



South Ogden City Sound

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How is the national economy affecting South Ogden City?

By Scott Darrington, City Manager

As the national economy seems to continually spiral downward we have to ask ourselves, “What is the impact on local government”? In order to give you an answer I’ll have to explain our budget process.

Our fiscal year runs starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th the following year. For example our next budget will start on July 1, 2009. Because of this we are in the process of constructing our budget for the coming year. When we construct our budget we look at revenues and expenditures.

The revenues for the upcoming budget year have to be estimated. We do this by looking at past history, the current economic outlook, and other mitigating factors. The expenditures consist of department needs as well as increases for salary and benefits for personnel. We also try to set some money aside each year for capital projects. A good example of a past capital project is the new South Ogden Nature Park.

As we were constructing our current budget last year at this time, the writing was on the wall that revenues were going to be down. While some revenues are stable, our largest revenue source is sales tax which tends to fluctuate with the economy. We projected that for the first time in seven years our sales tax revenues would decline. Therefore we made cuts to our budget then, instead of waiting to see if the revenues would decline. This allowed us to fix the problem up front instead of waiting till mid-year and making big budget cuts to satisfy the lack of revenue.

The result was our current budget which has been able to hold up fairly well despite the national and even state economy. This doesn’t mean that we’re free and clear this year. As we get our six month report in mid-January we will evaluate if we need to make further cuts in spending in order to meet the sagging revenues.

So to answer the initial question: Yes, the national economy does affect us through lower tax revenues, but because of careful budgeting and close mid-year scrutiny we think we’ll be able to make it through the year without having to make major cuts to services or personnel.

Our next budget will probably have to be even leaner than our current budget. This current economic downturn could last a few more months or a couple of years. As a city we can only spend what we receive (we’re not allowed to “deficit spend”) so we’ll be very conservative as we approach the coming year. Our goal will be to continue to offer the levels of service that our residents have become accustomed to.

To all the wonderful South Ogden City residents –

My heart is full as I write this thank you card. I cannot express enough how much your kindness and charity meant to me and my five children this Christmas! The toys, the beautiful blankets and the food were far more than we expected. I am amazed at such generosity and will never forget what a wonderful Christmas we were given by complete strangers. My kids still talk about this being the best Christmas they ever had. As for myself, I will make sure that when the time comes and I am able, I will pass on this kindness as all of you have done for me. Thank you again and God bless every single one of you!

The New South Ogden Animal Services Facility

We are happy to announce the opening of our new South Ogden Animal Services facility, located at 5560 S. 600 East in the South Ogden Public Works complex. This brand new shelter contains everything we need in order to care for the dogs and cats that we provide services for. We will now be able to expand our current adoption program, as well as continue to provide microchipping to help lost animals find their owners quicker! Due to the efforts of Officer Kim Busby and her staff of volunteers, 198 cats and dogs found new homes during 2008! If you are looking for a cat or dog to adopt, or if you have lost a cat or dog, or if you'd like to volunteer your services to help the animals, please contact Officer Kim Busby at 622-2810.

South Ogden City dog licenses are renewable now, through PetData. License your dog before March 1, 2009 to avoid late fees. You can license your dog by mail or online at PetData.com. All citizens with 2008 licenses should have received renewal information from PetData by mail. Dogs must have current rabies vaccinations in order to be licensed in South Ogden. South Ogden also offers a Lifetime License, valid for the life of the dog, for a reduced fee, if the dog is spayed/neutered and microchipped. Seniors 55 and over also receive reduced rates for licensing.

The Big Fix, Utah's low-cost sterilization/vaccine mobile van, will be visiting South Ogden on February 11, 2009. South Ogden residents have first priority for the appointments available by pre-registering at South Ogden Police Department prior to February 2, 2009. After that date, residents from outside the city may sign up as space allows. Questions? Contact the Big Fix line at 622-2839, or online at utahpets.org.

New Businesses in South Ogden

Welcome to South Ogden! The following new retail business licenses were granted in South Ogden. Please support our new businesses at their retail locations:

<u>Business</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Retail Location</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Larkin Hearing Centers, Inc.	Shane Larkin	5974 S 1475 E #303	475-5535
Full Cleaning Services, LLC	Fioella Alfaro	4095 Liberty Ave	499-6493
Burch Creek Voce Clavier, LLD	Sharyl Tucker	5735 S 850 E	479-0951
Savvy Boutique, LLC	Anjalee Fisher/Holly DeMille	1046 E 5900 S	479-6332
Executive Auto	Robert Bargar	3711 Riverdale Rd	695-1956
Cutting Edge Recruiters International	Kevin Charles/David Hoggan	942 Chambers St. #14	866-0500
High Note Distribution, LLC	Matt Rouse	178 E 5550 S	783-7805
Hydro Power	John Furse	607 E 4100 S	645-0096
Oxan Cleaning Service	Luis Oxandabarat	625 40th Street #B	686-0250
Bullfrog Spas of Ogden	Shaun Maynard	3711 Riverdale Rd.	392-3333

South Ogden City Employee of the Year

Congratulations to Sgt. Dave Labbe for being awarded the 2008 South Ogden City Employee of the Year. Sgt. Labbe have been with city for a loyal 15 years. He developed and continues to maintain a very successful sex offender tracking program, which keeps residents and other officers aware of convicted sex offenders in our community. Also, he has worked very closely with the police training team to assure that recent new-hires were properly trained. Sgt. Labbe is truly a leader and leads by example. His sense of humor always seems to put a smile on co-workers faces and is quick to recognize other employees accomplishments. Sgt. Labbe is a great asset to our team at South Ogden City. Congratulations!!

South Ogden City Recreation

South Ogden City Youth Baseball/Softball/T-ball Registration will be available Monday, March 2, 2009 through Friday, March 27, 2009 at the South Ogden City Offices, 3950 Adams Ave. (2nd Floor). Office hours are from 8am-5pm Monday thru Friday.

Leagues are available for boys and girls ages 5 – 15 (age as of Aug. 31, 2008). Cost is \$25 for ages 5 – 8 and \$35 for ages 9 – 15. There is a \$10 non-resident fee for those who are not residents of South Ogden City.

For more information please call 622-8538.

Reminders From The Public Works Department

As a reminder, parking of vehicles is restricted on city streets from November 15th through March 15th between the hours of 1:00 am and 7:00 am to facilitate snow removal. **Plows will not return to clear snow from areas where a vehicle has been parked.**

Snow On Streets and Sidewalks: It is unlawful for any person to remove snow, ice or slush from a private property and depositing it upon any city streets or sidewalks. A citation will be issued for doing so.

Water Department: If the temperature drops below freezing for more than a few days, you should let your water drip. This will help prevent your water pipes from freezing. A small increase in your utility bill may result, but may prevent costly plumbing work and the inconvenience of being out of water if pipes happen to freeze.

Fire Hydrants: We ask that any resident that has a fire hydrant on their premises to please clear snow from around the hydrant so it is visible. This helps the city's firemen locate hydrants in case of a fire in the surrounding area.

If you have any questions please contact the South Ogden Public Works Department at 622-2900.

Message for the Urban Forestry Commission

“Planting The Right Trees for Energy Conservation” Deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves each fall) save energy in summer month by , paved areas, and air conditioners. Small deciduous trees and shrubs, especially those low, dense branches, also serve as effective wind barriers.

Evergreen trees (those that do not lose their foliage/needles in the fall) slow cold winds in winter and also provide shade. However, their branches are usually lower to the ground so no shade is provided when the sun is directly overhead.

Both types of trees save energy in summer by directly cooling the air from the evaporation of water from the surface of the leaves...just like our skin cools by perspirations.

South Ogden City Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar for April 11, 2009 for our annual Easter egg hunt. More information will be available in upcoming newsletters.

Message from the Animal Control Department

The "Big Fix" is coming again to South Ogden on Wednesday, February 11th, 2009. Sign ups will be taken at the South Ogden Police Department (3950 S Adams Ave.). We will take South Ogden resident sign ups only until February 2nd and then we will open it up for non-residents, if space is still available.

Also, don't forget to renew your dog's license. You have until March 1st, 2009, and then late fees will apply.

If you have any questions, please contact the police department at 622-2800.

2009 Curbside Recycle Schedule

Your recycle service day will be every other week on the same day as your trash service according to the designated weeks on the calendar below. You scheduled week is the **NON-SHADED** week only. For questions regarding your service schedule call Customer Service at 731-5052. As usual, please have your containers out by 6:00 am.

**Holiday schedule: New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas will be delayed one day.

Items which can be recycled:

- Newspapers, magazines, phone books, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (bag up)
- Tin cans and aluminum cans (no need to remove labels or wash out)
- All number 1 & 2 plastics in bottle form
- Corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, paper egg cartons, brown grocery bags, plastic film
- Small appliances i.e., irons, toasters, pots & pans, cookware, metal clothes hangers, cooper, brass, and scrap aluminum

Items which cannot be recycled:

- Glass (any kind)
- Motor oil bottles, yard waste, paint cans, wood
- Bathroom waste (paper towels & tissue, diapers)
- Aluminum foil, microwavable cardboard, food stained materials
- Styrofoam, bubble wrap & packing peanuts
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic toys

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