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Tribute to Mayor Jess Adamson and City Councilperson Gwyn Franson

Outstanding Service Recognized



Mayor Jess Adamson and Council person Gwyn Franson were recognized for their many years of service to Highland City at the annual City Christmas Party in December.

Mayor Adamson began his service as a member of the Planning Commission April 6, 1993, was first elected as Mayor of Highland City January, 1998, and completed his second term the end of December, 2005. Growth of Highland City became the biggest issue as Mayor Adamson assisted in the planning and administration of Highland City. Population in 1993 was just over 5,000, and today it is nearing 14,000 residents. The Mayor, serving as our chief executive officer, has presided over many City Council meetings, represented Highland at various governmental meetings, supported and has been involved in civic events, responded to concerns of the citizens, and had his hand in seeing the City planned with the needs of both young and old.

The following has occurred during Mayor Adamson's administration: the city-wide pressurized irrigation system; after the completion of a successful charette, under his leadership, the City had a plan for a Town Center which today is being developed for the combined use of residential, commercial, and civic use; procurement and development of the cemetery, purchase, planning, and improvement of the Adventure & Learning Park; construction of the Public Works facility, open space bonus density development allowing clustering of development and dedication of public parks and trails; a raised landscaped median on the Alpine Highway; development of Mitchell Hollow Park and other neighborhood parks; development of various infrastructure; merger of Highland Water Company with Highland City; and approvals of the commercial center and several businesses. Mayor Adamson had a commitment to see Highland City aesthetically pleasing; he encouraged the City to become a "Tree City USA"; and a place where signs and nuisances are not invited to clutter the environment. He encouraged residents to "Take Pride in Highland" by sponsoring the annual city clean-up.

Mayor Adamson will always be remembered as our "jogging Mayor" as he spent hours of his leisure time going about the community becoming aware of areas of development and concern. His dedication to Highland City residents reflects his love and desire for good planning for a city which has drawn all of us here.

GWYN FRANSON was sworn into office as a member of the Highland City Council January 1998, and was re-elected and served an additional four year term. She has so unselfishly given numerous hours of service to Highland City having attended Planning Commission and City Council meetings every Tuesday night for the past several years. Prior to her assignment on the City Council, as liaison to the Planning Commission, she was Chairman of the Highland Fling and represented the City Council with the decisions and affairs of the community library. Other assignments under her oversight included the Cultural Arts, Jr. Miss, and Miss Timpanogos Committees, as well as service as an alternate to the Public Safety District Board.

Besides the great influx of beautifully built homes across Highland, many new businesses received approval during Gwyn Franson's service as she spent much time and thought through the approval processes. As she and Mayor Adamson leave office they, along with the current City Council, will continue to see the affects of their foresight in planning for a fire station, a city building and community center, as well as continued residential and commercial growth in the Town Center, and residential growth throughout Highland. As residents of Highland City we pay tribute to Jess Adamson, for 13 years, and Gwyn Franson, for 8 years, of untiring service and outstanding leadership.

Farewell my friends . . .

It has been my pleasure to serve the good people on Highland as your Mayor these past eight years and as a member and chairman of the planning commission the five years prior to that. I have always known that Highland is a special place and have felt a great responsibility to maintain that spirit.

I have had the opportunity to be directly involved in our growth and development. I have stood watch as the majority of you have come to join us as neighbors. During my time of service our population has tripled. I know you feel the same as I do—*Highland's home and has always felt that way*—no matter how long you have been here. This same feeling has existed since our beginning in 1861 when my great-grandfather, Alexander Adamson, left his beloved Scotland Highlands and called this area "Highland" because it reminded him of his ancestral home. I'm sure he had the same vision for our community back then as we share today . . . a special place where families can flourish in a peaceful and happy environment. It has always been said that Highland's best crop is her children . . . with rocks coming in second.

Highland as we know it today is no mistake. Our community has been carefully and thoughtfully planned out. We have followed a "vision of Highland" that was set in place by those who have served since our incorporation in 1977. In 1995 our community officially adopted the Highland Master Land Use Plan that set in motion our vision for the future throughout build out. This document defined our desires for a town center; parks and trails; cemetery; open-space subdivisions; pressurized irrigation; citywide sewer service; senior housing; public safety; library and many other objectives that would lead to a beautiful and desirable community. I am proud to report that we have faithfully followed this vision document throughout the time I have served.

I am so appreciative of the good people who have served side-by-side with me in promoting and accomplishing our vision. As Highland residents we have so much to be thankful for. Our community has become a

very desirable destination for good people looking for a great place to call home. Highland City has curb appeal for the masses and has become a model community. Our residents—past—present—and future—feel the wonderful spirit of Highland—being directed here to firmly plant their family roots. With every new family come the opportunity and obligation to continue the vision for all those now here and those yet to come. We all need to ensure that our community beliefs and values are never compromised. What we've accomplished here is fragile, requiring handling and sustainment with loving care. Working together we'll continue to have prosperity and be blessed by the providence we all cherish.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve. When I ran for mayor in 1997, I promised to "be a servant . . . not a politician." I have always focused on this as my guide. I am a better person for having served and hope you feel Highland is a better place because of that service. I challenge all Highland citizens to find ways to be of service. There are many things that you can do to contribute to our wonderful community. Lastly, Highland is now in the capable hands of those who continue to serve along with a professional city staff that diligently handles the day to day affairs of city government. Stay the course!

Sincerely,
Mayor Jess Adamson

PS, always "*Take Pride in Highland!*"

Parking on City Streets

Just a reminder not to park any motor vehicles upon city streets from December 1st to March 31st between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and any time snow is present in order to provide access to snow plows for snow removal.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

BFI will pick up Christmas trees beginning **Wednesday January 11, 12, and 13**. Have your tree out to the curb. If you miss the BFI pick-up, you may take your Christmas trees to the Public Works area west of the shop **January 17, 18, and 19**. Trees must be free of tinsel and ornaments in order to be ground up and used for mulch at the City parks.

Office Hours for Mayor Franson

Mayor Jay Franson is planning to be available at City Hall Thursday afternoons. If citizens want an appointment to meet with him, please call the City Office at 756-5751.

Did You Know? . . .

The audit for FY 2004-05 was presented to the City Council, and was accepted. A copy is available at the City Office for public inspection.

A proposal for development of the Melonas and F. Buhler properties was presented to the City Council by the City Administrator, Barry Edwards. The City Council took action to send the request to the Planning Commission for an ordinance on a Sports Park Overlay. Consideration will be given for a layout of 1.4 density with 14,000 sq. ft. lots, or above, with land dedication for a sports complex.

Final Approval for Beacon Hill Plat H was granted by the City Council. This development is located at 12500 North 6000 West, and it will comprise 36 lots.

The City Council adopted a culinary water master plan. The system improvements are designed specifically for areas without new homes, i.e. the northeast and southeast areas of the City. Public comment was taken for an impact fee for Highland City culinary water improvements, with the proposed impact fees to be as follows: \$4,140 per acre for the southeast area, and \$1,950 per acre for the upper northwest area. Action was deferred on this matter to the January 17, 2006 Council Meeting.

A conditional use permit and final site plan was approved for the 11800 North Church Street Subdivision. This will permit construction of a new L.D.S. Chapel at that site

Approval was granted for the payment to Dale Cox for the 600K Upper Beacon Hills water tank for \$213,232.35.

The City Council approved the selection of JRCA Architects as the finalist for the architectural services for the City Offices and Community Meeting Center (to be developed in the Town Center), and authorized staff to negotiate a fee and a contract of service, subject to approval by Mayor Elect Franson.

Rabies Clinic/Spay Neuter Clinic

The annual **Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, February 4, 2006**, at the Highland City Public Works Building, which is located at the mouth of American Fork Canyon. The time will be from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** All dog owners will receive a one (1) year license only this year. In the future all licensing will be done through the new animal shelter.

The cost for the license will be \$5 for a one year license, if the dog is spayed or neutered. If the dog is not spayed or neutered, the cost will be \$35. The cost for the rabies shot will be \$7 per shot.

Please mark your calendars for this important date. Remember all dog owners are required to have their dogs licensed with Highland City.

“The Big Fix on Tour Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic” will be in Highland January 23, 2006, and will be located at the parking lot at the mouth of American Fork Canyon. Arrive early! Space is limited. Intake is from 8:00 a.m. until full. Discharge time will be determined during intake. Late pickup will result in a small boarding fee. Do not feed your pet after 9:00 p.m. the night before surgery if pet is older than 4 months old. Water is okay. Do not feed your pet after 6:00 a.m. the morning of surgery if pet is younger than 4 months old. Water is okay. All cats must be in a carrier that is labeled with identification. All dogs must be on leashes. Vaccinations: Dog or Cat: Rabies \$10; Cat Leukemia: \$10; Cat Distemper Combo: \$10; Dog Distemper Combo: \$10; Dog microchip \$20; Cat microchip \$12. Surgery cannot be performed on sick animals.

For more information on the Big Fix or the Feral Fix call toll-free 1-866-PETS FIX or www.utahpets.org.

Highland Youth Council News

The Youth City Council was busy during the month of December decorating the inside of the City building, providing Christmas for four families in need, and sponsoring Santa’s annual visit to all good boys and girls in our community.

We want to thank all those families that generously donated to our Sub for Santa project this year. We also want to thank Kohlers for donating cookies to decorate with Santa. Santa was a little late getting to us this year, but he is always worth the wait.

Youth Council has had the honor and privilege of having Philip Bassett as our Youth Mayor for the past six months. He is a senior at Lone Peak High School and will graduate from Lone Peak with an Associate Degree from college. Phil plays and referees soccer. He has mastered the piano; loves music, especially rock and roll. His hero is Steve King. He likes hanging out with Steve, but likes hanging out with girls more. Phil is a very dedicated, hard working focused young adult that will make an excellent future leader. It has been a pleasure having Phil as our Youth Mayor.

News from Highland Arts Council

We would like to thank the members of our community who supported our activities this past year, and let you know that we’re planning fun things for you to enjoy in 2006. We hope you’ve enjoyed our events.

The goal of the Highland Arts Council is to promote and provide enrichment of all the arts, education, and literacy for all ages in our community.

If you have any interest in being on the Arts Council, we welcome new members and we always welcome your ideas and comments. Let us know what activities you would like to see sponsored by the community.

We would especially like to thank all the committee members who have contributed so much this year and those who helped out with our crafts day in December: Danielle Bement, Marie Campbell, Ingrid Ellenberger, Sherry Hardy (ceramics), Charisse and Katelyn Harris, Kari Hellbusch (beaded bracelets), Suznane Holgreen (Heritage Play), Elisabeth Luntz (community information), Joanne Powers, Kathryn Schramm (City Council liaison), Marisa Skousen (culinary arts), Susan Simpson (photography), Beth Smith (Easter cookie decorating), Kim Stilson (radio personality, publicity), Kittie Tenney (theatre), and Aubree Worton. We had wonderful music from members of the community at our Crafts Day –The Nicols, “Tootie Fluties”, Kaitlyn Brower, Krista Saltmarsh, and Brianne Bement.

Kohler’s donated great cookies and candy canes. Thank you all, and we wish you a very “Happy New Year!”

Children’s theater class to present “Once Upon a Lilly Pad”. Class starts in mid-February. Watch for details.

County Immunization Clinic

The Utah County Health Department will be adding a third satellite Immunization Clinic in northern Utah County. Besides the clinics at American Fork (Mondays, 1 to 7 p.m. by appointment) and Orem Community Hospital (1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon by appointment), the UCHD will be offering immunizations from the IHC InstaCare in Saratoga Springs starting January, 2006 the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., by appointment (call 851-7025). Babies need most of their shots before they are two years old. In five short visits, they can complete the recommended schedule by 12 months. Vaccines for teenagers and adults are also available. For a complete list of vaccines, or other questions, please call 851-7025, or visit <http://www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/HealthFam/CommHealthSer/Immunization.asp>.

BYU Highland City Day

Bring your friends and family to the Women’s Basketball game vs. UNLV for Highland Day at the Marriott Center on January 11th a 7:00 p.m. Admission

will be discounted to only \$1 per person in your party if you show this newsletter at the ticket office.

Jr. Jazz Night at LPHS

Friday, February 3, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. all Jr. Jazz players are invited to attend the Lone Peak vs. Timpanogos Boys Basketball game. Free admission when you wear your Jr. Jazz jersey. Come cheer on the team!

Public Notice

A public hearing has been scheduled by the Highland City Council January 3, 2005, at 8:00 p.m., at the City Building, for the purpose of receiving public input on adoption of an ordinance enacting an impact fee for Highland City Storm Sewer Improvements.

Message from Animal Control Officer

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Officer Wayne Herker. I am the new Animal Control Officer for Alpine/Highland Police. I have a certificate in Law Enforcement from the College of Southern Idaho, an Associate Degree in Veterinarian Medicine, Veterinary Technical Program, Utah Career College. I am also a Nationally Certified Veterinary Technician.

I would like to offer some suggestions for winter care of your pets. For all dogs and cats, including rabbits, horses, cows, lamas, chickens, etc., who are primarily outdoor animals, they should have suitable housing; it is preferable if the housing is insulated to protect them from cold temperatures. If temperatures get below freezing, bring your pet indoors, or into a sheltered area. They can freeze to death or suffer from cold injuries from being outside in extremely cold weather. Dogs and cats can suffer from frostbite. The pads of their feet have no hair to protect them. Snow can also cause ice balls to form on the hair between the toes causing frostbite or irritation to the pads and skin. Pets can become dehydrated from not being able to drink water because it is frozen. There are products you can purchase from pet/feed stores to keep the water thawed. All animals should have access to fresh clean water. Animals should also have access to fresh food daily. Throw away any uneaten, old, or frozen food.

Check your animal for anything out of the ordinary; if you see something, please have your veterinarian look at it.

According to Highland City’s ordinance animals shall be humanely treated at all times and shelter shall be located at least 100’ from the nearest inhabited dwelling. Feel free to contact me at the Alpine/Highland Police at 756-9800, if you have any questions.