



City Council Corner

March Winds, April Showers Help Bring May...Floods?

There has recently been a lot of talk in the media regarding possible flooding that could occur in the Salt Lake County as we head into summer and high temperatures. We would encourage all of you to take the necessary steps to protect your homes and neighborhoods. In the event of flooding, Taylorville contracts with Salt Lake County Public Works for flood control. The City is also preparing to ask for volunteers to assist with flood control if needed. For more information on how you can be one of those volunteers, contact Lisa Schwartz at 801-955-2092 or e-mail her at: lschwartz@taylorsvilleut.gov. For information on County flood preparedness, visit their website at: www.pweng.slco.org/flood

Upcoming in the Taylorville Council Meetings...

The City Council will receive the proposed 2011/2012 fiscal year budget from the Mayor at the Regular City Council Meeting on April 27, 2011, discussions and public input on the budget will continue through May and June, and will be approved at the end of June. The proposed budget can be viewed at www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

Some of the issues we anticipate in this year's budget discussions include:

- *Funding for public services.* Last year the level of some services was reduced in order to balance the budget without proposing a tax increase, we anticipate there will be discussion this year as to whether these reductions should remain, or be restored to original levels;
- *Economic Development and Redevelopment.* Economic Development continues to be a critical issue for Taylorville City as the Council and Administration continue to work along with our business partners. As economic development opportunities arise, the discussion regarding City participation in incentives to attract new business in order to remain competitive with neighboring cities will be an important topic; as well as how to fund such participation;
- *Tax increase.* The Mayor suggested in his State of the City address last month that he may propose a tax increase as a method of funding the necessary economic development initiatives in the City;
- *Justice Court/Drug Court Issues.* With recent de-certification of the Taylorville Drug Court by the AOC, the Council will be asked to determine the efficacy of that program and how to fund it going forward;
- *Police Department staffing and coverage.* With shrinking or level revenues, it is a difficult task to maintain level of police coverage without increasing taxes to do so. This will be an important topic.

As always we would like to encourage the citizens of Taylorville to attend our council meetings and give your thoughts and opinions on issues that affect our City. We are very appreciative of you, our citizens, and the impact you have on the great City that we all call home.

Your Taylorville City Council,

Bud Catlin (District 1), Morris Pratt (District 2), Jerry Rechtenbach (District 3),
Dama Barbour (District 4), Larry Johnson (District 5)

PLEASE JOIN US THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30PM FOR OUR REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!!