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Dumpster Date:
December 19, 2009

Meeting Schedule
5:30 PM

City Council
December 3rd
December 17th
Planning Commission
December 1st
December 15th

Post Office

Main Branch/New Service
Santa Clara: 628-2112
Satellite Post Office
Ivins: 628-1381

Utility Payment Drop Box

Ivins City Office
(north side of building)
Ivins Satellite Post Office

Website: www.ivins.com

Phone Numbers:

<i>City Hall</i>	628-0606
<i>Animal Services</i>	628-1049
<i>Building/Zoning</i>	634-9753
<i>Justice Court</i>	634-5728
<i>Parks & Rec</i>	634-0689
<i>Police Dispatch</i>	634-5730
<i>Public Safety</i>	674-5503
<i>Public Works</i>	634-0689
<i>Utilities</i>	628-0606
<i>Emergencies</i>	911



Mayor's Message

R. Daren Barney, Mayor

Friends and residents of Ivins – As many of you are aware this will be my final Mayor's Message. My term as Mayor will end on December 31, 2009. I want to thank each of you for giving me this wonderful opportunity over the past 8 years to serve as the Mayor of this beautiful community. It has been one of the highlights of my life and has been an honor and a privilege to represent Ivins City. It has been a blessing for my family to live in Ivins and to associate with the good people who live here. I believe we live in the most beautiful and friendly city in all of Southern Utah. The future for our City is bright and promising.

I want to congratulate Mayor elect Chris Hart, returning Council Member George Elwell, and new City Council Members Steve Roberts and Cheyne McDonald. I am confident they will do a great job in representing our City and continuing to plan and move the City forward in a positive direction. I hope you as the residents of Ivins know that you have a wonderful City Manager, City Staff, Department Heads, City Council and Planning Commission. They are diligent and work hard in their various positions – often beyond what is required of them and often with little recognition. I have worked with many different people in my occupation and on various boards and committees, and I want you to know that the people I have had the opportunity to work with at Ivins City are some of the finest people I have ever worked or associated with.

I also want to thank all of you who have been involved in community service for the City – whether it is a volunteer committee to provide suggestions on ordinances and master plans, parents helping as coaches for the various recreational teams, the youth City Council, the no kill Animal Shelter, Heritage Days, the volunteer firefighters, or any of the other projects that enhance our community. A professor I admired in college once taught me that each of us has a civic duty to get involved in the communities in which we live – to contribute our time and our abilities to make our communities a better place to live. This is why I originally decided to run for Mayor and I hope that each of you will take the opportunity to get involved in some way to serve and help make our community a safer, healthier, friendlier, and more beautiful place to live.

During this Holiday Season of Thanksgiving and Christmas may we all be reminded of the blessings that are ours and the freedoms we enjoy. We have much to be thankful for. I recognize that, similar to last year, this continues to be a difficult year for many in our community. As a result of the struggling economy, many families and individuals face economic challenges, others have serious health concerns, and some are worried about loved ones serving in the military or other far away places. I hope that during this holiday season we will all try to appreciate the true spirit of Christmas, by looking for opportunities to serve and help each other in times of need. We can all do a better job by being kinder to our neighbors, more appreciative of our family and friends, and more thankful for what we have. As we look for opportunities to serve and help other people, our own challenges will become lighter and easier to bear. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

Merry Christmas to all!



Sincerely,
R. Daren Barney



Mayor Elect Message

Chris Hart, Mayor Elect

As I prepare to assume my responsibilities as your new Mayor, I want to thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me by electing me to serve you in this important office. I pledge to you my best effort as we go forward together working to preserve and improve our beautiful city. As I met with many of you walking door to door or in various gatherings prior to the election you expressed a variety of useful ideas and some very real concerns. I am convinced that to the extent I understand and act upon those things I will be successful in my term of service. Thus I want to continue the interaction that took place then by holding neighborhood meetings twice a year beginning in January. The four neighborhood areas, meeting dates, times and meeting locations are noted in this newsletter. In addition, invitations will be sent out in subsequent newsletters prior to future neighborhood meetings. I encourage you to attend. I want to hear from you. It will be an opportunity to share ideas, ask and answer questions, discuss future plans for the city and help each other understand the issues that lie before us. I have one favor to ask. If you come with a problem to discuss also come with a possible solution. You are a great resource and your suggestions will be helpful in our future planning.

In addition I have initiated an e-mail contact list designed to allow you upon request to receive agendas and minutes of Planning Commission and City Council meetings. You can sign up for that service at www.ivins.com or by mailing or delivering your request and e-mail address to our City Hall. We will also include a brief description of issues and ordinances under discussion in future monthly newsletters. These tools will help you to know in advance the planning and policy decisions in progress so that you can participate in the discussion if you wish. I encourage you to also visit our www.ivins.com web site periodically just to see what's going on. Many of your questions may be answered there concerning upcoming events or construction activity in your area. You may also listen to our Planning Commission and City Council meetings on line if you're interested via the web site. If you wish to express your ideas and concerns to me directly you can reach me by e-mail at chart@ivins.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Neighborhood Meetings

Judy Gubler, City Manager

Neighborhood Meetings with the Mayor and City Manager are scheduled to begin on January 28, 2010. Your input is requested and appreciated. Meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

The City has been broken down into four neighborhood and meeting dates as follows:

- Area 1: East of 200 East and north of 400 South - January 28
- Area 2: East of 200 East and south of 400 South - February 11
- Area 3: Between 200 East and 800 West - February 25
- Area 4: Kayenta area including Taviawk - March 11

Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

David Glenn, Public Works Director



Although our climate usually results in mild winters, there are periods when the temperature can fall below freezing. Frozen pipes can be a major wintertime problem during periods of extremely cold weather. As freezing water expands, it generates enough pressure to burst pipes and fixtures. When frozen pipes thaw, flooding can result and cause extensive damage. Freezing can occur in any water pipe exposed to temperatures of 32° F or below. However, freezing is unlikely in pipes when water is flowing. Pipes in attics, crawl spaces, unheated rooms, and exterior walls are particularly susceptible to freezing. This problem has become more common in homes where the thermostat has been set back to conserve energy, and in unheated homes that have not been winterized. Insulating pipes provides little protection from freezing as no heat is added to the pipes. The insulation merely slows the rate at which the pipes freeze. Insulation applied to crawl-space walls will maintain higher temperatures in such places. In addition to providing some protection for pipes here, the floor above will be somewhat warmer and energy savings will be realized. Arrange for someone to check vacant homes daily for problems. If the house will be vacant for an extended period of time during cold months, the following steps can be taken to minimize freezing. First, to reduce the chances of frozen pipes, let water trickle from fixtures and keep the drain open and clear. Discontinue low, nighttime thermostat settings during periods of extreme cold. You will use a little more energy, but this will provide added protection to pipes during these periods. Opening cabinet doors under sinks will allow warmer air in and help reduce freezing. Second, if the water is shut off to the house, it may be best to blow the lines out with air and add a little RV antifreeze to the toilets and drains. Follow manufacture recommendations on dishwashers, water heaters, washing machines, etc. to avoid damage.

If pipes do become frozen, open the taps of frozen fixtures to help relieve pressure and reduce the chances of bursting pipes. Be ready to turn them off when the pipes clear. Increase temperatures in the home to help warm pipes, especially those in outside walls. Space heaters can be used to warm individual rooms. Plumbers frequently use a torch to thaw frozen pipes. **This is dangerous.** In addition to a high risk of fire, there is also danger of overheating a section of the pipe which can cause water to boil in the pipe and possibly explode. Leave this practice to a professional. Heat may be applied to pipes by use of rags soaked in hot water or with devices such as hair dryers. Electrical equipment should be used **only** if you are familiar with precautions associated with preventing electrical shock.

Be familiar with your main water supply. Locate the main water supply valve (usually in the basement or utility room). Check the condition of the valve and learn how it operates. Look for rust and corrosion and make sure the valve is functional. If it is not, arrange for necessary repairs.

Twelve Pets of Christmas at the Ivins Animal Shelter

Tracey Welsh, Media Contact



Celebrate the holidays with your entire family – and consider a new four-legged family member, at the Twelve Pets of Christmas Event, Saturday December 12th, at the Ivins Animal Shelter.

We are sorry to announce that due to personal reasons, Merrill Osmond had to cancel all personal appearances for the remainder of the year. Hopefully Merrill will be able to return next year and we can do the Jingle Bell Walk in 2010. We are looking forward to a great, fun-filled, family event the evening of December 12th. See you there.

The Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter, F.I.A.S, along with the Homeless Animal Rescue Team, H.A.R.T, are coming together to find homes for shelter animals, during this adoption event. Special Guest and animal advocate, Carl Lamar, will be broadcasting live on KONY Country Radio, from a cage at the shelter, and will remain behind bars until 12 pets are adopted or \$5,000 is raised to help feed and house homeless cats and dogs. The event includes a fundraising silent auction, food and craft booths, pictures of your kids and pets with Santa Claus and much more. Adoption fees are reduced to \$25 for dogs and \$12 for cats. The event gets underway at 10am and goes until 2pm.

We look forward to this fun-filled family event to share holiday spirit with the homeless pets of Southern Utah.



MEDIA CONTACT: Tracey Welsh at twelsh@redmtn.com or 435-668-2740.

Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter, is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation founded to support the "No Kill" philosophy. It is our goal, as stated in the Ivins city Animal Ordinance, "...that no adoptable animal shall be euthanized if it can be adopted into a suitable and adequate home." Our goal is to maintain a 95% save rate, which has been reached or surpassed each year. Friends of Ivins Animal Shelter, 661 East 425 South, Ivins, Utah 84738. Contact Linda Elwell at lindafias@msn.com or 435.673.1718.

H.A.R.T. of Utah (Homeless Animal Rescue Team) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the number of unwanted animals that are killed at local shelters. We will accomplish this through working directly with the public, offering them the help needed to keep their pets, supporting spay/neuter programs, providing educational information to local school systems and working closely with other animal rescue groups to benefit all animals. Contact Lorraine Pakulis at 435 705 9835, Hartofutah@gmail.com and website Hartofutah.org



Web Site Changes

Judy Gubler, City Manager

In 2003 Carol Tenczar built the first web site for Ivins City and charged no fees for her time and expertise. Her efforts and the efforts of her husband John are greatly appreciated. Upgrades to allow for secure direct links for on-line payments, server upgrades, and the desire to free up Carol's time have necessitated some changes to the web site.

The new web site should be available mid December under the same web address, www.ivins.com. It will have a new look and active direct links will be available for secure on-line utility bill payments, recreation program registration, questions and information. You will be able to download forms, agendas, park reservation calendars, parks, trails and cemetery maps and several other informational resources. The site will allow for easy maneuvering from one department to the next with the quick tabs across the top of the page. Also watch for bulletins such as road closures information or water shut off's due to construction or other circumstances. Audio recordings of the City Council meetings will be available under "Agendas and Minutes" - just click on the agenda item of interest and go directly to that portion of the audio recording.

I hope you will forward any comments or suggestions regarding the new web site to me—you'll find a direct link on the website or email to jgubler@ivins.com.

Visit www.ivins.com



- * View Public Notices and Meeting Agendas
- * Pay Your Utility Bill Online
- * Register for Recreation Activities
- * Download Forms
- * Find Out About Upcoming Events and Activities...and much more!

Holiday Open House at Red Mountain Elementary School

Cheryl Hutchings, Red Mountain Elementary



Come see what we are learning at our open house on Dec. 17th. The event will go from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. with the Choir performing from 6:00 - 6:30.

As a reminder, Kindergarten registration will be in March 2010. Please make sure your child has the following immunizations to start school. Remember that some of these require several months between shots. Start now so your child can be ready to start school in August 2010.

Child must be 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2010

- DTP - 5 doses
- Polio - 4 doses
- MMR - 2 doses
- Hepatitis B - 3 doses
- Varicella (Chickenpox) - 1 dose
- Hepatitis A - 2 doses



Ivins City Parks & Recreation Department

Benny Sorensen, Parks Director

We would like to thank all of those who returned the Parks and Trails survey that was included in last month's newsletter. We are going through the results and appreciate all of the comments and feedback. The information that we have received will help us update our Master Plan based on what our residents think is important.

2010 Youth Basketball Begins Soon! Don't Miss The Draft For Grades 5th—8th.

Our 5th & 6th and 7th & 8th Grade Divisions will draft all players onto teams to keep teams evenly matched.



All players who have registered will be placed on a team. The draft practice is currently scheduled for December 9 at 5:30 p.m. for 5th & 6th grade and 7:30 p.m. for 7th & 8th grade at Lava Ridge Intermediate School.

For more information call the Parks & Recreation Department 634-0689.

Dance & Musical Theater Classes



We are offering Dance and Musical Theater Classes for Children and Teens. Classes are ongoing with new sessions beginning every four or six weeks. Classes include Tap Dancing, and Ballet & Jazz Technique for ages two all the way up to twelve. Teen classes are also available. Classes are taught by Teresa Hill-Putnam who shares her talents with the community by offering high quality Dance, Tumbling, and Musical Theater classes. For more information contact Ivins Parks & Recreation at 634-0689 or Ms. Teresa at 628-8550.

Dance Workshop

Watch for the upcoming dance workshop that will be held Wednesday December 30, 2009 at the UNITY Park Recreation Building. Workshops will be taught by Ms. Teresa and will focus on technique and performance.

Acro Gymnastics/Tumbling Classes



These classes are designed to help develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength, and tumbling skills. The classes are divided into ability levels in order to give the students a more individualized program. Each one-hour class (45 minutes for the 2 to 5 age group) consists of skill training and choreography time to utilize the skills being taught. Classes are on going with a new session beginning every five or six weeks.



Yoga

Wednesday 5:45-6:45 p.m. - Gentle Yoga --
Class for all fitness levels and excellent for Beginners



Cost: \$8 per class or \$30 per month (4 classes).
Classes are taught by Kim Nally. Kim is a resident of Ivins and a certified yoga instructor with the Yoga Alliance, recently completing her RYT 500. She completed her certification last month with Rainbow Kids Yoga and is excited to introduce a Kids Yoga program beginning next month. Kim has taught Vinyasa Yoga to adults since 2005.

Anyone, no matter their fitness level, can practice yoga. Just come with an open mind, a willingness to learn, and a smile because we even smile and laugh! Kim will include breathing techniques and beginning meditation with the yoga postures. Yoga is ideally practiced on an empty stomach. Dress in loose-fitting, comfortable clothing -- best practiced bare footed. Yoga mats are provided, but feel free to bring your own if you have one.

Zumba Fitness Classes—The Latest Craze in Fitness



Zumba combines amazing, irresistible Latin and international music with dynamic, yet simple exercise moves. It is a latin form of aerobics, so let loose and enjoy your workout!

Classes are held at the UNITY Park Building Monday through Friday 5:50 a.m.—6:50 a.m. with instructor Julie Thompson. Cost is just \$3.00 per class or \$40.00 for a punch pass of 20 Classes. Contact Ivins Parks & Recreation at 634-0689 for more information or pick up your punch card at City Hall.

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center



Ivins City has an interlocal agreement with the City of St. George that allows Ivins residents to use the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center for the resident rate. This is a great facility that offers year round water fun and fitness and we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to use it!



Ivins City Family Night

Entertain the entire family for only
\$7.00.



Dixie State College Athletics would like to welcome the residents of Ivins City to the Burns Arena on Saturday, January 2nd for exciting college basketball. The Ivins' City Family Pass will allow you entrance to both games and Ivins residents' will be acknowledged at half time of both games.

DSC Women's Basketball vs. Mesa State College
1:00 pm

DSC Men's Basketball vs. Western State College of Colorado
7:00 pm

Please bring proof of residence to show that you are resident of Ivins City. First Come First Serve.