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Meeting Schedule

5:30 p.m.
Ivins City Hall, 85 N Main

Planning Commission

January 16, 2024
January 30, 2024

City Council

January 4, 2024
January 18, 2024

Arts Commission

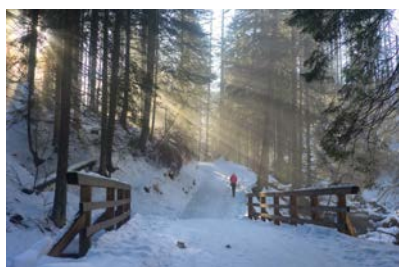
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January 2, 15, 29

Dumpster Date:

January 13



A CALL TO ACTION

ARTICLE BY CHRIS HART, MAYOR

We enter 2024 with much to do. Three new Council Members Sharon Gillespie, Sharon Barton and Kevin Smith will take their seats with the daunting task ahead of them of finalizing and adopting our revised General Plan that was recently introduced to the Council by members of the Planning Commission who worked on it for over a year. That body did an outstanding job in my opinion of updating it, reformatting it and incorporating your feedback from our 2022 survey and several town hall meetings. After completing that task the Council will face the even more daunting task of reviewing our ordinances and bringing them into compliance with the revised General Plan.



That review process will require countless hours of study and discussion but the results of that effort are critical to the future of our city. Last year the State Legislature in an effort to clarify the difference between legislative and administrative responsibilities removed the City Council from participation in the subdivision approval process. As of this month all preliminary plats will be approved by the Planning Commission only with at most one public hearing, and final plats will be approved by our newly formed Final Plat Review Authority consisting of the Planning Commission Chair, the City Engineer and the City Planning and Zoning Administrator. Their meetings will be open to the public but no public hearings will be included.

With that change it becomes even more important for the General Plan and development ordinances to be clear and precise in their vision and requirements.

With the City Council no longer part of the development application discussion, their only influence will be in legislating ordinances and policies that accurately reflect their vision for the city and that will take some time to accomplish. Fortunately, for now at least they are still able to act on land use and zoning issues since those are legislative in nature, and public hearings remain a requirement in such actions.

This is just the most recent in a series of steps that the Legislature has taken to reduce the interference that cities place in the way of development. It comes in response to a statewide housing crisis that has been estimated to be a 35,000 unit shortfall, and it appears that will not be the last. Pending legislation for the 2024 session includes allowing modular housing in any zone and a requirement to zone for and promote entry level housing with very specific local legislation.

We are fortunate to be represented by two very effective State Legislators, veteran Senator Don Ipson and first term Representative Neil Walters. Both understand our concerns over the systematic removal of our local land use authority and the importance of our ability to control color and other building design elements to retain the image and brand of our city. They have agreed to participate in a Talkabout this month as the legislative session begins. It will take place on **Saturday, January 20th at 7:00 P.M.** at Rocky Vista University. I plead with you to set that evening aside to join with other Ivins residents to talk with the two individuals who will be debating and voting on these important issues. They will provide brief updates on pending bills of concern or interest to our community but the majority of the time will be open to questions and answers. I can't overstate how important this interaction will be as a prelude to all that will take place in the State Capitol over the next three months. Please calendar this event and come.

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There will also be a follow up Talkabout on Water that will take place on **Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.** once again at Rocky Vista University. This will be a chance to discuss the two new reservoirs planned in or near Ivins, updated District conservation efforts and their new 20 Year Plan to provide water for future growth. Zach Renstrom the District’s General Manager, Karry Rathje the District’s Communication & Government Affairs Manager, Doug Bennett the District Conservation Manager and consulting engineer Aaron Anderson with Bowen Collins Engineering, who conducted the study supporting the new 20 Year Plan, will be the panelists. After a brief update on the 20 Year Plan we will leave the majority of the time open for Q&A.

And lastly, we need your help on two fronts. We are reviving our Ivins Affordable Housing Task Force and creating a new Ivins Open Space Committee, both of which will be formally established with members ratified by the City Council in their meeting on January 18th. Many of you have asked me through the years how you can become involved in your city government, well here’s your chance. Both of these areas of concern are critically important to our future and your involvement can make a real difference. All you need to do is email a brief application with your contact information, reasons for wanting to participate and any qualifications that may support your interest to chart@ivins.com by January 15th 2024. I hope that a cross section of our community will be represented on these two important advisory bodies.

I wish you all a prosperous, healthy and happy New Year, and let’s work together to make it a great one for our community as well.

HAPPY
New Year's

JANUARY AGENDA ITEMS

The following are some of the topics that may be discussed at the January Planning Commission and City Council meetings. This is not a complete list and the complete agendas will be posted on the website www.ivins.com a few days prior to the meetings. Agendas may be amended up to 24 hours prior to a meeting. Check the website the day before the scheduled meeting for the final agenda items to be discussed. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the Planning Commission, please call or email Sharon Allen at 435-628-0606 or sallen@ivins.com. If you have questions regarding agenda items on the City Council, please call or email Kari D. Jimenez at 435-628-0606 or kjimenez@ivins.com.

Planning Commission, January 16, 2024

- Discuss proposed amendments to the Resort Commercial/Resort Mixed Use Zone.

Planning Commission, January 30, 2024

- (Nothing currently scheduled)

City Council, January 4, 2024

- Discussion regarding the need for a FYE 24 budget amendment.
- Discuss & consider approval of the calendars for approving FYE 25 Budgets and amendments to FYE 24 Budgets.
- Discuss and consider approval of an agreement to acquire 50 feet of Right-of-Way on Kwavasa Drive for the portion that is currently private.

City Council, January 18, 2024

- Discuss & consider proposed amendments to the FYE 24 Budgets and set a Public Hearing date on those.
- Discuss and consider re-instating and ratifying structure and membership of the informal Ivins City Affordable Housing Committee.
- Discuss and consider establishing an informal Ivins City Open Space Committee.
- Continued discussion regarding the Planning Commission’s recommendations on updating the General Plan.



SCHOOL UPDATES

Red Mountain Elementary
Jennifer Leavitt, Principal



Vista's Spring schedule of after school classes is open to the community. Go to <https://www.vistautah.com/after-school-programs/>.

January brings many exciting activities including a winter dance for 8th/9th grade students, VEX IQ Robotics tournament, and 8th grade Science Fair.

A group of students will travel to the State Capitol for Charter Day on the Hill to hear the Governor speak, meet other charter school students, tour the Capitol, and mingle with Legislators.

Three trips are planned for this month - Honor Choir will perform in Salt Lake City, Dance Company will participate in workshops in Las Vegas, and VEX Robotics middle school and high school teams will compete in Salt Lake City as a qualifying event for the VEX Robotics World Championships.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

City Hall	435-628-0606
Animal Services	435-634-1049
Building/Zoning	435-634-9753
Justice Court	435-634-5728
Parks & Recreation	435-634-7719
Police Dispatch	435-634-5730
SCI Public Safety	
Santa Clara	435-652-1122
Public Works	435-634-0689

Utility Payment Drop Box
55 N Main (Northwest Side of Building)

Post Office

Main Branch	
Santa Clara	435-628-2112
Satellite Post Office	
Ivins	435-628-1381

Washington County Landfill
325 N Landfill Road, Washington, UT
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
<http://www.wcsww.org/>

Reuse Center
575 E Brigham Road, St. George, UT
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tree branches and yard green waste (no palm leaves)

PARKS & RECREATION

To register; go to www.ivinsutah.gov - Parks & Recreation tab

Current/Upcoming Program Registrations

Sound Meditation

Bring your curiosity and experience deep relaxation as you are bathed in the extraordinary and profound sounds of crystal singing bowls. Darcie Miller and Mary Hogan, both highly trained practitioners, will create waves of tone and vibration providing an immersive meditation.

When: 1st Friday of each month from 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and 3rd Sunday of each month from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: UNITY Park Recreation Room

Fee: \$35/participant

**If there are not at least 3 participants registered 1 hour before the beginning of class, class will be canceled.

Ivins Soccer Association – 2024 Youth Soccer

Ages: 3 1/2 - 16

Online registration for the Spring 2024 season will open January 1, 2024 at www.ivinssoccer.com.

Please go to their website for more information. www.ivinssoccer.com

Community Yard Sale

Start clearing out your closet! We'll be holding a community yard sale in April!

Registration for Ivins City residents will open in February.

Registration for non-Ivins City residents will open in March.

More details to come

Wreaths Across America Program

Huge thank you to all who donated and participated in our 2023 December Wreaths Across America Program!

IVINS NO-KILL ANIMAL SUPPORTERS (INKAS)

INKAS brought Christmas cheer to the Santa Clara - Ivins Animal Shelter and Washington County animal rescue organizations in December. Stockings filled with treats were hung from each dog kennel and cat room at the shelter. Gifts of toys, cat litter, and cat food were placed under the Christmas tree. PAWS, BAM, New Start K9, Jackson Day Foundation, RSQ and One More Chance animal rescues each received a gift card to use as needed in support of the important work they do on behalf of homeless animals.

Your donations to INKAS help finance our efforts to provide resources for homeless animals, and are tax deductible. Visit us at www.inkas4pets.org to learn more about the work that we do.



PET CORNER

GOLF SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2024 CLASS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
Novice and Intermediate Classes
BIGSHOTS GOLF

Mondays/Wednesdays starting January 8th for 3 weeks
1:30-2:30pm

Tuesdays/Thursdays starting January 9th for 3 weeks
10:30-11:30am

Approved vendor for the Select Health Golf Benefit program!

GOLFINSTITUTEOFAMERICA.COM
For questions, call Arnie Billingsley
Golf School Director
916-412-8606

Santa Visit for Kindergartners

Thank you so much to Santa and the Grinch (and Buddy the Elf!) for taking time to come visit the kindergartners of Red Mountain and Vista! We're so glad they were able to come read a story, sing songs and eat cookies



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

TOM JORGENSEN - ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR - ADMINISTRATION

Trail Gap Fill Project: This project is anticipated to begin in January, though a start date is not currently known. There are several gaps in the trail network in the city, this project is going to fill four of these gap locations. The locations include the following:

1. Center Street (north side) – from Painted Hills Drive to the new portion of Palisades at Snow Canyon. Convert the existing 5’ sidewalk to 10’ paved asphalt trail.
2. Center Street (south side) – from 200 West to 300 West. Install new 10’ paved asphalt trail where no sidewalk or trail currently exists.
3. Center Street (south side) – from 520 West to 600 West. Installing a chat path where no sidewalk or trail currently exists.
4. 600 West – from Center Street down to 100 South (west side) and from 300 South to Old Hwy 91 (east and west side). Installing a chat path where no sidewalk or trail currently exists.

Center Street Power Project: This project is not a city project, but a developer project in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Power. The project includes running new underground power facilities from 200 East along Center Street to Snow Canyon Drive. It is anticipated that much of the work will be completed early to mid-January.

Public Works

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Ivins City would like to issue this reminder to all residents that the law requires that prior to every digging job you must call to 811, whether a largescale project or smaller do-it-yourself project. Homeowners first should make a call to 811 when building a deck; installing irrigation lines; putting up a mailbox; installing a fence, small pond or water fountain; planting a bush, or tree; or pouring concrete.

There is high pressure natural gas pipeline that comes through the center of Ivins that could be especially dangerous if ever damaged. Even the low pressure gas lines or power lines could be very dangerous if ever encountered and punctured, but these aren’t the only thing to worry about. If you damage underground water, sewer, fiber optics, copper phone lines, or cable lines, the costs of repairs could be several hundred dollars.

The best part of calling 811 is that it’s free! With one call you will have notified all public and private utilities. Just make sure that you call two business days before digging.

One item to note is that Ivins City does not mark the customer water line from the meter to the house or the sewer lateral from the main to the house. So please make sure you or your contractor is aware of this.



WATER WISDOM

Help the City reach its goal to reduce water use by 10% over the next 10 years.

- Outdoor Tip: Adjust your timers as it cools. In January no irrigation is needed in most landscapes.
- Indoor Tip: Use a plugged sink when washing dishes rather than let the water run down the drain.

This is important to our future! For more tips go to: www.ivins.com or www.Slowtheflow.org.

Explore the Arts in Ivins

IVINS ARTS COMMISSION UPDATE

Featured Student Artist

Killian DeVinna is a 10th grade student at Snow Canyon High School. Her work is hanging in the City Council chambers as the first Featured Student Artist. Killian attended Vista School for ten years and this is where her love for art was sparked. Under the instruction of Eva Lorentzen, Killian developed a passion for painting, still life and nature. Her favorite medium is pencil drawing. Stop by City Hall and view the work of this talented student artist. Congratulations, Killian!



Art-on-Loan

The Art-on-Loan has been funded for 2024. A call for entry will be available on the Ivins City Arts Commission website on January 1st. Artists living, working, or represented by an Ivins gallery are eligible to apply. Further information is available at ivinsartscommision.com. Specific questions should be sent to IvinsArtsCommission@ivins.com.

Ivins City Arts Corridor

This is a three-year project to raise funds to create a vibrant visual Arts Corridor along Center Street from the Kayenta Arts Village to Black Desert Resort. Pledge your support to the Arts Corridor today. Tax-deductible donations are received by Kayenta Arts Foundation and are held in a restricted account for the Arts Corridor. Donations and pledges can be made via the Kayenta Arts Foundation website.

Kayentaarts.org/arts-corridor-project/

ART ON LOAN
IVINS CITY, UTAH

call for artists

Ivins City is seeking original sculptures and/or original two-dimensional art pieces for designated public space areas within the City of Ivins, Utah.

APPLICATION CLOSES
MARCH 1, 2024
No entry fee.

The Ivins City Art-on-Loan program is open to all artists who live in Ivins, have a studio/workspace in Ivins, or have their artwork for sale in Ivins City, Utah. The display period will last from May 2024-April 2025.

To apply visit ivinsartscommission.com
Questions? Email ivinsartscommission@ivins.com

Ivins City Arts Commission

COYOTE TALES

Event Details
Date: Friday, February 9th
Location: The Center for the Arts at Kayenta
Pre-show party 6:30 p.m.
(event ticket required for admission)
Storytelling: 7:30 p.m.

GET TICKETS: <https://kayentaarts.org/portfolio/coyote-tales-making-peace/>



CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AT KAYENTA

Upcoming Events

kayentaarts.org



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Jan 3
People, Places, & Ponies
Photography exhibition curated by Desert Spirit Art Committee. Will be on display January 3-March 6, 2024.

Jan 12
Eric Ramsey
Eric is the Winner of the Memphis Cigar Box Guitar Award for the outstanding guitarist in the Solo/ Duo Category.

Jan 13
Soirée Musicale With Jason Bonham
Our Winter chamber music program is led by Jason Bonham, principle violist with Las Vegas Philharmonic.

Jan 19-20
Repertory Dance Theatre
Utah's Repertory Dance Theatre leads the nation as America's premier modern dance repertory company.

Jan 30
Voyager Lecture Series Presents Paul Jauss
The common and not so common birds of Southwest Utah!

Utah Legislature Arts & Museums
KAYENTA ARTS
KAYENTA CITY
UTAH LEGISLATURE ARTS

kayentaarts.org (435) 674-2787
881 Coyote Gulch CT, Wins, UT 84738

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FREE TO THE PUBLIC
SATURDAYS
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
VENDORS, ARTS, CRAFTS,
AND A GIFT SHOP.
WEATHER PERMITTING

THE GUESS WHO
MARCH 14, 2024

RUMOURS
A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE CONCERT
MARCH 15, 2024

LEE BRICE
MR. & MS. GUITAR
SATURDAY MARCH 30

BRIAN REGAN
APRIL 4-6, 2024

INVINCIBLE
A GLORIOUS TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON
MARCH 16, 2024

GOLBIE CAILLAT
MARCH 21, 2024

RYAN HAMILTON
OCT 25, 2024

WE'RE BACK!
OCT 29 - NOV 2, 2024

... no more mortal can resist...
Thriller

MARTINA MCBRIDE
MARCH 22, 2024

THE REDEEMER
23 MARCH 2024

WITH JENNY OAKS BAKER, VIOLIN
KURT DESTOR, COMPOSER & CONDUCTOR
DALLEY TONI BATES, HARVEY STRONG
LISA HOPKINS SEIGMILLER, SOPRANO
PRESTON YATES, BASS
LILLIAN BREZZI, CHILD SOPRANO
THE SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY
BY GEORGE CHAMBER SINGERS & FRIENDS

SPONSOR: BLACK DESERT
CONCERT SPONSOR: SOLISTS

THE DOO WOP PROJECT
NOV 14, 2024