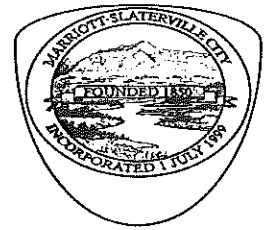


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## State of the City

by Keith H. Butler, Mayor

The last year came and went so quickly that the months passed like pages in a book. We were fortunate not to relive the flood disaster of the prior year. Our city is continuing to work with Weber County to prepare for the next flood. We now have on reserve our own supply of sandbags so that we will not need to rely entirely on supplies from other cities or the county. Our volunteers are ready to help when called upon should a disaster strike.

At our last city council meeting the Independent Auditor presented the audit findings from the last fiscal year. I am pleased to report that the city remains in good financial condition. The city still has no debt and no municipal property tax. We currently have enough revenues to meet expenditures. Because of increased costs associated with the sheriff contract, business license fees were increased to bring them up to current day costs. Prior fees were 12 years old and not updated with rising costs of law enforcement.

Our city staff has been very successful at obtaining grant funding for projects. Last fall the city completed a one mile extension of the trail along the Weber River ending at 1900 West. Two bridges were installed with this join project with West Haven City. This project has been very popular and the city has receive much thanks and appreciation from trail enthusiasts in the county. I am also pleased that we have a cooperative relationship with all of the cities in Weber County.

This year our city staff obtained grant funding to complete various public improvements including expansion of one of the secondary water ponds near 1200 West, curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements, and park improvements on 700 South. These improvements are needed and the grant funds will

defray much of the expenses.

We look forward to the challenges that this New Year will bring. Our dedicated staff works to continue to provide affordable and valued services. Our parks and events are wonderful successes. Thanks to the many volunteers who help their neighbors and community. May you have a wonderful new year.

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### Your Family Disaster Plan

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. Disaster can come in many forms: flood, severe weather, earthquakes, hazardous material spills, or even major acts of violence in the community. Such events can force you from your home, even evacuate your neighborhood. Are you prepared to survive without basic services? Local officials, volunteers, and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. You can take steps to prepare now for when disaster strikes:

- Find out what types of disaster could happen around you.
- Create a disaster plan.
- Practice your plan.

For more information on preparing for a disaster visit: <http://www.fema.gov> or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

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#### PLANNING COMMISSION

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order/Minutes.
2. Election of 2013 Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. Planning issues.
4. Adjourn until February 19, 2013.

This agenda is tentative. Items can and will change.

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#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order/Minutes.
2. Election of 2013 President and Vice-President.
3. Land use application on 1200 West and 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
4. Officer reports and legislative oversight.
5. Adjourn until February 21, 2013.

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