Willard City Corporation – January 2024 Newsletter





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Hours: M-TH 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched.

Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential. — Ellen Goodman



Upcoming Events

Monday, January 1, 2024 NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICE CLOSED Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Swearing in Ceremony – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Garbage Pickup Thursday, January 4, 2024 Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Monday, January 15, 2024 M. L. KING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED Thursday, January 18, 2024 Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2024 WATER BILLS DUE Thursday, January 25, 2024 City Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2024 Planning Commission - 6:30 p.m.

Agendas for the meetings are posted at City Hall, on the City's website www.willardcity.com, and on the State of Utah Public www.utah.gov/pmn.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. This community has a festive and charitable spirit like no other. Thank you for your contribution to making Christmas so wonderful. As Willard enters 2024, we will see several new faces. Council members John Seamons, Fred Ward and Kaleb Kunzler have completed their Council terms. Our City Manager Chris Davis retired at the end of December. I thank all these good men for years of dedicated service to our community. I would like to welcome newly elected Council members Jordan Hulsey, Rex Christensen, and Jake Bodily. We have also hired Jeremy Kimpton as City Manager. Jeremy will start on January 16th. The Council will hit the ground running in 2024. In the first few months we will complete the General Plan update and begin economic development and water plans. Council meetings are still on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. We appreciate your support at our meetings. I wish you the best in 2024. ~ Mayor Mote

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jordan Hulsey - I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve the town I've always called home. I grew up in Old Town Willard, and my husband, Zack, and I love raising our three kids in the same neighborhood. He jokes that I love Willard more than him sometimes, but, in reality, this place is a very close second. I take pride in my roots and value Willard's long-standing traditions. I will seize any opportunity to brag about our mountains, our 4th of July, the Fireman's Ball, the people, and the best-tasting water—the list goes on. I'm a USU grad (go Aggies!) with a background in plant and rangeland science. I spent five years working with farmers and ranchers at the USDA before deciding to stay home full-time with my children. Thank you for trusting me to serve you, I'll do my best to preserve and protect the way of life and uniqueness of our community and listen to you.

Important Announcements

Willard City has 20 ac. of Willard Irrigation Company water for rent for the 2024 season. Five ac. are in ditch two and 15 ac. are in ditch three. Shares will be rented in five ac increments.

They must remain in the current ditch. The length of irrigation time for each ac. is related to the ditch it is in. You can reach out to Willard Irrigation Company for further details. Sealed bids will be accepted at the City office through February 2nd.



Rex Christensen - Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Willard City Council. I take this position of trust very seriously, and I hope to represent ALL of you in a way that will benefit the citizens of Willard. I hope we can all work together with civil discourse to make our home a great place to live and leave a positive legacy for generations to come. Some of you may not know me, so I would like to tell you about myself. I am the fourth child (in a family of seven) of Tom and Joan Christensen, who still reside in Willard. My wife is Angie Anderson from Brigham City. We met on a blind date in the summer of 1990, and we were married the following summer of 1991. Angie's parents are Connie and Ernie Anderson. Two years after we were married, we moved away to Clearfield (6 years), Hyde Park (15 years), and Perry (4 years). We moved back to Willard in the summer of 2018. We bought our home from my brother Mark Christensen when he decided to move to Collinston. We have six children, three boys and three girls. My wife says we are like the Brady Bunch, but without Alice. Three of our children are married and three still live at home. We have two granddaughters and a grandson who is expected to arrive at the end of January. I went to school at Weber State University and received my associate degree as a radiographer, and my bachelor's degree in radiologic sciences with an emphasis in MRI and CT in 1994. I went back to school a little later and completed my master's degree in health administration at Weber State in 2008. After working at various hospitals and clinics for 17 years I decided to get into teaching. I am currently an Associate Professor in the School of Radiologic Sciences at Weber State University and have been in that position for the past 15 years. As a kid, my Eagle Scout project was to put rocks around the drinking fountain in front of the old city building. When they tore down the old city building, I was glad to see they moved that drinking fountain to the northwest area of the Center Street bowery. It is kind of fun to get a drink with my kids, and now my grandkids, at that spot. Some scouts and I helped my brother Mark put up the older flagpole on the middle peak when I was about 12 years old. The Christensen family spent many years putting up and taking down the flag on the middle peak during the summer for the Fourth of July celebration. Some years it didn't feel like summer on the peak when you're up that high and the roads are not open to even get to the place where you start the hike out to the peak. Now a younger, healthier, family has continued the tradition. I love the mountains of Willard! My roots are deep in Willard. I love Willard and the people in it. The people are really what makes this community great! We have a lot of wonderful people in this town who share a love of faith, family, and community. Many people have devoted their time and talents to making this a wonderful place to call home. I want to tell all of you, "Thank you so much for all that you have done." I am honored to be your representative on the Willard City Council. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is rtcwillard@amail.com.

Jacob Bodily - I am a lifelong resident of Willard. I grew up at the top of Center street, where I was a newspaper boy for 11 years covering all the East side of Willard. I have worked for numerous residents of Willard throughout my life. In 2002, I joined the military as an Army Reservist. Since that time, I have completed seven deployments to various, different regions of the world. Through these have realized there is no greater place to live than right where I am at. I look forward to serving the citizens of Willard. I am not naive to think that this will be easy. At times it will be extremely testing. But I want you to know that together we can make the decisions for the city and the community in hopes for the best outcome. I hope as we move forward that Willard can continue to be a community that works together and overcomes differences; to continue caring for our friends, neighbors, and community. Thank You for your trust in me to serve on your behalf.



DEPARTMENTS

ADMIN – 2023 Business licenses expired on December 31st, 2023. Renew your 2024 license prior to January 31st to avoid a late fee.

Water bills are due on the 20th of each month. A \$5.00 late fee is added after the 25th. Water service will be shut off for all past due accounts.

Water meters will not be manually read during the winter months. Our Public Works Director is concerned that exposing meters to cold temperatures could cause them to freeze. Water used over the 17,000 gallon per month base will be billed in the spring.

LOST AND FOUND - A boy's bright blue jacket was left in the City's multi-purpose room. A metal walking cane was found at the Nature Park.

POLICE – All 2023 dog licenses expired on December 31, 2023, and need to be renewed by January 31, 2024, to avoid a \$5 late fee per dog. THANK YOU to all of those that have taken the time to get your dogs registered. ALL dogs in Willard over six months of age are required to be registered with the city. Rabies vaccinations must be current in order to register. If you have any questions, you can call 435-734-9881 and ask for Lisa in the Police Department.



PUBLIC WORKS -

Please don't park your vehicles, trailers, etc. in the City rights-of-way.

Please do not plow snow from your driveway into the streets.

Please remove garbage cans from the street as soon as possible after they have been emptied.

Please make sure your water meters are accessible in case of an emergency.

Please consider leaving a tap dripping to avoid frozen lines.

Please have a Happy New Year!



Pursuant to Section 52-4-202 Utah Code Annotated, Willard City Corporation hereby gives its annual notice regarding meeting schedules for Calendar Year 2024. ~ The Willard City Council will hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, excluding holidays. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Willard City Hall, 80 West 50 South. All agenda items must be submitted to the City Recorder (435-734-9881, P.O. Box 593, Willard, UT 84340) by 12:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. ~ The Willard City Planning Commission will hold regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, excluding holidays. The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will also be held at Willard City Hall. ~ The Willard City Subdivision Land Use Authority (SLUA) will hold meetings as required. Meetings are usually held on Thursdays, excluding holidays, but can be held on other days if needed. Meetings will be held at Willard City Hall. Agendas will be posted at least 24 hours prior to any meeting. ~ All meetings, including any additional meetings, cancellations, or changes to the schedule, will be posted at the Willard City Hall and on the State of Utah Public Meeting Notice website (www.utah.gov/pmn).



CERT "PREPPER" PAGE



We hope you've had a happy holiday season! CERT classes will be coming in February. There will be more information in next month's newsletter.



January Just for Fun Days

January is **National Clean Up Your Computer Month** and **National Hot Tea Month!** Here are some more fun things to celebrate in January:

- January 1: Z Day (On this day, those whose last name begins with "Z" get to go first instead of last.)
- **January 3:** National Chocolate-Covered Cherry Day
- January 6: National Bean Day
- January 8: Elvis Presley's Birthday
- **January 10:** National Houseplant Appreciation Day
- January 14: National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- January 20: National Penguin Day
- **January 22:** National Answer Your Cat's Questions Day
- January 29: National Puzzle Day

On January 2, 2024, Earth reaches **perihelion**, which is the point in the planet's orbit where it is closest to the Sun. At perihelion, Earth will be 91,403,034 miles from our bright star. Don't forget your sunscreen!

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

- Peter Drucker





2024 Willard City Trash Collection Calendar

If a red holiday falls on a weekday, collection will be delayed by one day following the holiday. Collection day will be based on map. All carts MUST be placed at the curb by 6 am. Carts should be placed in the street with the wheels against the curb or within 2 feet of blacktop with the front of the cart facing the street. Carts must be placed 4 feet apart from other carts and 8 feet from mailboxes, poles, fences, trees, or parked vehicles. Please flatten cardboard.

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