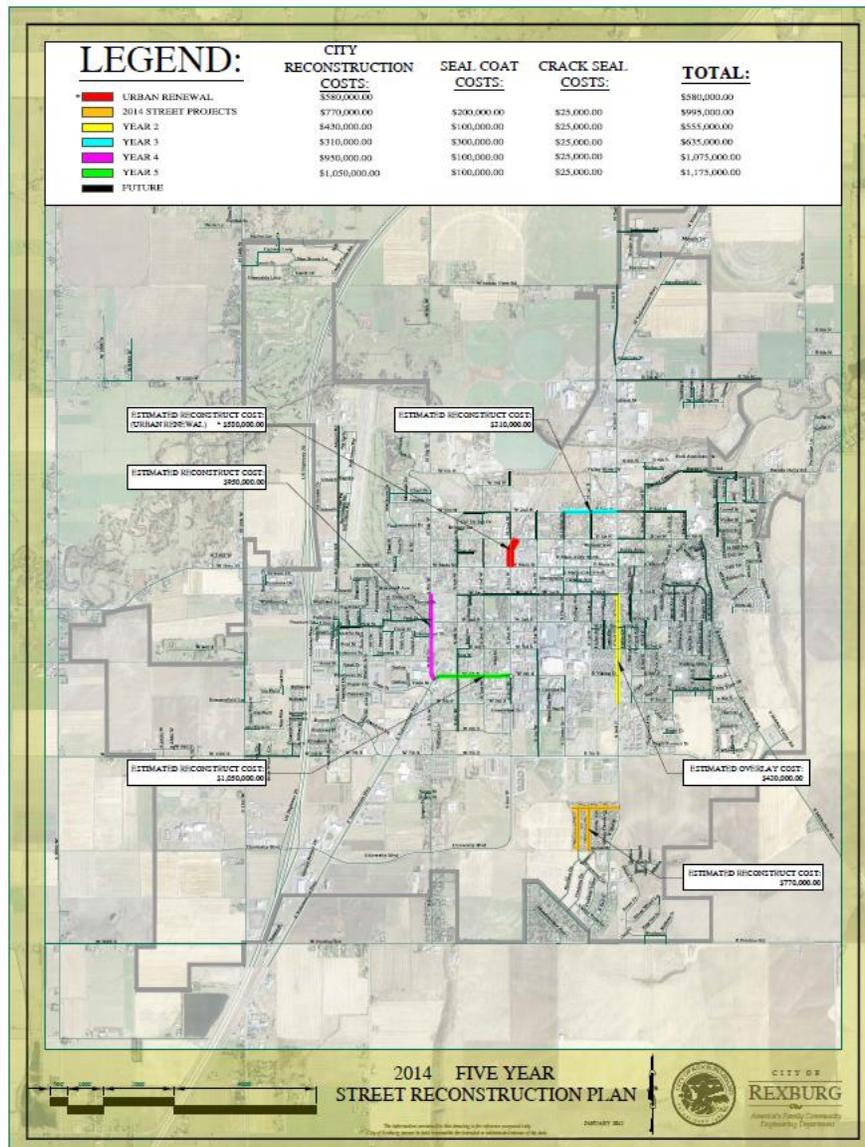
Council Member Christopher Mann:

1. Budget decisions involving City Council to have the budget goals run the budget.
2. Create a City Parks Master Plan.
3. Add “All Access” playground equipment for the handicapped population.
4. Implement Envision Madison for Economic Growth.
5. Create a Dog Park.

Council Member Sally Smith:

1. Use collected Impact Fees to improve infrastructure.
2. Select building to as candidates for building revitalization.
3. Finish the Romance Theater.
4. More information given to the City Council on the Revolving Loan Fund.
5. Tournament growth.
6. New Airport.
7. Stay within Budget – be conservation.

The Five Year goal for Street Improvements was provided to the City Council.



<http://www.esri.com/what-is-gis/> “A geographic information system (GIS) integrates hardware, software, and data for capturing, managing, analyzing, and displaying all forms of geographically referenced information.

GIS allows us to view, understand, question, interpret, and visualize data in many ways that reveal relationships, patterns, and trends in the form of maps, globes, reports, and charts.

A GIS helps you answer questions and solve problems by looking at your data in a way that is quickly understood and easily shared.

GIS technology can be integrated into any enterprise information system framework.”

“Top Five Benefits of GIS

GIS benefits organizations of all sizes and in almost every industry. There is a growing awareness of the economic and strategic value of GIS. The benefits of GIS generally fall into five basic categories:

1. Cost Savings and Increased Efficiency

GIS is widely used to optimize maintenance schedules and daily fleet movements. Typical implementations can result in a savings of 10 to 30 percent in operational expenses through reduction in fuel use and staff time, improved customer service, and more efficient scheduling.

2. Better Decision Making

GIS is the go-to technology for making better decisions about location. Common examples include real estate site selection, route/corridor selection, evacuation planning, conservation, natural resource extraction, etc. Making correct decisions about location is critical to the success of an organization.

3. Improved Communication

GIS-based maps and visualizations greatly assist in understanding situations and in storytelling. They are a type of language that improves communication between different teams, departments, disciplines, professional fields, organizations, and the public.

4. Better Recordkeeping

Many organizations have a primary responsibility of maintaining authoritative records about the status and change of geography. GIS provides a strong framework for managing these types of records with full transaction support and reporting tools.

5. Managing Geographically

GIS is becoming essential to understanding what is happening—and what will happen—in geographic space. Once we understand, we can prescribe action. This new approach to management—managing geographically—is transforming the way that organizations operate.

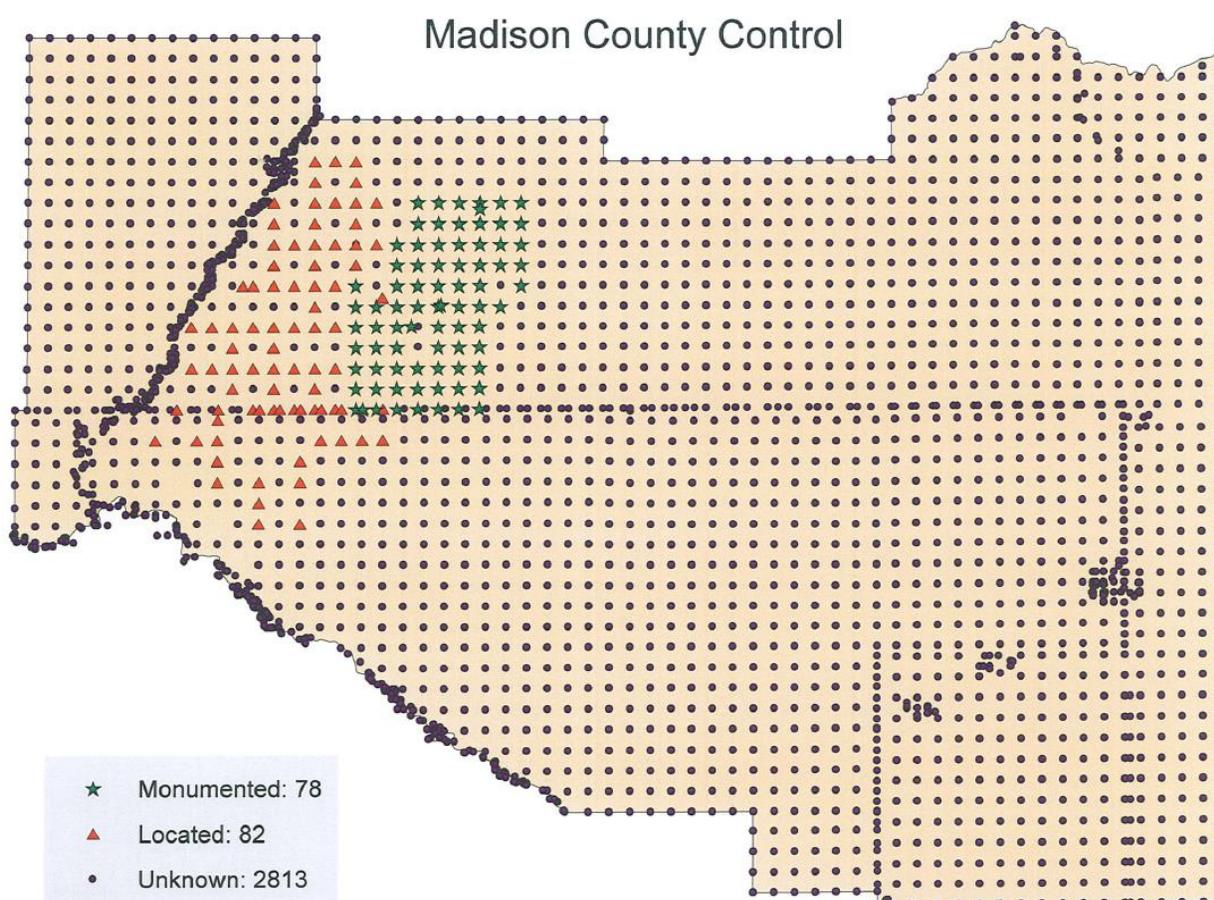
Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator Craig Rindlisbacher reviewed the cost comparison of hiring a licensed Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) in the GIS Department.

Madison County Commissioner Todd Smith and City Deputy Finance Officer Nielson joined the meeting to discuss the proposed surveyor position which would have the costs split between the city and the county.

Cost Comparison of Hiring a Licensed PLS Surveyor in the GIS Department

Option 1 Has Been Recommended by the GIS Committee					
	Prior Costs	Option 1 Hire a Licensed PLS Surveyor in the GIS Department & Split Costs 50/50* between City and County	Option 2 Hire a Licensed PLS Surveyor at County Level and City Reimburses for Services	Option 3 Do Not Hire a Licensed PLS Surveyor and Contract out Surveying Work for Control Points	Notes
GIS Analyst II	70,421				Craig currently doing database admin and Plat Review
Hire GIS Technician		57,397	57,397	57,397	
Hire Surveyor		75,700	75,700		Surveyor would take over 20% of Craigs work with plat review
Cost To City For Plat Review Services			22,700		20% of Craig time spent in Plat Review
Contract Out Survey Work For Control Points				75,000	2000 Control Points at \$150/Each= \$3000,000 or \$75,000 over 4 years
City Contracted Surveyor Cost (3 Yr/Average)	20,000			20,000	
County Contracted Surveying Cost	18,200			18,200	
Equipment Purchase w/o Base		35,000	35,000		Survey Grade GPS Equipment (Rover/Base) \$ 50,000. Per John we can buy equipment w/o base now and save around \$20,000 off the \$50,000 price
AutoCad/Year		800	800		This is the annual maintenance fee. The City Engineering Department will let the Surveyor use their extra license now, but a new one may need to be purchased in the future.
Truck Cost		-	-		This assumes that a used pickup is provided by the City or County
Total Cost	\$108,621	\$ 168,896	\$ 191,596	\$ 170,597	
City Cost	\$ 55,211	\$ 84,448	\$ 71,398	\$ 86,198	Option 2-City would pay 1/2 of GIS Technician and City Engineer Contracted Work and Contracted Plat Review Work
County Cost	\$ 53,411	\$ 84,448	\$ 120,198	\$ 84,398	
City Increase		\$ 29,238	\$ 16,188	\$ 30,988	
County Increase		\$ 31,038	\$ 66,788	\$ 30,988	
Total Increase		\$ 60,275	\$ 82,975	\$ 61,976	
Would Not Solve Platting Concerns X					
* Any Costs for County or City Projects or Plat Review could be direct billed out 100% to respective projects, rather than GIS					

GIS Coordinator Rindlisbacher reviewed the monument map indicating the monuments that have been located. A surveyor would need to be hired to clean up the gaps in the monument locations.

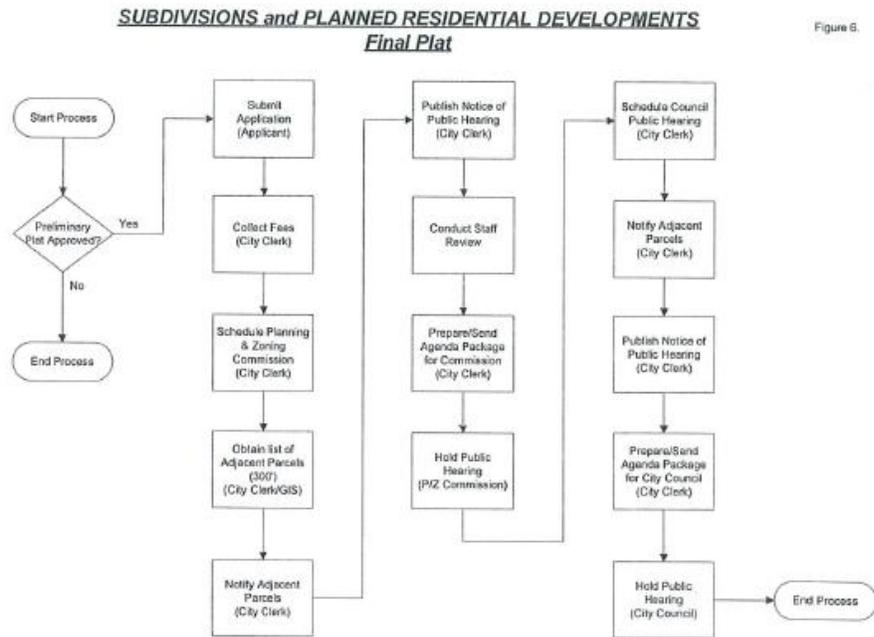


GIS Coordinator Rindlisbacher indicated some monuments are off up to 240 feet on the mapping system.



119449 is approx. 240' too far north.

GIS Coordinator Rindlisbacher provided the flow chart that is used in the final plat review process.



Final Plat

Final Plat GIS review to include:

Address
 Adjoiner
 Boundary
 COGO
 Dedication
 Easement
 Flood
 Name of subdivision
 Identify owner
 Irrigation certificate
 Ties to established section
 Signatures
 Township, Range, Section

Application steps:

Application accepted
 Fees
 GIS Review
 P&Z Review
 Fire Review
 Agenda P&Z Commission
 P&Z Commission meeting
 DA Prep
 Agenda City Council
 City Council meeting
 DA execution
 Madison County Review
 Signatures
 Madison County Recording
 Document update of map
 Finald

GIS Coordinator Rindlisbacher reviewed three possible job descriptions indicating duties of the Madison County Surveyor.

March 25, 2013

Job description and duties of the County Surveyor.

Principal duties are to serve the residents of Madison County and to administer the county land records mandated by state statutes. A partial listing of things that I see can be done by the county surveyor, but not limited to are the following:

1. Idaho statute 50-1305, the county to review all subdivision plats.
2. Review records of survey, currently not being done. Proper media? Idaho Code 55-1905.
3. Review corner perpetuations and assist local surveyors with proper corner evaluation. Too many improperly placed re-set corners, County Surveyor in reviewing these documents will help protect the public! Idaho Code 55-1608.
4. The County Surveyor should review legal descriptions for closure; the County Surveyor can assist the assessor's office with clarification.
5. Inventory and maintain county road right of way maps and ownership. Vacate old non-valid easements and right-of-ways.
6. Requests for survey information are made daily out of the public records; the County Surveyor could assist the public with locating information.
7. Are dedications really taking place? Dedications must be accepted by the appropriate agencies.
8. Are the property pins that are shown on the survey plat really in place? The County Surveyor in other counties verifies that this is done. Construction activities destroy many corners, and those corners are not being re-set.
9. Has the bond been paid? Idaho Code 50-1332. In a general statement, is the County following through with these items to assure the public those things are done according to law and good practice?
10. Set aerial control for flyovers, this is done frequently.
11. I would like to become a certified floodplain surveyor. Provide Elevation Certificates.
12. Continue with gathering section corner info for the GIS department, Mountain River had done a few years worth of this.
13. Could help road and bridge in the winter months by operating equipment.

Re-establishment of the cadastral surveys and land boundaries. Many of the original corners lost or destroyed. All of this affects the proper position of land boundaries, and this is where disputes occur.

Provide assistance to planning and zoning.

Assist road and bridge.

1. Identify county road right of way.
2. Recover property monuments.
3. Protect section corners.
4. Protect NGS control.

Geographic Information Systems – GPS surveying for the geodetic control networks base map layer and integrating the location of subdivision, section and parcel corner locations.

Engineering – Boundary, topographical, right of way, and as built surveys.

Real Estate – assist planning and zoning with boundaries, easement descriptions, and consultation on survey related real estate issues.

Road and Bridge – new construction stakeout, and staking of right-of-ways and easements for maintenance activities.

Parks and recreation – boundary, topographical and construction stakeout surveys.

Sheriff's office – Crime scene mapping, GPS tower sites for communication.

County and State attorney's office – consultation of issues that relate to surveying and expert testimony for court cases.

Madison County Surveyor Duties

- Determine both the longitude, latitude, and state plane values for important feature and boundaries in Madison County using traditional and satellite based GPS surveying methods. This will include the reestablishment and restorations of PLSS corner locations
- Submit known PLSS locations to the MCPD (Multi-state control point database) for use by other surveyors and mappers in the county
- Conduct surveys to establish legal boundaries for publicly owned property in Madison County
- Conduct project surveys for Rexburg’s Engineering department in support of future public work’s projects
- Work with other surveyors, title companies, citizens, and/or attorneys to resolve errors or conflicts that are manifested in the county’s parcel mapping efforts.
- Search legal records, survey records, and land titles to obtain information about property boundaries in areas to be surveyed
- Coordinate with the GIS department in order to produce maps, reports, and legal descriptions that support City and County interests.
- Oversee a comprehensive Plat Review process for all subdivision platting in Madison County
- Review surveys submitted for filing by land surveyors ensuring that they meet state and county standards both in the drawing and in the field.
- Provide survey expertise to the citizens of Madison County who are having survey related problems or questions.
- Coordinate findings with the work of engineering and architectural personnel, clients and others concerned with development projects

GIS Coordinator Rindlisbacher showed the Bonneville County surveyor’s Job Classification.

***BONNEVILLE COUNTY
JOB CLASSIFICATION***

<i>Job Title:</i> Surveyor	<i>Job Code:</i> 6040.2
<i>Dept./Div.:</i> Road & Bridge – Engineering	<i>Pay Class:</i> Uncl.
<i>Status:</i> Salaried/Exempt	<i>Work Comp:</i> 5506-00
	<i>EEO Code:</i> B

GENERAL PURPOSE

*Performs a variety of **professional and complex technical** duties related to the auditing of survey information for acceptance by the county and entry and maintenance of survey information used in the Geographic Information System.*

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the general guidance and direction of the Assistant Public Works Director.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Receives and enters survey information for new subdivision plats and other property boundary changes to the computer geographic information system and checks for mathematical correctness and closure to

insure adherence to county and state standards; reviews and approves legal descriptions and signs plats as required by law. Reviews improvement drawings and inspects subdivisions under construction.

Develops new legal descriptions as required.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Educations and Experience:

- A. *High school*
- and*
- B. *One year of responsible work experience*
- or*
- C. *Equivalent combination of Education and experience.*

2. Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Thorough *knowledge of proper use and maintenance of standard survey instruments and equipment; survey terminology, procedures and methods; legal requirements, codes and regulations relating to surveying; coordinate geometry and legal property descriptions.*

Considerable *knowledge of computer aided drafting and mapping systems and methods and computerized geographic information systems.*

Working *knowledge of county engineering operations.*

Ability to plan and organize survey operations; ability to read and interpret legal codes and regulations and apply them accurately and effectively; ability to read and interpret legal descriptions, plat maps, construction blueprints and survey information and make technical evaluations concerning the accuracy, completeness and compliance with engineering and legal standards; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing and develop effective working relationships with professionals, contractors, elected and appointed officials, co-workers and the public.

3. Special Qualifications:

*Must possess and maintain a valid Idaho Driver's License.
Must be licensed by the State of Idaho as a Professional Land Surveyor.*

4. Work Environment:

Tasks involve a variety of physical activities, occasionally involving muscular strain, such as walking, standing, stooping, sitting, reaching, talking, hearing and seeing. Mental application utilizes memory for details, emotional stability, discriminating thinking and problem solving. Most work is performed in a controlled environment but occasional travel may be required to perform on-site inspection of construction work sites.

Discussion on the cost split between the city and county.

Madison County Commissioner Todd Smith said a surveyor would free up Craig from having to review plats.

Council Member Busby was in favor of the surveyor position to clean up the database.

Deputy Finance Officer Nielson summarized the discussion indicating the city will direct bill the county 50% of the total costs.

Craig Rindlisbacher said he would have an agreement – Memo of Understanding (MOU) drawn up for approval to begin the process. The city currently costs for surveying is about \$20,000 each year.

7:00 P.M. City Hall – Pledge to the Flag

Two Boy Scout Troops led the pledge.

Joseph West said the prayer.

Roll Call of Council Members:

Attending: Council President Mann, Council Member Benfield, Council Member Smith, Council Member Busby, Council Member Merrill, and Mayor Woodland.

Council Member Sutherland asked to be excused.

Presentations:

A. Recognize Citizens serving Rexburg – Staff

1. **Joseph West** – Trails of Madison County Committee
2. **Roger Harris** – Arts Council (Tabernacle)
3. **Pat Huish** – Arts Council (Romance Theatre)
4. **Winston Dyer** – Planning and Zoning Commission
5. **Bruce Sutherland** – Mayor and City Council
6. **Reed Nielsen** – Traffic and Safety Committee

Mayor Woodland presented plaques and Certificates of Appreciation to Rexburg Citizens. He presented a plaque to **Joseph West** for his service on the Trails of Madison County Committee; Joseph has worked tirelessly for Trails of Madison County; He also serves on the Urban Renewal Board.

Mayor Woodland presented a plaque to **Roger Harris** indicating he is a person of dedication. He thanked Roger for his service on the Arts Council (Tabernacle, and Romance Theatre).

Mayor Woodland said **Pat Huish** is a good man; Mayor Woodland presented a plaque to Pat thanking him for all of his good work on the Romance theatre and his dedicated service on the Arts Council (Romance Theatre).

Mayor Woodland presented **Winston Dyer** with a plaque for his dedicated service on the Planning and Zoning Commission; Mayor Woodland commended Mr. Dyer for his commitment to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Mayor Woodland said Mr. Dyer conducts the Planning meetings in an orderly manner better than anyone else. He thanked Winston for his dedicated service on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Bruce Sutherland was excused. He was to receive an award for his service to the City of Rexburg as a past Mayor and for his service on the City Council. Mayor Woodland will present his plaque at a later date.

Mayor Woodland said **Reed Nielsen** asked to be excused due to a prior commitment; however, he will present Reed's plaque to him in the upcoming Traffic and Safety Meeting.

Calendared Bills and Tabled Items:

- A. **BILL Introduction:** – NONE
- B. **First Reading:** Those items which are being introduced for first reading: – NONE
- C. **Second Reading:** Those items which have been first read: – NONE
- D. **Third Reading:** Those items which have been second read:
 1. **BILL 1110 LID43 Final Assessment Role**

Discussion:

Council Member Mann moved to approve and 3rd reading of **BILL 1110 for LID43 (Final Assessment Role)**; Council Member Merrill seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye
Council President Mann

Those voting nay
None

Council Member Benfield
Council Member Smith
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby

The motion carried

2. BILL 1108 International Building Code 2012

Discussion: Community Development Director Christensen explained the state requires the cities to follow the adopted state code which they recently adopted. The Residential Code will remain as the 2009 Residential Code.

Council Member Busby moved to approve and 3rd reading of **BILL 1108** adopting the International Building Code 2012 as presented; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Smith
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Consent Calendar: The consent calendar includes items which require formal City Council Action; however they are typically routine or not of great controversy. Individual Council members may ask that any specific item be removed from the consent calendar for discussion in greater detail. Explanatory information is included in the City Council's agenda packet regarding these items.

- E. Minutes from December 18, 2013 meeting
- F. Approve the City of Rexburg Bills

Council Member Merrill moved to approve the Consent Calendar and pay the bills; Council Member Busby seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Smith
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Public Comment on non-controversial issues: not scheduled on the agenda (limit 3 minutes)

Terry Madsen of Rexburg asked why trash pickup is not open to other competitive services. His garbage cans have received damage from being put down too hard.

Council Member Busby asked about the damage. Public Works Director Millar indicated it was from setting the container down that damages the legs. Mr. Madsen said he could get other service at a savings of about 20%. City Attorney Zollinger said municipalities by state statute are allowed to do their own trash pickup service. He gave an example of historical uses that moved to city services due to costs from outside vendors.

Council Member Busby asked why new containers don't have lids due to breakage.

Public Works director John Millar said the wind damaged trash cans are being repaired by the city.

Mayor's Report:

A. Resolution 2014-01 Drug Free Idaho

Mayor Woodland asked Council Member Merrill to read the Declaration for a Drug-free Idaho (Resolution 2014-01).

Resolution 2014 – 01

Declaration for a Drug-free Idaho

WHEREAS, *Idaho is our home – the place where we live and work and raise our families; and*

WHEREAS, *Idaho is not immune to the blight of drug abuse that affects our entire nation, harming families, individuals, and businesses; and*

WHEREAS, *The Association of Idaho Cities, representing 200 cities in Idaho, has launched a statewide campaign to end complacency, ignorance, and apathy about the impacts of drug abuse; and*

WHEREAS, *Prevention education works to decrease destructive behavior and can reverse the trend of increased drug use resulting from nationwide drug legalization efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *We understand that winning the fight against drugs is only possible as each sector of our society steps up to do its part, and for us, as adults, to be role models; and*

WHEREAS, *The societal costs of drug abuse are felt in a variety of ways including destruction of families, impacts to public education, productivity in the workplace, decrease in public safety including escalation in the number of impaired drivers on Idaho roads, and effect other areas of our lives; and*

WHEREAS, *We affirm that the battle against substance abuse and addiction is about our children. We must help them walk drug-free through a drug-filled world.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *I Richard S. Woodland, Mayor and the City Council of Rexburg, Idaho, declare we will do everything in our power to make Idaho drug free with responsible local, state, and national policies; and we will engage with community partners, coalitions, and organizations to bring strong and effective prevention strategies and activities to cities in Idaho.*

Discussion:

Council Member Smith moved to approve **Resolution 2014-01 supporting a Drug Free Idaho**; Council Member Merrill seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Smith
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Committee Liaison Assignments for 2014:

A. Council Member Christopher Mann: *Golf Board · Emergency Services Board · MYAB*

Council Member Mann reported that neither the Golf Board, nor the Emergency Services Board met since last time. The very successful Shop with a Cop activity was funded from last year's donations. The Mayors Youth Advisory Board met January 8, 2014, to report on Shop with a Cop. They served 91 children, and were able to raise money for next year. Prior year donations are used for the current Christmas Season. He thanked the Mayors Youth Advisory Board and Rexburg

employees, citizens, and businesses for their efforts to help support Shop with a Cop. The Mayors Youth Advisory Board had a mock City Council meeting. They voted on a motion; however, it was a tie vote requiring their Mayor to break the tie.

B. Council Member Jordan Busby: *GIS Oversight · Airport Board.*

Council Member Busby did not have a report.

C. Council Member Donna Benfield: *Trails of Madison County · IBC · Teton Flood Museum Committee*

Council Member Benfield reported Trails of Madison County met to work on a grant for additional trails. They are also working to meet with the owners of Fat Cats to see if they can get a bike course put in behind their building. The Flood Museum traffic is down, and they are working on ideas to get attendance back up. The Police Department finished last year with over 8,000 response calls, which is an all-time high.

D. Council Member Sally Smith: *Legacy Flight Museum · Rexburg Arts Council (Romance Theatre & Tabernacle Civic Center, Orchestra) · M.E.P.I.*

Council Member Smith reported the Legacy Flight Museum is planning on an airshow this spring. They are working on a grant to refurbish a plane to fly in the upcoming air show. M.E.P.I met and discussed the broadband study that has now been completed. There will be more meetings to decide how to go ahead with broad band service. They also discussed Envision Madison and there will be a stakeholder's meeting January 29, 2014. Rexburg Arts Council did not meet, but will convene this month.

E. Council Member Jerry Merrill: *Beautification Committee · Parks & Recreation · Traffic & Safety · Urban Renewal Agency*

Council Member Merrill asked John Millar how the surveying is contracted. Public Works Director Millar said it is rotated around between vendors. Parks & Recreation is planning Winter Fest, which is coming up on January 25th, 2014. The Boys' basketball draft is planned for January 8th, 2014. Winter Sports are going on as usual. They are starting to plan for the Marathon and other summer activities. The Traffic and Safety Committee is concerned with having the sidewalks cleaned to keep pedestrians safely off the streets.

F. Council Member Brad Wolfe: *Planning & Zoning · School Board · Police*

Council Member Sutherland was excused.

7:30 P.M. Ceremony to seat the newly elected city officials: (Certificates of Election)

Oath of Office:

A. **Swear in Christopher Mann, Donna Benfield, & Brad Wolfe as City Council Members**

City Clerk Blair Kay read the Oath of Office to Christopher Mann, Donna Benfield, & Brad Wolfe; whereupon they all answered "I Do" to the Oath of Office.

Official Oath

STATE OF IDAHO,

} SS

County of Madison

Do you, individually solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Idaho; and

*that you will to the best of your ability, faithfully discharge the duties of **Councilmember** of the City of Rexburg, Madison County, Idaho, during your continuance therein, so help you, God.*

(Signature of Elected or Appointed Official)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 08th day of January , 2014.

Blair D. Kay, City Clerk

At the end of the oath, the elected official responds, “I Do” or “I Will”

Each newly elected City Council Member was presented a Certificate of Election.

Break

Introductions:

New City Council Members Christopher Mann, Donna Benfield, & Brad Wolfe took some time to get congratulations from their friends and family members that were in attendance.

Roll Call of Council Members:

Attending: Council Member Mann, Council Member Benfield, Council Member Smith, Council Member Busby, Council Member Merrill, Council Member Brad Wolfe, and Mayor Woodland.

A. **Elect City Council President:** The first order of City Council business was to elect a new City Council President.

TITLE 50
MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS
CHAPTER 7
COUNCIL

*50-702. Qualification of councilmen -- Terms -- Installation. Any person shall be eligible to hold the office of councilman of his city who is a qualified elector at the time his declaration of candidacy or declaration of intent is submitted to the city clerk, and remains a qualified elector under the constitution and laws of the state of Idaho. Each councilman elected at a general city election, except as otherwise specifically provided, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Councilmen elected at each general city election shall be installed at the first meeting in January following election. The manner of conducting that meeting shall be as herein set forth and not otherwise: the incumbents shall meet and conduct such business as may be necessary to conclude the fiscal matters of the preceding year; the newly elected shall then subscribe to the oath of office, be presented certificates of election, assume the duties of their position, and conduct such business as may be necessary, one **(1) item of which shall be the election of a member as president of the council.***

Council Member Mann gave thanks for service as Council President; however, he believes in team development.

Council Member Mann nominated Council Member Sally Smith to serve as City Council President; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion; Discussion: Sally would like to serve as Council President. Her mother was on the City Council in 1968. Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council Member Mann
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Smith
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby
Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Mayor Woodland thanked Council Member Mann for his service as City Council President for the past six years.

Ratification of Appointed Positions:

1. City Departments:

Department	*** Officers/Department Heads
Financial Management	*** City Treasurer — Richard Horner
Customer Support Services	*** City Clerk — Blair Kay
Legal	*** City Attorney — Stephen Zollinger
Police	Chief of Police — Shane Turman
Parks	Parks Director — Greg McInnes
Recreation	Recreation Director — Robert Yeatman
Public Works	Public Works Director — John Millar
(TCS) Technology Coordination Services	Information Technologies Director — Kelvin Giles
Economic Development	Economic Development Director — Scott Johnson
Community Development	Community Development Director — Val Christensen
Human Resources	Human Resources Director —Valeea Quigg
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GIS Coordinator is appointed jointly by the city and county — Craig Rindlisbacher • Chief of Emergency Services is appointed jointly by the city, county and Madison County Fire District — Corey Child

2. Confirm appointment of Bruce Sutherland to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Woodland asked the City Council to ratify the appointed positions as presented:

Council Member Busby moved to ratify the appointed positions as presented; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Smith
 Council Member Benfield
 Council Member Mann
 Council Member Merrill
 Council Member Busby
 Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Presentations: – NONE

Public Hearings:

- A. 7:45 pm – **Ordinance 1111** to rezone approximately 1450 North 2nd East from Transitional Agriculture 1 (TAG1) and Light Industrial (LI) to Regional Business Center (RBC) – Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust

Staff Report:

Jim Cook from Lakewood, Washington was spokesperson for the Wal-Mart Team: He thanked the City Council for allowing him the time to present.

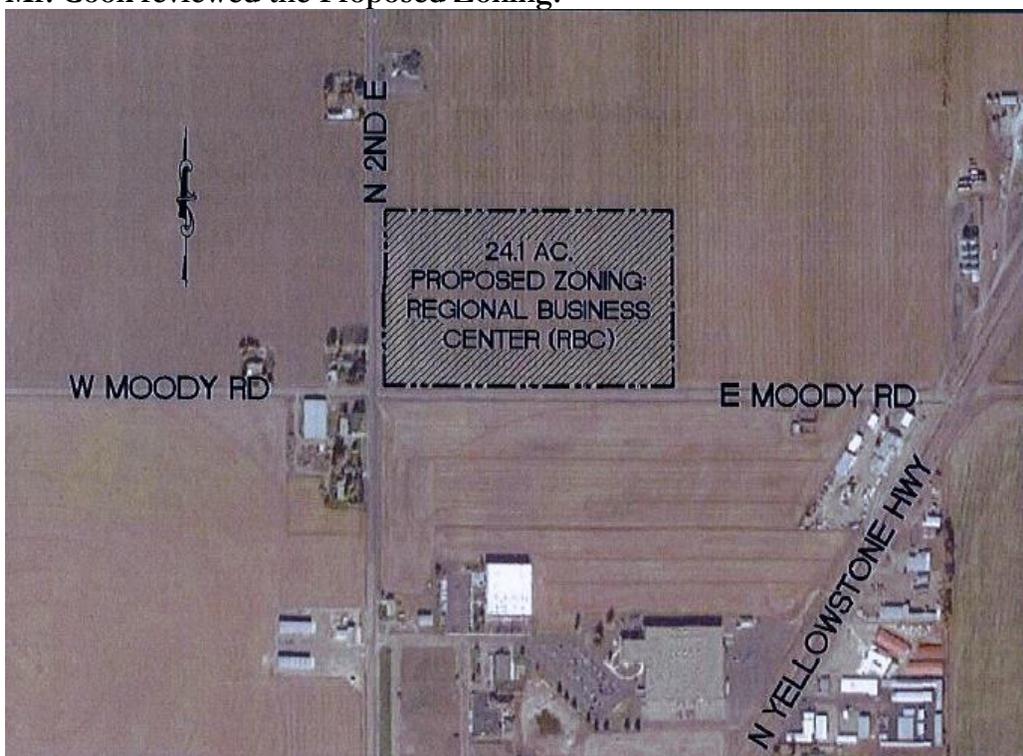
Wal-Mart team introductions:

- Mike Neer**, Principal at Pacland
- Jim Cook**, Sr. PM at Pacland
- JoAnn Butler**, Attorney at Spink Butler
- Mike Swenson**, Principal at Transpro Group
- Deborah Herron**, Director Public Affairs at Wal-Mart

Mr. Cook reviewed the Existing Zone:



Mr. Cook reviewed the Proposed Zoning:



Mr. Cook reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Compliant:

- Rezone to Regional Business Center is in accord with the policies of the City of Rexburg Comprehensive Plan.
- The use of property, once rezoned RBC, will positively address the capacity of the utilities including:
 1. Public Streets
 2. Water and Sewer facilities
 3. Storm Drainage facilities
 4. Solid Waste collection
- The capacity of existing public services will not be adversely impacted.
- No nuisance or health and safety hazards will affect adjoining properties.
- There have been no recent changes in land use on adjoining properties or the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Rezone Criteria:

- Capacity of existing public streets.
- Capacity of water and sewer facilities.
- Capacity of storm drainage facilities.
- Solid waste collection and disposal.
- Other utilities.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Capacity of Public Streets:

- Project will build road improvements to N. 2nd East.
- Project will build road improvements to E. Moody Road.
- Project will provide new stop control to N. 2nd East & Hwy-20.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Capacity of Water and Sewer Facilities:

- City of Rexburg water mains will be extended.
- City of Rexburg sewer mains will be extended.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Capacity of Storm Drainage Facilities:

- Project will build new storm drainage facilities to handle and disperse storm water from site.
- Storm water management will consist of:
 1. Infiltration ponds with a sand layer for water quality treatment.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal:

- Refuse and recycling will be located in specific areas on-site and disposed of at the local waste and recycling center.

Mr. Cook reviewed the Other Utilities:

- Power, telephone and cable will be extended to the site from existing lines within the right-of-way as needed.



Mr. Cook reviewed the Project Data:

- Building Size: 186,933 Sq. Ft.
- 726 parking stalls; 22 of which are handicap accessible.
- 3 outlots, each roughly 1.25 acres.
- Project to have one access onto N. 2nd East and 3 points of access on E. Moody Rd.

Council Member Busby asked about the road improvements. Mr. Cook said they will provide required improvements as directed by city code. Public Works Director Millar explained the process of widening the 2nd East Street and Moody Road to allow for turn lanes, etc. The traffic study will be reviewed to make changes to the accesses from Hwy 20 as needed.

Council Member Busby asked if the utility lines will be underground or overhead. Mr. Cook said it has not been decided yet.

JoAnn Butler, Attorney at Spink Butler representing the applicant from Boise, Idaho, indicated the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing was done very well. She reviewed the history of the area being annexed and zoned as it is today. The proposed zoning is in line with the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan talks of developments to retain leakage from the community. Ms. Butler said the Wal-Mart plan will help achieve this goal. They are working with city staff on the development agreement in compliance with the Rexburg's Development Code. She thanked the City's staff on how well they have worked with the Wal-Mart Team. They would like to request to change the zone to Regional Business Center.

Deborah Herron, Director Public Affairs at Wal-Mart from Renton, Washington thanked the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and asked for approval of the zone change request. The new store would be a general store and have groceries as well. The old store would be put on the market. The time line for the completion of a new store is 12-15 months after bids are let; so, 2015 or 2016 would be the completion date for the store.

Mayor Woodland opened the public hearing.

Public Testimony in favor of the proposal (5 minute limit):

Ken Sakota from Rexburg said he and his brother Doug support the Super Wal-Mart store. He stated the following reasons: The rezoning is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan for Rexburg, there is a need for more space in the current store, south Rexburg has an RBC Zone, so north Rexburg should as well for balance. BYU-I is supposedly a walking campus. He did not think students would walk to Wal-Mart; so, downtown businesses should get more business. When speaking to the assistant manager at the Wal-Mart in Ammon; their manager said that the new Super Wal-Mart in Rexburg would hurt the sales in Ammon, because those traveling from Jackson will most likely shop at the one in Rexburg instead of Ammon. With the new location, the new Super Wal-Mart will get more business from other cities because of its easy access from the highway.

Glenn Crawford from Rexburg provided a hand-out to the City Council detailing the contributions provided to the Rexburg community by Wal-Mart. He is the current Assistant Manager of Wal-Mart in Rexburg. He opened the current store in 1992; at that time the population of Ricks College was 7,943 and the population of Rexburg was approximately 14,000. Now, in 2014 BYU-I has a population of around 16,000 students, and the approximate population of Rexburg is 30,000. Wal-Mart has made several changes to try to accommodate the customers and they have gone through a complete remodel. The population of Rexburg has doubled; Wal-Mart would like to double the size of their store. The current store is approx. 93,000 sq. ft., they would like to expand 185,000 sq. ft. The current store has problems with jammed aisles. They are too busy and crowded to operate in the manner they would prefer, and they don't carry all of the items that are needed; specifically groceries. He referred to their volunteerism programs. All of their associates are encouraged to be involved in the community and provide service for worthy causes. Their Associates perform service in the context "Volunteerism Always Pays". If they contribute 20 hours to an organization, Wal-Mart will donate \$250 to that organization. He highlighted 2013 for an award the store received (The Goodness Spark Award) to benefit people in Madison County. He stated that Super Wal-Mart gets a higher community grant allotment. Also with more Associates, there will be more opportunity for

Volunteerism Always Pays (VAPS). He encouraged the zone change to the RBC Zone. 150 to 200 additional employees will be hired for the Super Wal-Mart store.

Walmart 1878 Community Contributions

FY2012

Community Grants: \$9000.00 budget

4-H Fremont County - \$500.00
4-H Jefferson County - \$500.00
Adams Elementary - \$500.00
BYU-I - \$1000.00
Burton Elementary - \$1000.00
Department of Juvenile Corrections - \$250.00
Idaho Foodbank Warehouse - \$1000.00
Kiwanis Utah/Idaho - \$1000.00
Madison County Fire Department - \$1000.00
Marine Toys for Tots - \$500.00
NAMI Upper Valley - \$250.00
Parker/Egin Elementary - \$250.00
Rexburg Police Department - \$1000.00
Swan Valley Emergency Services - \$250.00
TOTAL - \$9000.00

Event VAPs:

American Cancer Society - \$2000.00 (32 associates/100 hours)
City of Saint Anthony - \$500.00 (5 associates/25 hours)
Fremont School District - \$2000.00 (32 associates/105 hours)
Idaho International Dance Festival - \$4000.00 (40 associates/214 hours)
TOTAL - \$8500.00 HOURS - 444

Individual VAPs:

4-H Fremont County – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)
American Cancer Society – 6 = \$1500.00 (157 hours)
Boy Scouts of America – 10 = \$2500.00 (472 hours)
Fremont School District – 2 = \$500.00 (50 hours)
Idaho Art Lab – 2 = \$500.00 (52 hours)
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office – 3 = \$750.00 (110 hours)
Kiwanis Utah/Idaho – 2 = \$500.00 (50 hours)
Madison County Fair Board – 4 = \$1000.00 (130 hours)
Madison Junior High School – 1 = \$250.00 (30 hours)
Old Faithful Christian Ranch – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)
Sugar Salem School District – 1 = \$250.00 (30 hours)
TOTAL – \$8250.00 HOURS – 1131

GRAND TOTAL - \$25,750.00

TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED – 1575

Walmart 1878 Community Contributions

FY2013

Community Grants: \$8000.00 budget

4-H Fremont County - \$500.00

4-H Madison County - \$500.00

EICAP-Rexburg Outreach Center - \$1000.00

Idaho International Dance Festival - \$3000.00

Madison County Sheriff's Office - \$1000.00

Madison High School Speech and Debate - \$500.00

Rexburg Animal Shelter - \$500.00

Rexburg Police Department - \$1000.00

TOTAL - \$8000.00

Golden SPARK Award:

Idaho Food Bank - \$50,000.00 to set up a *Backpack Program in Madison County*

Event VAPs:

American Cancer Society - \$5000.00 (51 associates/253 hours)

Central Elementary in Sugar City - \$1000.00 (18 associates/87 hours)

City of Saint Anthony - \$500.00 (8 associates/31 hours)

EICAP-Rexburg Outreach Center - \$5000.00 (65 associates/255 hours)

Idaho International Dance Festival - \$2000.00 (26 associates/111 hours)

TOTAL - \$13,500.00 HOURS - 737

Individual VAPs:

4-H Fremont County – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)

American Cancer Society – 5 = \$1250.00 (145 hours)

Boy Scouts of America – 8 = \$1750.00 (402 hours)

Central Elementary in Sugar City – 1 = \$250.00 (30 hours)

Fremont School District – 1 = \$250.00 (52 hours)

Idaho Art Lab – 2 = \$500.00 (52 hours)

Madison Junior High School – 2 = \$500.00 (73 hours)

Madison High School Speech and Debate – 1 = \$250.00 (27 hours)

Senior Citizens Community Center – 1 = \$250.00 (32 hours)

Special Olympics Idaho – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)

Sugar Salem School District – 2 = \$500.00 (64 hours)

TOTAL – 25 = \$6250.00 HOURS – 927

GRAND TOTAL - \$27,750.00 (\$77,750.00 with the Golden SPARK)

TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED - 1664

Walmart 1878 Community Contributions

FYTD2014

Community Grants: \$8000.00 budget

4-H Fremont County - \$250.00
Central Fire District - \$1000.00
DARE of Madison County - \$250.00
Family Crisis Center - \$1000.00
Lion's Club-Rigby Chapter - \$250.00
Madison County Sheriff's Office - \$500.00
Madison Memorial Hospital Foundation - \$500.00
Madison Middle School - \$250.00
North Fremont High School - \$250.00
Rexburg Animal Shelter - \$500.00
Rexburg Police Department - \$1000.00
Rotary Club - \$500.00
Saint Anthony Police Department - \$1000.00
South Fremont Education Foundation - \$250.00
Tetonia Elementary - \$500.00
TOTAL - \$8000.00

Event VAPs:

American Cancer Society - \$3000.00 (30 associates/181 hours)
Family Crisis Center - \$3000.00 (40 associates/176 hours) – pending
Fremont County Search & Rescue - \$500.00 (14 associates/33 hours) - pending
Upper Valley Industries/Development Workshop - \$2000.00 (30 associates/105 hours)
TOTAL - \$8,500.00 HOURS - 495

Individual VAPs:

4-H Fremont County – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)
American Cancer Society – 6 = \$1500.00 (257 hours)
Boy Scouts of America – 11 = \$2750.00 (410 hours)
Central Elementary in Sugar City – 4 = \$1000.00 (111 hours)
Donald J Hobbs Middle School – 2 = \$500.00 (60 hours)
Eastern Idaho Public Health District – 4 = \$1000.00 (100 hours)
EICAP Rexburg Outreach – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)
Fremont School District – 2 = \$500.00 (50 hours)
Idaho Art Lab – 2 = \$500.00 (71 hours)
Idaho International Dance Festival – 1 = \$250.00 (36 hours)
Kiwanis Utah/Idaho – 1 = \$250.00 (25 hours)
Rexburg Animal Shelter – 1 = \$250.00 (27 hours)
Sugar Salem School District – 1 = \$250.00 (27 hours)
TOTAL – 25 = \$9250.00 HOURS - 1224

GRAND TOTAL - \$25,750.00

TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED – 1719

(Volunteerism Always Pays)

An Overview – all information is from Walmart Foundation

- The VAP program began in 1995. Through VAP, associates are encouraged to actively contribute their time and talent to charitable organizations that matter to them. Our Volunteerism Always Pays program recognizes associates who volunteer for a cause. Through VAP, associates may request charitable contributions on behalf of eligible organizations where they volunteer.
- Associates may apply for up to 5 Individual VAP grants each fiscal year, for the same or different organizations. If 5 are done, at least one of them must benefit a hunger relief organization. A minimum of 25 hours (of uncompensated volunteerism) is required for each application. A separate application must be completed for each \$250 grant request.
- In 2011, associates reported volunteering more than 1.5 million hours through VAP, which translated to more than \$13 million in grants to organizations serving our communities across the U.S.
- All active PT, FT or Salaried associates are eligible to participate, regardless of length of service.
- Volunteer hours served in one fiscal year CAN roll over toward an application submitted the next fiscal year. Associates may not submit multiple applications for the same volunteered service hours.
- Examples of qualifying volunteer activities:
 1. Leadership positions such as Board or Committee members of qualifying organizations
 2. Coaching a nonprofit sports team
 3. Volunteering as a classroom helper
 4. Providing administrative support to a qualifying organization (typing, filing, phones, etc.)
 5. Helping with special projects in qualifying organizations (landscaping, carpentry, etc.)
 6. Helping with day-to-day activities in qualifying organizations (cleaning, teaching, etc.)
- Examples of non-qualifying volunteer activities:
 1. Walking, running, cycling or training for an event fundraiser or cause
 2. Activities that represent a conflict of interest for associates or Walmart Stores Inc. or activities or organizations that may place the company in a bad light or in a controversial situation
 3. Activities that are part of your normal activities as a parent, spouse or family member (caring for your child or aging parent, watching your child participate in sporting events, or driving children to practice or concerts, etc.)
 4. Fundraisers held without advance acknowledgement from the recipient nonprofit organization
- The application period runs from Feb. 1 to Jan. 15 of each Fiscal Year. Any application that is not verified by the organization by Jan. 15 @ 11:59 p.m. will be rejected.

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Lewis Clements from Rexburg (near the proposed site for rezoning) was in favor of the zone change. He reminded the Mayor and City Council that in 2005 the city asked them to be annexed into the city, and they were assured that businesses would be encouraged to come to the north end of town.

Claude Tuckett from Rexburg went to work for Wal-Mart. He has been in business in Rexburg for the last 63 years, and for the last 18 years he has been with Wal-Mart. He loves Wal-Mart and he is ready for them to expand. He is in favor of the new Wal-Mart. His last request was that he would like to be there to snip the ribbon at the grand opening of the new Wal-Mart.

Public Testimony neutral to the proposal (5 minute limit):

Bruce Ard from Rexburg manages Valley Wide near the site for the new Wal-Mart and he is concerned with his truck traffic on the same street as Wal-Mart; especially during the spring and summertime.

Written correspondence: Council Member Mann read a letter in opposition from Georgia Hansen to the store moving out to the north on 2nd East due to traffic concerns on 2nd East.

January 2, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

I have followed with mild interest the speculation and developing story about a Super Walmart coming to Rexburg. I have talked to a few people about the idea and while they seem happy about the possibilities, no one so far has been terribly excited. However, I suspect it will happen regardless of most townsfolk's' opinions and/or emotions.

Before it happens I wish to share an observation and bring up a question I have not heard or seen addressed. In my opinion 2nd East and Moody Hwy will not support the traffic a Super Walmart will bring.

I drive one of the many Shuttle Vans you see around the Valley. I travel on 2nd East between five and 20 times most days. I drive on Moody Hwy. up to five times most days. Some other Shuttle Van drivers traverse these two roads much more frequently than I do. Sometimes I wait a long time to turn onto either road, especially during "Rexburg's rush hour." It is easy to imagine the roads becoming dangerous due to driver's impatience. Developing the farmland will necessitate the building of better roadways for both roads. I strongly believe this point must be addressed at the beginning of the discussion and incorporated into the project from the beginning.

Actually, if you take a look at 2nd now and speculate about the next two to three years, the anticipated time for Super Walmart to be open, and the change it would require to the road, the canal, and the existing homes, it make sense for several reasons including financially to place the Super Walmart at site of the existing current Walmart. There, the business area is already established.

*Georgia Hansen
336s W 5200 S
Rexburg, ID
208.313.7287*

Justin Hodges from Rexburg asked for consideration of a traffic signal on 7th North and 2nd East in the future.

Public Testimony opposed to the proposal (5 minute limit): - NONE

Rebuttal by applicant: NONE

Mayor Woodland closed the public hearing for deliberations.

Deliberations:

Council Member Mann said it is a rezone issue for an area which was targeted for commercial growth. The city will watch the development very closely to make sure it enhances the City of Rexburg.

Council Member Benfield said the City Council has been encouraging this area to develop into commercial growth to help keep business in Rexburg. She referred to the store they owned 20 years ago; however, they went out of business. She said the current Wal-Mart store brought more business to their store. Big box stores will bring more business to Rexburg.

Council Member Busby reviewed the impact the new store will have on the streets and traffic. He asked if another traffic study will need to be done?

Council President Smith referred to topics discussed in Planning and Zoning that need to be addressed by the Development Agreement.

Council Member Busby asked about the taxing district. Staff indicated the property being re-zoned is in the Sugar City School District.

Council Member Merrill said the north end of Rexburg needs to be developed to keep a balance.

Council President Smith moved to approve the zone change as proposed in **Ordinance 1111** to rezone approximately 1450 North 2nd East from Transitional Agriculture 1 (TAG1) and Light Industrial (LI) to Regional Business Center (RBC) for Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust; Council Member Merrill seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a roll call vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Smith
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Mann
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby
Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Council Member Busby moved to suspend the rules for **Ordinance 1111** to rezone approximately 1450 North 2nd East from Transitional Agriculture 1 (TAG1) and Light Industrial (LI) to Regional Business Center (RBC) for Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust, and consider it third read; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a roll call vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Smith
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby
Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay

Council Member Mann

The motion carried

Council Member Merrill moved to approve and third read **Ordinance 1111** to rezone approximately 1450 North 2nd East from Transitional Agriculture 1 (TAG1) and Light Industrial (LI) to Regional Business Center (RBC) for Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust; Council President Smith seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

Council President Smith
Council Member Benfield
Council Member Mann
Council Member Merrill
Council Member Busby
Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

Items for Consideration: – NONE

Staff Reports:

A. Public Works: – John Millar

1. Approval of the Intercity Wastewater Agreement

WASTEWATER AGREEMENT

between

**The City of Rexburg, Idaho
The City of Teton, Idaho, and
Sugar City, Idaho**

This Agreement is entered into this _____ day of January, 2014, between the City of Rexburg, Sugar City, and Teton (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties”). This agreement is to supersede all existing written or understood agreements regarding wastewater services between the three parties, including an existing agreement between the City of Teton, the City of Sugar City and the City of Rexburg (dated February 26, 1999) that covers the joint use by all parties of the transmission lines between Sugar City, the City of Teton and Rexburg.

1.0 RECITALS

- A. The City of Rexburg owns and operates a wastewater treatment system with capacity to treat wastewater flows for Rexburg, Sugar City and the City of Teton, (all of which currently use the facility).
- B. Residences and Industries located in Sugar City and Teton currently contribute wastewater to the wastewater system which includes industrial wastewater flows. Any facility that contributes industrial wastewater flows are hereinafter referred to as industrial users.
- C. Industrial User: Any user that discharges anything other than domestic wastewater.
- D. The City of Rexburg has implemented and enforces a pretreatment program to control discharges from all industrial users of its wastewater treatment system pursuant to requirements set out in 40 CFR Part 403. The City of Rexburg Sewer Use Ordinance No. 1016 (or the latest revision of the sewer use ordinance) and the National Pretreatment Standards, Code of Federal Regulations, stipulates to Industrial Users within the wastewater service area to the necessary pretreatment controls, and authorizes the City of Rexburg to implement and enforce the Sewer Use Ordinance. By this Agreement Sugar City and Teton City agree to adopt a sewer use ordinance that subjects the industrial users within its wastewater service area to the necessary pretreatment controls, and authorizes the City of Rexburg to implement and enforce their adopted sewer use ordinance when it pertains to industrial users.
- E. The City of Rexburg, by this agreement, agrees to accept wastewater from Sugar City and the City of Teton for final treatment and disposal.

Discussion on the rates Sugar City and Teton charge their customers. The treatment costs are the same for each entity.

Council Member Busby encouraged the city to monitor and remove cars parked illegally on city streets. Chief of Police Turman said the cars are given pink warning slip first before siting them. They are towed as a last result.

Council Member Busby moved to approve the Intercity Wastewater Agreement and allow the Mayor to sign the agreement; Council Member Benfield seconded the motion; Mayor Woodland asked for a vote:

Those voting aye

- Council President Smith
- Council Member Benfield
- Council Member Mann
- Council Member Merrill
- Council Member Busby
- Council Member Wolfe

Those voting nay

None

The motion carried

- 2. **Approval of the purchase of a sorting table** for the recycling program– Deferred.

Council Member Mann thanked the Public Works Department for adding sand to the icy streets.

Discussion: Vehicles should be towed if they are on the roads during snow removal.

B. Finance Department – Richard Horner

- Staff is helping auditors work on the audit report. A proposal to change an Urban Renewal District Boundary is coming; the Impact Fee Committee will be meeting again to review Impact Fees.

C. Community Development – Val Christensen

Community Development Director Christensen reviewed the annual building permit report for 2013 indicating the final numbers: Building Valuation was \$194,573,948; Permit Fees were \$1,208,946.21; Impact Fees were \$3,049,186.10.

- Annual Building Permit Report for valuation and Impact Fees:

Jan-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
12 00560	BLD-COM	Skeeters Remodel	160 W. 2nd S.	2-Jan-13	Owner/Lessee	\$37,650	\$ 742.10	n/a
12 00197	BLD-MFR	Campus Courtyard #3; 21 Units	273 S. 5th W.	2-Jan-13	Sommer Masonry	\$1,154,366	\$ 10,869.00	\$ 59,124.00
12 00198	BLD-MFR	Campus Courtyard #4; 21 Units	273 S. 5th W.	2-Jan-13	Sommer Masonry	\$1,154,366	\$ 10,291.00	\$ 54,793.00
13 00007	BLD-COMR	Alphagraphics Remodel	80 S. 2nd W.	9-Jan-13	Comfort Construction, Inc.	\$5,800	\$ 240.00	\$ 1,967.00
12 00103	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 1- Manag	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$314,844	\$ 4,553.00	\$ 21,134.00
12 00104	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 2; 6 Units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$568,782	\$ 5,527.00	\$ 16,072.00
12 00105	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 3; 6 units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$630,595	\$ 5,881.00	\$ 15,655.00
12 00106	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 4; 6 Units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$568,782	\$ 5,558.00	\$ 17,403.00
12 00107	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 5; 6 Units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$630,595	\$ 5,881.00	\$ 15,655.00
12 00108	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 6; 6 Units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$669,636	\$ 6,085.00	\$ 15,655.00
12 00109	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 7; 6 Units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$631,229	\$ 5,887.00	\$ 17,403.00
12 00110	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 8; 10 Unit	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$1,067,574	\$ 8,932.00	\$ 26,092.00
12 00111	BLD-MFR	Rockwell Court Apts, Bldg 9; 4 Units	796 W. 7th S.	23-Jan-13	Village Builders	\$377,470	\$ 4,075.00	\$ 10,437.00
13 00014	BLD-COMR	Rue21	485 N. 2nd E	30-Jan-13	Construction Solutions	\$50,000	\$ 1,146.00	n/a
Feb-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
12 00496	BLD-SFR	Rock Creek Townhomes #101-108	565 Pioneer Rd	5-Feb-13	Northern States Developm	\$1,313,872	\$ 9,445.00	\$ 20,874.00
13 00036	BLD-COMR	Madison Women's Clinic Remodel	15 Professional Plaza	19-Feb-13	Brett Jensen Construction	\$201,500	\$ 2,786.00	n/a
13 00059	BLD-SFRB	Single Family Residential Basement	640 Mill Stream St	26-Feb-13	Mitch Harris Construction	\$11,600	\$ 964.00	n/a
12 00469	BLD-MFR	Central Park 2 Apartments - 28 Units	420 W. 4th S.	26-Feb-13	Headwaters Construction	\$1,296,876	\$ 13,847.00	\$ 74,853.00
13 00054	BLD-COMR	BYU-Idaho Gym Remediation	525 S. Center St	28-Feb-13	Acoustic Specialties	\$90,936	\$ 1,266.00	n/a
Mar-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00058	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	573 E. 4th S.	12-Mar-13	Brett Jensen Construction	\$282,198	\$ 3,196.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00088	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	2295 W. 960 S.	19-Mar-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$295,713	\$ 3,076.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00076	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	649 Tanglewood Dr	21-Mar-13	Fall Creek Homes	\$228,301	\$ 2,733.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00074	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	650 Tanglewood Dr	21-Mar-13	Fall Creek Homes	\$204,200	\$ 2,585.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00075	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	638 Tanglewood Dr	21-Mar-13	Fall Creek Homes	\$209,561	\$ 2,746.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00093	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	1103 Greenside Loop	29-Mar-13	Owner/Lessee	\$310,113	\$ 2,978.00	\$ 5,617.00
Apr-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00097	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	2296 W 960 S	3-Apr-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$232,679	\$ 2,498.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00107	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	565 Terra Vista	3-Apr-12	Brett Jensen Construction	\$288,990	\$ 2,907.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00116	BLD-COMR	Call's Sinclair Remodel	499 S. Yellowstone	5-Apr-13	Beesley Construction	\$20,000	\$ 453.00	n/a
13 00072	BLD-COMR	Rexburg College of Massage Therapy	669 Pioneer Rd, Ste	8-Apr-13	Jon Gregory	\$26,200	\$ 714.00	n/a
13 00122	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	225 Pollard	8-Apr-13	JSM Construction	\$339,541	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00123	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	611 Johnson St	10-Apr-13	Ashir Construction	\$239,337	\$ 4,187.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00137	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	662 Cook St	15-Apr-13	Higley Development	\$222,908	\$ 2,435.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00099	BLD-COMR	Dish One Sales	36 East Main St	17-Apr-13	Tyson Leishman Construct	\$30,000	\$ 551.00	n/a
13 00147	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	261 Seagull Dr	24-Apr-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$200,326	\$ 2,296.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00156	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Addition	530 Maple Dr	30-Apr-13	H & H	\$29,982	\$ 746.00	n/a
May-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00154	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	225 Polo Dr.	2-May-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$295,794	\$ 3,079.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00170	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Attached	925 Widdison Lane	5-May-13	Deck Pro	\$7,350	\$ 158.52	n/a
13 00155	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Detached	424 S. 5th E.	10-May-13	Owner/Lessee	\$102,797	\$ 1,576.00	n/a
13 00024	BLD-COM	McDonalds	850 University Blvd	15-May-13	Waynco Construction, Inc.	\$509,349	\$ 6,993.00	\$ 62,676.00
12 00430	BLD-MFR	NorthPointe Apts "A"	115 S. 1st W.	16-May-13	Headwaters Construction	\$16,631,937	\$ 87,692.00	\$ 310,928.00
13 00188	BLD-SFRB	Single Family Residential Basement	309 Oaktrail Dr	16-May-13	Owner/Lessee	\$23,200	\$ 662.61	n/a
13 00167	BLD-COMR	BYUI Smith Classroom Remodel	525 S Center St	17-May-13	Owner/Lessee	\$39,667	\$ 1,248.82	n/a
12 00557	BLD-COM	Upper Valley Ear Nose & Throat	256 N 2nd E	21-May-13	The High Pointe Companie	\$1,676,833	\$ 10,669.00	\$ 11,887.00
13 00197	BLD-COMA	T-Mobile Cell Tower - Replace Ant	12 North Center	31-May-13	Christensen & Griffith Cor	\$15,000	\$ 309.33	n/a

Jun-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00165	BLD-COM	Avantguard	366 Grand Loop	7-Jun-13	DAFAB Construction	\$1,158,360	\$ 12,878.00	\$ 7,125.00
13 00161	BLD-COM	Madison County Sanitation Mainte	610 Airport Rd	28-Jun-13	Harold Harris Construction	\$297,648	\$ 3,477.00	\$ 7,170.00
12 00542	BLD-COM	Carriage Cove Short Stay Rehabilit	407 West 1st North	28-Jun-13	Okland Construction	\$7,035,948	\$ 40,982.00	\$ 29,353.00
13 00051	BLD-COMA	Sprint Wireless Tower - Antenna M	320 Barney Dairy Rd	17-Jun-13	Liberty Electric, LLC	\$25,000	\$ 495.84	n/a
13 00179	BLD-COMA	Kennedy Elementary School Remod	60 S. 5th W.	28-Jun-13	Barry Hayes Construction	\$1,994,748	\$ 16,426.00	\$ 10,470.00
13 00183	BLD-COMR	Tri State Tire - Entry Addition	110 West 1st North	1-Jun-13	Build-Rite Construction, In	\$15,000	\$ 361.71	n/a
13 00237	BLD-COMR	Center Court, LLC - Remodel	346 Grand Loop	13-Jun-13	Owner/Lessee	\$2,000	\$ 146.14	n/a
13 00211	BLD-COMR	Fall River Medical - Remodel	21 Winn Dr	17-Jun-13	J.B. Kay Construction	\$100,480	\$ 1,629.37	n/a
13 00233	BLD-COMR	Rexburg Housing - Exterior Remode	258 S 2nd West	21-Jun-13	Twebb Construction	7,500.00	\$ 160.83	n/a
13 00149	BLD-MFR	JSM Apartments - 9 Plex	458 West 6th South	7-Jun-13	JSM Construction	\$821,340	\$ 7,987.00	\$ 25,312.00
13 00104	BLD-MFR	The Mountain Lofts - Bldg #1, 93 Un	538 S 2nd W	18-Jun-13	Headwaters Construction	\$16,433,905	\$ 88,226.00	\$ 341,161.00
13 00105	BLD-MFR	The Mountain Lofts - Bldg #2, 68 Un	538 S 2nd W	18-Jun-13	Headwaters Construction	\$12,749,381	\$ 66,684.00	\$ 246,224.00
13 00187	BLD-MFRR	The Ivey Apartments Remodel	649 S. 2nd W.	17-Jun-13	W.R. Henderson Construct	\$15,000	\$ 1,910.90	n/a
13 00205	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	151 Sunrise Dr	3-Jun-13	JSM Construction	236,959.00	\$ 2,799.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00221	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	942 S. 2275 W.	17-Jun-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$229,330	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00220	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	376 Rosewood Dr.	19-Jun-13	JSM Construction	\$236,959	\$ 2,754.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00206	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	1172 Franklin Dr	20-Jun-13	Owner/Lessee	\$317,913	\$ 3,503.00	\$ 56,517.00
13 00113	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Remodel	647 Blue Willow Cir	1-Jun-13	Owner/Lessee	\$213,426	\$ 2,181.72	n/a
13 00225	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Detached	61 K Street	6-Jun-13	Owner/Lessee	\$4,000	\$ 106.93	n/a
13 00244	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Addition	317 West 2nd North	26-Jun-13	Owner/Lessee	\$35,336	\$ 757.67	n/a
Jul-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
12 00552	BLD-COMA	Verizon Wireless Monopole - Micro	249 East Poleline Rd	1-Jul-13	Steimal Communications	\$25,000	\$ 430.84	n/a
13 00262	BLD-SFRB	Single Family Residential Basement	610 Airport Rd	2-Jul-13	Owner/Lessee	\$23,300	\$ 534.15	n/a
13 00247	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Attached	616 Gemini Dr	3-Jul-13	Owner/Lessee	\$14,786	\$ 273.00	n/a
13 00243	BLD-SFRB	Single Family Residential Basement	496 Woodbridge	3-Jul-13	Owner/Lessee	\$32,270	\$ 641.60	n/a
13 00248	BLD-COMR	T-Mobile Antenna Replacement	10 Barney Dairy Rd	11-Jul-13	Christensen & Griffith Cor	\$15,000	\$ 341.33	n/a
13 00246	BLD-SFRA	Single Family Residential Shop Add	1000 Larch Dr.	12-Jul-13	Blaser Construction	\$129,984	\$ 1,446.95	n/a
13 00272	BLD-SFRB	Single Family Residential Partial Ba	148 Birch Ave	12-Jul-13	Owner/Lessee	\$21,000	\$ 498.73	n/a
13 00271	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	385 Shoshone Ave	16-Jul-13	JSM Construction	\$350,402	\$ 3,416.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00226	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	2305 W 900 S	26-Jul-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	189,426.00	\$ 2,424.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00227	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	2319 W 900 S	July 26, 2013	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$222,270	\$ 2,431.00	\$ 5,617.00
12 00409	BLD-COM	Mesa Falls Clubhouse	902 S. 5th W.	July 26, 2013	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$2,100,307	\$ 12,584.00	\$ 15,816.00
13 00296	BLD-MFRR	University Courtyard Apts - Stair Re	455 S. 2nd E., #702	31-Jul-13	Owner/Lessee	\$19,000	\$ 337.93	n/a
Aug-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00287	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	1148 Coyote Willow	6-Aug-13	Granite Creek Homes, LLC	\$236,315	\$ 2,713.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00222	BLD-COMR	LDS Rexburg Temple - Locker Room	750 S. 2nd E.	6-Aug-13	Headwaters Construction	\$300,000	\$ 3,355.63	n/a
13 00301	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	2309 West 960 Sout	7-Aug-13	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$215,366	\$ 2,389.00	\$ 5,617.00
13 00199	BLD-COM	Mountain Lofts Parking Garage	538 S. 2nd W.	12-Aug-13	Headwaters Construction	\$14,018,443	\$ 32,987.00	\$ 85.00
13 00305	BLD-COMR	LDS Church 2, 5 Wards - Remodel	170 W. 1st S.	15-Aug-13	J & S Construction	\$424,536	\$ 3,700.84	n/a
Sep-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00313	BLD-COMR	BYUI Fitness Area Remodel	525 South Center	3-Sep-13	Owner/Lessee	\$107,000.00	\$ 1,762.10	n/a
13 00294	BLD-COM	Edward Jones Office	526 First American C	5-Sep-13	Blaser Construction, LLC	\$373,394.00	\$ 3,641.00	\$ 5,902.00
12 00400	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #15	902 S 5TH W	10-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,681.00	\$ 66,355.00
13 00359	BLD-SFR	584 East 4th South - Single Family R	584 East 4th South	18-Sep-13	Shay Higley Construction	\$236,397.72	\$ 2,778.00	\$ 5,617.00
12 00399	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #1	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES OF ID	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,613.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00392	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Bldg #2	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00393	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #3	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,431.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00394	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #4	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,366.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00395	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #5	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,366.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00396	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #6	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,366.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00398	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #16	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,431.00	\$ 66,355.00
12 00397	BLD-MFR	Mesa Falls Apts Bldg #17	902 S 5TH W	19-Sep-13	KARTCHNER HOMES	\$1,957,085.64	\$ 14,544.00	\$ 66,355.00
13 00322	BLD-SFRA	540 Gemini - Storage Shed	540 GEMINI	23-Sep-13	Owner/Lessee	11,698.56	\$ 355.49	n/a
Oct-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00325	BLD-COM	Mountain Lofts Welcome Center	538 S 2nd W	10/2/2013	Headwaters Construction	\$ 375,803.76	\$ 4,681.67	\$ 5,861.29
13 00406	BLD-SFRB	544 West Main - Duplex	544 West Main	10/10/2013	Smith Family Trust	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 394.00	\$ -
13 00382	BLD-SFRB	240 S. 3rd E. - Bathroom Remodel	240 S 3rd East	10/8/2013	Stephen Gardner	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 360.06	\$ -
13 00363	BLD-COMR	BYU-I Kirkham Bldg - Telecom Rm &	525 S Center	10/8/2013	J & S Construction	\$ 130,200	\$ 1,706.22	\$ -
13 00376	BLD-COM	Rexburg Storage & Site Plan	357 S 5th W	10/3/2013	Tyler Peterson/Bret Stodd	\$ 253,146.24	\$ 2,311.41	\$ 1,470.93
13 00326	BLD-COM	Ace Hardware	101 East Main	10/22/2013	Shovelback Construction	\$ 2,445,175	\$ 14,922.09	\$ 19,461.48
13 00397	BLD-COM	Mesa Falls Parking Canopy; 208 Unit	940 S 5th W	10/23/2013	Kartchner Homes of Idaho	\$ 186,620	\$ 1,626.56	\$ -
13 00426	BLD-COMR	The Village Apartments - Footings	490 Pioneer Rd	10/23/2013	Thomas Mouser	\$ 3,700	\$ 102.31	\$ -
13 00327	BLD-COMR	T-Mobile Antenna Replacement	1145 S 2nd E	10/18/2013	Craig F. Sorensen Construc	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 386.33	\$ -
13 00362	BLD-COMR	BYUI Rigby Hall Improvements	525 S Center St	10/28/2013	BYU IDAHO	\$ 47,606.00	\$ 1,087.98	\$ -
13 00142	BLD-MFR	NorthPointe "B" Apts	141 S 1st W	10/31/2013	Headwaters Construction	\$ 15,013,253	\$ 127,545.06	\$ 203,479.40
13 00186	BLD-COM	NorthPointe Parking Garage	141 S 1st W	10/31/2013	Headwaters Construction	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 21,648.73	\$ -
Nov-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00458	BLD-SFRA	Carport	274 East 3rd South	11/5/2013	Owner/Lessee	\$ 12,614.00	\$ 334.58	n/a
13 00228	BLD-COM	BYUI Central Heat Plant	525 South Center	11/14/2013	Big-D Construction	\$ 27,873,327.00	\$ 141,803.00	\$ 16,688.00
13 00435	BLD-SFR	Single Family Residential	860 Oak Hill Cir	11/21/2013	Owner/Lessee	\$ 283,346.00	\$ 3,580.00	\$ 5,300.00
13 00274	BLD-MFR	BYUI Student Apt, Bldg A; 59 Units	650 S. 1st W.	11/22/2013	Ormond Builders, Inc.	\$ 12,108,563.00	\$ 63,920.00	\$ 214,486.00
13 00341	BLD-MFR	BYUI Student Apt, Bldg B; 44 Units	651 S. 1st W.	11/22/2013	Ormond Builders, Inc.	\$ 8,651,524.00	\$ 43,034.00	\$ 159,875.00
13 00342	BLD-MFR	BYUI Student Apt, Bldg C; 56 Units	652 S. 1st W.	11/22/2013	Ormond Builders, Inc.	\$ 11,290,972.00	\$ 58,233.00	\$ 200,385.00
Dec-13								
Permit #	Permit Type	Project Name	Project Address	Issued Date	Contractor Name	Valuation	Permit Fees	Impact Fees
13 00484	BLD-COM	Stone's Town & Country Auto Repai	615 S. Yellowstone	12/30/2013	Steel Vision Construction	\$ 82,100.00	\$ 1,913.13	\$ 3,667
						\$194,573,948	\$1,208,946.21	\$3,049,186.10

Community Development Director Christensen mentioned additional building projects coming in the future.

2. Commercial Tire is expanding.
3. Idaho Credit Union is coming to Rexburg.
4. Seasons Medical has expanded into a new facility. The old building will be taken down.

D. Economic Development – Scott Johnson

1. The Broadband Study is complete.

“Moving Forward at the Speed of Light: Fiber Infrastructure for the 21st Century”

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“Over the next thirty years, the businesses, residents, and institutions of the Rexburg region will spend about \$2.3 billion for telecommunications services--in today’s dollars, unadjusted for inflation and unadjusted for price increases. Some analysts believe that the average household bill for services delivered via broadband may double in the next ten years, which would make the thirty year projection easily reach twelve billion. Currently, there exists a substantial opportunity to capture more of these funds and direct them towards greater job creation and business opportunities for the region.

In a discussion at a broadband conference in April (2008), FCC Commissioner Deborah Tate indicated that demand for bandwidth is doubling every two years, and that the FCC expects that the typical bandwidth needed by businesses and residents in 2015 (just two years) will exceed 50 megabits.

Community livelihood and the economic future in Rexburg and the surrounding counties is dependent upon the availability of affordable high speed broadband services--at the bandwidths that will be needed to conduct business in the future (“big” broadband), not at today’s “little” broadband speeds. Businesses large and small are already heavy users of the Internet, and their bandwidth needs will increase dramatically as two business trends accelerate:

- *Business travel costs are increasing rapidly as the cost of fossil fuel increases. Both the cost of ordinary commuting to the workplace is increasing as well as the cost of out of town business travel by air. Businesses are already investing heavily in HD quality business videoconferencing systems, and will make more use of them to reduce travel costs. These HD quality business videoconferencing systems require dramatic increases in bandwidth that are not affordable or in most cases even available in areas of the Rexburg region today.*
- *More and more workers and business people are working from home, either on a part time or a full time basis. New work from home job opportunities are growing rapidly, but most of those jobs require a wired Internet and a wired phone connection to qualify. Many corporate and business employees will be seeking permission to work more from home (e.g. one or two days per week) to reduce travel costs. Some major businesses in other parts of the U.S. are already actively planning to have 20% of their workforce work full time from home to reduce employee travel costs and office energy costs. Corporate employees working from home require high bandwidth services to be connected to the office network and to use corporate videoconferencing systems. These corporate network services will require 35-50 megabit connections within five years.*

The five localities in the Rexburg region covered in this report can take advantage of the emerging business and residential growth in the counties, while also taking steps to improve the competitive advantages of the cities. This can only be accomplished if the region has the right telecommunications infrastructure that will support the needs of existing businesses and also attract new businesses.”

The broadband committee will be meeting in January and February to analyze the study and look at recommendations for moving forward. Economic Development Director extended an invitation to the council to identify one or two members to participate with that committee.

2. Avant Guard has moved into their new building.
3. There will be a complete Annual Report by the end of the month.
4. The city has a new web site.

Council President Sally Smith suggested that they discuss the street map next meeting and that they convene earlier next time to view the new website.

Adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

APPROVED:

Richard S. Woodland, Mayor

Attest:

Blair D. Kay, City Clerk