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| Planning and Zoning Meeting: August 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting: August 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor’s message **“My Fishing Buddy”**  In August my last child, who has been my fishing buddy, will head off to college and we will become empty nesters. Some people look forward to this time, but I would rather have my children around. We are lucky that we have grandchildren close by so this will help fill the void.  With this change it has made me reflect and reminisce of where the time has gone. Eighteen years ago I was in my mid 30’s, our children were the ages of 11, 8, 5, and a newborn. It seemed like a long way off that they would leave the nest, but time has come and gone.  Something I have learned along the way, and I know it has probably already been said, is time is short and you need to enjoy your family while you have them. We don’t need to be perfect and our children don’t need to be perfect. It doesn’t matter how big of a house you have, how new of a car, having the best clothes, or a four course meal.  Once in a while, like a friend told me, you might have to put each kid in a different corner and give them a handful of cheerios and call it good. They will survive and it doesn’t mean we are bad parents. We need not sweat the little things. What matters is the time you spend with your children, loving them, doing things together, and creating memories. Your children for the most part don’t care what they do, just as long as they do it with you. Enjoy your family, tell them you love them, and show them you love them. Take every chance to do things together, because before you know it they will be grown up and gone.  So to my fishing buddy, thanks for the memories. I love you and I am thankful for the time we could spend together.  Love you Sharlee,  Dad City offices **“City Clerk Hammond”** – The time has come for me to hang up my hat as the Iona City Clerk. My husband has accepted a position in South Carolina which requires the family to move. It has been a pleasure to serve the community and a great learning experience. I will miss the friends I’ve made. There will be a going away get together for Clerk Hammond on August 12, 2015 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  **“City Clerk Roberts”** - Greetings, coming from small towns all my life I’m very appreciative of the atmosphere Iona has to offer. I was born in Salmon, ID and spent most of my childhood between Challis, ID and New Plymouth, ID. After graduation I enrolled at Boise State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. Up until this point, my background has been in managing and administrating contracts for non-profit organizations and state government. My husband and I, as well as our three girls, live about 5 miles from Iona. Although we are not residents of the City, I’m very excited about this opportunity to serve as your City Clerk.  I’m very appreciative of Julie Hammond and the time she has taken to show me the duties and responsibilities I will be charged with in this new position and I wish her the best of luck on her new adventure! Shara Roberts Events **“Movie in the Park”** - Friday, August 28, 2015 (last Friday in August) when it starts to get dark. Bring a blanket or chair and join your neighbors for a free family movie. Iona Day Celebration A big thank you to all who helped in the Iona Day Celebration. It turned out to be a great day and an excellent event. Special thanks to the Lion’s Club for the breakfast, Iona City Council for the lunch, Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council, and employees for helping throughout the day starting with the fun run. Of course the all-day vendor and activities for the kids would not have been accomplished without Sasha Belliston, Larie Elliott, and all the volunteers who pulled it together. The last thank you goes to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for the dinner and bringing the community together. TOWN HALL MEETING **“Water Committee”** - Please join the Water Committee for a Town Hall Meeting at the Iona City Building on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. This is an educational meeting regarding the Water Committee’s proposals for water conservation and fair rate structure. If you have any questions, contact the City Office at 523-5600. | |