

Mt. Pleasant

# City postpones decision about changing insurance carriers

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MT. PLEASANT—The Mt. Pleasant City Council wants to drop a statewide municipal insurance program because of cost. But at a recent meeting, the council decided to postpone action for one year because of a legal threat.

During the June 8 meeting, council members asked whether a contract Mt. Pleasant signed with the Utah Risk Management Mutual Association (URMMA) in the 1980s, which requires the city to give the association a year's notice before dropping coverage, is legally binding.

Ryan Hatch of Utah Local Government

Trust Insurance, a competitor, told the council he did not believe URMMA's "year's-notice" stipulation could be enforced.

But City Recorder Sally East, who had attended a URMMA board meeting, said the organization had told her that it would consider the city's early withdrawal from the agreement or failure to pay the insurance premiums a breach of contract.

East said West Jordan, Uinta City and Plain City all want out of their contracts with URMMA but were waiting to "see how it went" with Mt. Pleasant before making a decision.

Following that discussion, the council decided not to drop the insurance plan until next year.

# Wales Town hikes impact fees

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WALES—After months of discussion, the Wales Town Board appears to be ready to draw up a resolution setting impact fees.

During its meeting on July 7, the board voted to charge \$10,100 to hook up sewer and water lines in developed areas of town and \$13,800 for hookups in undeveloped sections. The costs include water rights.

Board Member Barbara Davies argued for a higher amount, citing a study by engineer Lynn Wall of Fillmore, which recommended higher costs for hooking up new developments.

"I like the engineering study," said Davies. "I like having a reserve."

Board member Dennis Roberts was concerned that higher costs might discourage new residents from moving in.

"We don't need to make a fortune off impact fees," Roberts said.

At the heart of the controversy is the cost of building passable roads to new residences and hooking the homes up to the town's utili-

ties. Wall's report was completed three or four years ago, according to Mayor Byron Davis, who believed the engineer had come down some on his cost estimates.

Davies wanted to commission a new report. That still may be done, but Davis wanted to set the fees in the meantime.

Wales' budget is tight this year, and the town is looking for new funding. One possibility discussed during the meeting emerged from a report by Rural Water Association consultant Curtis Ludvigson recommending higher water rates.

"This is a real eye-opener for us," Davis said of the study. "You've got to have a starting point. We couldn't do it without (this report)."

Neither Davis nor Ludvigson would provide a copy of the study to the Messenger. Ludvigson supplied another report earlier this year to the Mt. Pleasant city council, which used it to plan and then implement the city's first water rate hike since 1992.

While the council is deciding what to do about water rates, the town is facing the same summer water shortages as most other municipalities in

the county. According to Wendell Roberts, who oversees maintenance on the town's water system, the pump on the town well is running constantly, providing 120,000 gallons per day, which is "more than it ever has."

Roberts suggested Wales adopt a "three strikes, you're out" policy for residents violating the town's watering schedule.

"When you're out of compliance, you get a verbal warning, then a written warning and then your service is cut," he said.

According to the schedule, residents north of Center Street are allowed to water Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Those south of Center Street are allowed to water Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The schedule does not allow for watering on Sundays or between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The board did not vote on a punishment for residents watering out of turn.

Wales, which has imposed a moratorium on new construction due to a lack of water, contracted for a new well to be drilled earlier this year. That well has yet to come on line, though Davis told the board that it was far enough along that it is ready to be hooked up to the electrical grid.



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David Allred (left), Susan Burdett and Greg Miller are organizing a symposium at Snow College this September. The symposium recently received a grant from Utah Humanities Council.

## Professor wins grant to teach Snow's history

By Alec Barton

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SALT LAKE CITY—Snow College recently received \$1,140 in grant money from Utah Humanities Council (UHC) for a symposium to occur in September.

The symposium, under the direction of Susan Burdett, professor of English, will look at the history of Sanpete Academy and its contributions to local education, economy and culture. It will also examine the context in which the academy evolved into Snow College.

"We're really lucky to get this grant," Burdett said. "They're hard to get."

In fact, only 11 institutions received grants

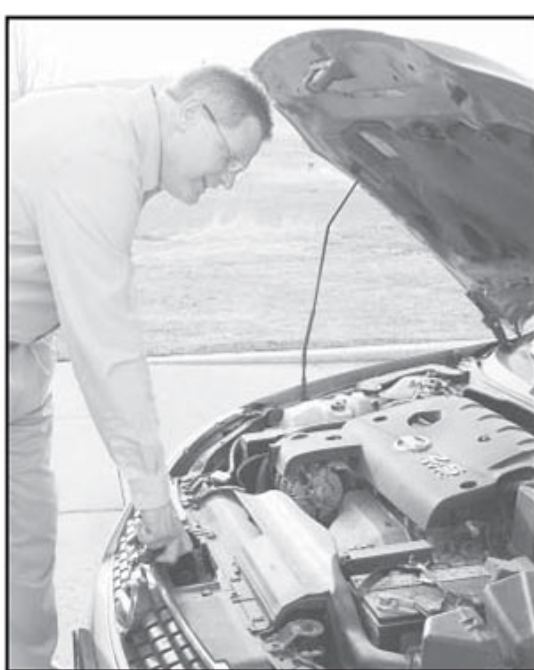
totaling \$40,000 from UHC.

Snow's grant, Burdett said, will be used to advertise the event to local audiences.

"This is a way to invite the community onto the campus and get them acquainted with the new library," she remarked. The symposium will be held throughout the day on Sept. 24 in the soon-to-be-completed Karen Huntsman Library.

Among other topics, speakers will explore past libraries at Snow College; the lives of Snow's founders, Lorenzo and Erastus Snow; economic conditions of the 1920s and 30s, when Snow became part of the state education system; and popular history series, Saga of the Sanpitch.

More information about the event will be available in August.



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