

Wal-Mart plans store in Payson

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PAYSON — Utah County will be getting its fourth Wal-Mart store with a new supercenter planned for Payson.

The city Planning Commission on Wednesday recommended the City Council approve the new store and filling station just south of 800 South and east of I-15.

The store and six satellite retail spaces will occupy nearly 30 acres, said Robert Arrington of CLC Associates, a Salt Lake City engineering firm.

Wal-Mart will occupy 180,000 square feet and will include a tire shop, garden, retail and grocery store, he said.

The planned site is just south of Payson's Gateway retail center, still under development in a former gravel pit, said Cheryl Hobbs of the planning department. The City Council will consider the Wal-Mart application on Nov. 20, she said.

No tenants have been named for the six other retail sites, which are about an acre each in size.

City officials are eyeing the

increased sales taxes the store will bring city coffers.

"It will be a good shot in the arm," Mayor Bernell Evans said. "Springville was pleasantly surprised" when that city began receiving sales tax revenue from its new Wal-Mart, he said.

"We have no studies on how much, but we have high hopes," City Councilwoman Colleen Jacobson said.

"There's going to be some businesses hurt by it," she said. "Hopefully it should be a draw from outside (Payson)."

Folks who come to Payson to shop at the new Wal-Mart may also shop at other Payson stores, she said.

Assistant City Administrator Brent Bluth has been working on getting Wal-Mart to come to Payson for more than a year, Jacobson said.

Members of the business community contacted by the Deseret News, including the Chamber of Commerce, declined comment.

Other Wal-Mart stores are in American Fork, Orem and Springville.

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The following satellite registration locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on both days:

- American Fork City Office, 31 N. Church Street, American Fork

- Highland City Office, 5378 W. 10400 North, Highland

- Lehi Legacy Center, 123 N. Center, Lehi

- Orem City Center (North End), 56 N. State, Orem

- Payson Middle School, 851 W. 450 South, Payson

- Pleasant Grove Community Center, 65 E. 200 South, Pleasant Grove

- Utah County Elections Office, 100 E. Center, Room 3100, Provo