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| Planning and Zoning Meeting: Cancelled City Council Meeting: June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor’s message A young man went to seek an important position at a large printing company. He passed the initial interview and was going to meet the Director for the final interview. The Director saw his resume, it was excellent. And asked,  “Have you received a scholarship for school?” The boy replied, "No.”  “It was your father who paid for your studies?” “Yes,” he replied.  “Where does your father work?” “My father is a Blacksmith.”  The Director asked the young man to show him his hands. The young man showed a pair of hands soft and perfect.  “Have you ever helped your parents at their job?” “Never, my parents always wanted me to study and read more books. Besides, he can do the job better than me.”  The Director said: “I have got a request: When you go home today, go and wash the hands of your father and then come see me tomorrow morning.”  The young man felt his chance to get the job was high.  When he returned to his house he asked his father if he would allow him to wash his hands.  His father felt strange, happy, but with mixed feelings he showed his hands to his son. The young man washed his hands, little by little. It was the first time that he noticed his father's hands were wrinkled and they had many scars. Some bruises were so painful that his skin shuddered when he touched them.  This was the first time that the young man recognized what it meant for this pair of hands to work every day and to be able to pay for his studies. The bruises on the hands were the price that he paid for his education, his school activities, and his future.  After cleaning his father's hands the young man stood in silence and began to tidy and clean up the workshop. That night, father and son talked for a long time.  The next morning, the young man went to the office of the Director.  The Director noticed the tears in the eyes of the young man when he asked him: “Can you tell me what you did and what you learned yesterday at your house?”  The boy replied: “I washed my father's hands and when I finished I stayed and cleaned his workshop.”  “Now I know what it is to appreciate and recognize that without my parents, I would not be who I am today. By helping my father I now realize how difficult and hard it is to do something on my own. I have come to appreciate the importance and the value in helping the family.”  The Director said, "This is what I look for in my people. I want to hire someone who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the hardship of others to do things, and a person who does not put money as his only goal in life. You are hired.”  A child that has been coddled, protected and usually given what he wants, develops a mentality of "I have the right” and will always put himself first, ignoring the efforts of their parents. If we are this type of protective parent, are we really showing love or are we destroying our children?  You can give your child a big house, good food, computer classes, an watch TV on a big screen. But when you're washing the floor or painting a wall, please let him experience that too.  After eating have them wash the dishes with their brothers and sisters. It is not because you have no money to hire someone to do this, it's because you want to love them the right way. No matter how rich you are, you want them to understand. One day your hair will be gray like the father of this young man.  The most important thing is that your child learns to appreciate the effort, experience the difficulties, and learn the ability to work with others to get things done.  Happy Father’s Day.  Sincerely,  Mayor Brad Andersen community **“Iona Day 2015”** – Volunteers are needed to help pull off the fun activities associated with the Iona Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, July 25, 2015. Volunteers can contact the City Office at 523-5600. If a committee can’t be put together the City will host the following events for the day: Lion’s Club Breakfast (7:00 - 10:00 a.m.), Fun Run (8:00 a.m.), Free Hamburger/Hot Dog Lunch (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), and Movie in the Park (at dusk). Events **“3rd Annual Yard Sale – Craft Sale – Bake Sale – and Spring Clean-up” –** There is no fee charged but you need to reserve your spot by calling the City Office at 523-5600 for the Iona Community 3rd Annual Yard Sale on June 20, 2015 beginning at 8:00 a.m. until everyone is done. Anyone interested in helping with Spring Clean-up, please meet at the Iona Square at 8:00 a.m. There will be two dumpsters on the South side of the City Building and one dumpster at Pioneer Park.  **“Movie in the Park”** - Friday, June 26, 2015 (last Friday in June) when it starts to get dark. Bring a blanket or chair and join your neighbors for a free family movie. special meetings **“Special Meeting – Property Tax Disparity”** – Senator Brent Hill will be joining us on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Iona City Building to discuss disparity in property tax burdens inside and outside of incorporated cities.  **“Special Meeting – Solid Waste Haulers”** – Local Solid Waste Haulers will be joining us on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Iona City Building to review and discuss proposed “Solid Waste Hauler Regulations.” TOWN HALL MEETING Please join Senator Mike Crapo for a Town Hall Meeting at the Iona City Building on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. This is an informal open forum to address citizen concerns. If you have any questions, contact Senator Crapo’s Idaho Falls Regional Office at 522-9779. Water **“Water Committee”** – The Water Committee meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at the City Building at 7:00 p.m.  If you have any questions or want to come and participate, please e-mail Lee Andersen (Chairman) at [lee.andersen84@gmail.com](mailto:lee.andersen84@gmail.com) or Dan Hunting (Vic-Chair) at [danhunting.tours@gmail.com](mailto:danhunting.tours@gmail.com). | |