



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending June 12, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

Author and researcher, Brené Brown says that greatness rarely comes as one great act but as a series of small consistent accomplishments she describes as “a thousand points of light.”

Examples of this are the proactive efforts of our fire and GIS department to initiate the firework ban and high quality map that can be used by the media, the citizen getting quality and consistent information from our building inspection and public works departments on how to use the new grant to fix their flood prone home.

It comes when a police officer stops to protect and help a stranded motorist, the Judge and court clerk listening to a frazzled parent, the planning, economic development and ODA staff that send multiple emails to a developer. It happens when the finance and customer service staff stays on the phone with frantic citizens until 5:15, or the parks worker makes sure that the squeaky swing is repaired.

Let's not forget the staff working behind the scenes. How about the facilities and fleet crews keeping our vehicles and buildings operational? There's the HR and IT departments that tend to our personnel and computer issues. Do we consider the attorney and engineer that reviewed the plans and contracts, the code enforcement officer that got the neighbors front yard cleaned up, and the public works crews that keep the water, sewer, storm water and streets all going in the right direction? There are those that make sure the event runs smoothly, the newspaper report is accurate, the meeting is scheduled, the GRAMA request completed, and bills paid.

I apologize to those that I've run out of space to mention. But I also want to thank you the City Council. You deal with tough decisions, listen to angry citizens, and rally around causes that you may not personally agree with but realize are for the good of the City. Passing a budget over \$100,000,000 dollars is daunting and we appreciate the fact that it includes good wages, benefits and equipment for each of us. I look forward to the coming budget year and seeing the impact that we can collectively have on West Jordan through our thousand, if not million, points of light.

Read on for more examples of those actions that made a difference this week.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building permits issued in the last week included 9 new single family dwellings and 6 new multi-family units. Total valuation of all permits was \$4.1 million.



Planning staff granted the final site plan approval for Jordan Valley Medical Cancer Center at 3580 West 9000 South and the final subdivision plat for Phase 1 of Copper Valley Estates Subdivision at 8600 South 5600 West for 22 single-family lots.

PARKS

Summer has arrived, The park staff has been working diligently on the daily Parks Maintenance. The splash pad is up and running with a few hiccups which staff has taken care of, we did get inspected by the health Department last week which went really well, as the inspector tested the water we found that the PH was a little high, Travis Johnson took immediate action and recalibrated the injection pumps and got the water back to acceptable ranges.

Parks staff along with the events staff are preparing for the last Mexican Rodeo and then moving forward preparing for the 4th of July Celebration.

With the recent moisture we have received and now the warmer temperatures the weeds are growing like crazy. Kyle Bird has been working tirelessly trying to be pro-active in keeping them cut and sprayed and has done a great job in trying to stay on top of it.

We are in the final stages of the plan review process for the Calsense central irrigation system, the architect is in the process of compiling the bid documents along with a statement of qualifications. We are shooting for mid-July to send the project out to bid.

We have received back the first round of proposals for the replacement playgrounds. They will be evaluated and will move forward with awarding of the bid. The RFP for the second set of playgrounds is currently out for bidding along with 10 replacement pavilions. We have been working with the Capital Project team in preparing these projects for bid and they have been great in assisting us with this task.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Community Affairs

Thanks to all who made the Summer Reading Kickoff a success! City departments were well represented and the Healthy West Jordan's fun run/obstacle course was a hit.

Western Stampede plans are moving forward: utility mailers start this week, radio ad is ready, program design is underway, sponsorships are being solicited, social media advertising is ramping up, arena prep is underway, and we've got a slew of mutton busters and little princesses ready to compete. Info and tickets at www.westernstampede.com.

Arts Council's "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" runs June 18-20, 22, 25-27 at 7:30 p.m. at Copper Hills High School.

Rentals and reservations are busy, including the rental of the arena for the Mexican Rodeo this Sunday.

FIRE

6/5/2015 - Units from West Jordan and Unified Fire Authority responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, fire units reported the bushes up against the structure were on fire and causing flame exposure to the soffit and attic space. Quick deployment of hose lines and extinguishment of the fire kept fire from extending into the attic. Some of the soffit was pulled down in order to make a complete inspection of the attic space to ensure the fire had not breached. The use of thermal imaging camera's and heat sensors were used to ensure the fire was out. No injuries to either occupants or firefighters occurred. Estimated damage is approximately \$2000.

West Jordan and Unified Fire responded to the report of a structure fire. Upon arrival, first fire unit's reported heavy smoke coming from the front door and second story windows of a townhome. Hose lines were deployed and quick ventilation of the structure kept the fire contained to the kitchen where it originated. Occupants of the structure stated that they had left cooking grease unattended. Investigation of the scene confirmed that it was indeed a cooking related fire. There were no injuries to either occupants or firefighters. Estimated cost of damages is approximately \$50,000.

6/8/2015 - Company 52 dispatched to a drowning. Upon arrival patient was lying on his side in a pool chair. Patient's mom stated patient had jumped in the pool and was unattended for approximately 30 seconds. Patient was found unconsciousness by friends and pulled out of the pool and a bystander performed CPR. Patient immediately regained consciousness and started to cough. Patient was transported to Jordan Valley Hospital for further evaluation.

Prevention and Emergency Management

We worked with the young and the old this week. Saturday there were families with lots of children at the Library Kickoff and Safety Fair. We talked about what to do in an earthquake, both inside and outside of building. On Wednesday we assisted the Senior Center staff with a fire drill for the center and a review of their evacuation and shelter-in-place procedures.

The public and the State Fire Marshal were informed of the areas being restricted for fireworks. The area west of SR-111 (also known as U-111 and the Bacchus Highway), the west side trail drainages and the Jordan River Trail.

PUBLIC WORKS

Multiple staff members from Public Services participated in the Meet the City event at Veterans Memorial Park last weekend. It was a wonderful turnout and staff used the opportunity to speak with the public and provide residents with more information about our services.

Graffiti Abatement

A total of 7 graffiti locations, approximately 833 sq. ft.

3-Private 550 sq. ft.

4-Public 283 sq. ft.

3 sites reported to Code Enforcement.



Installed four new chevron signs on slip poles & bases on 8600 S & Old Bingham HWY to improve public safety.

Removed over 100 “ALL YEAR” school signs that are no longer needed.

Began installing new street ID signs in dist. 35.

Responded to two stop sign complaints one blocked and one faded.

Electrical

Staff finally received the LED samples from the four potential suppliers who submitted proposals for the streetlight LED conversion. Staff is doing prep work to install the samples in the field in order to evaluate the products and make selections for the various applications.



Staff installed a new anchor base on Airport Rd.



Staff installed a new anchor base on Jordan Landing Blvd.



In addition to following up on some road work orders and completing some patching at various locations around the city, staff completed paving on the following streets:

Piney Court

8350 South from west end of circle to 1950 W.

1850 West from 8274 South to 8250 South.

8250 South from 1850 West to 1890 West.

1890 West from 8250 South to 8283 South.

8270 South from 1890 West to 1950 West.

Storm Water

The stormwater department has televised the storm drain system on 9000 South from 5400 West to 4800 West.

The stormwater department has been helping the wastewater operation with cleaning sewer lines on 7000 South from Bangerter Highway to 2200 West.

CIP

9000 South Project – B Jackson Construction worked through the rain in May and has stayed on or ahead of schedule throughout the last month. Storm drain pipe work was completed and the road base and granular borrow is in place and compacted. Paving operations began Monday June 8, and the first lift of 3 inches is nearing completion today. Rotomilling the upper section between 5200 and 5500 West is scheduled for the end of this week, and final paving will rollover into next week. Striping and signage will be completed in the week following final paving. A drone video was taken of the work just prior to paving operations and is available through the City web site.



5600 West Project – Work is now focused on final preparation work for paving the job, including curb and gutter tie-ins, sidewalk construction, and repaving of all trench work (6600 South storm drain work). Kilgore Construction is also working with their subcontractors and 3rd party utilities to complete the new signal at the 7000 South intersection. A drone video was taken of the work just prior to paving operations and is available through the City web site. The contractor has requested approximately 10 to 14 days time extension due to the recent May rainfall, and UDOT and the Cities are considering the request. Storm drain work in the center of the project is complete, and small crack repairs and painting the block wall remains to be completed over the next three weeks. A new vinyl privacy fence for many of the west side property owners is being negotiated with the contractor presently. This fence will be placed for the safety of residents along this side of the project to replace the chain link fences that are there.

8600 South Street near Ron Wood Park – Salt Lake Excavation has completed utility work and roadway excavation over the past two weeks. Work is now focused on road bed preparation, curb and gutter preparation and sidewalk construction. The roundabout has also been roughed in as well (see below). This project should be completed over the next 4 to 5 weeks.



Looking West



Looking East

Grizzly Reservoir – Absolute Construction is working on final preparations to place the reservoir into service. Ladder installation, vent construction, cleaning operations, and filling and testing will take place over the next two weeks. It is expected that this reservoir will be placed into operation in June after backfilling is completed. This “turn on” date is 20 months from the date of financial authorization for this reservoir. The Junction Reservoir was in operation in 15 months from the date of financial authorization.

4000 West Bingham Creek Culvert - The road is now open at 4000 West and Bingham Creek. It is currently a gravel road over the culvert until the power poles can be moved out of the widened roadway. This will take a few weeks. The west side wing wall was also poured today. Over the next few weeks the curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be poured and safety barriers placed along the side of the road.



POLICE

The Special Operations Unit took down a massage parlor in our city that was giving massages with sexual activity. This was in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office and involved eight other massage parlors from Ogden to West Jordan.

Patrol officers responded to a suspicious circumstance at the Bingham Creek Library at approximately 1 a.m. CBI security had responded to an alarm and found two teenagers on the roof of the structure. The two suspects were taken into custody. The investigation

revealed that the suspects had entered the building through an unsecured roof hatch, and one of the suspects had stolen some ear phone sets, which made the offense a felony burglary. We are working with the library management to ensure that the roof hatch gets secured.

The SWAT team just completed putting on a one week BTOC course (SWAT school). This course was attended by SWAT candidates from several agencies along the Wasatch front. Officers Sandness and Vargas of West Jordan PD completed the course and distinguished themselves as two of the top students in the class. Congratulations to the two newest members of the WJPD SWAT team.

Officers responded to the Holiday Oil at 6200 South Cougar Lane on report of a shoplifting that had just occurred. Officers saturated the area and found the suspect, who was arrested for shoplifting and trespassed from the store.

Officers responded to the Scone Cutter on 9000 South to a fraud in progress. The complainant reported two males entered the store, ordered food and tried to pay with a \$50 dollar bill. The female clerk recognized the bill as being counterfeit so she went into the back office, locked the door and called police. In the meantime, the two males went behind the counter looking for the clerk. Officers quickly arrived and arrested the two suspects. During the search of the suspects, officers found heroin and other drug paraphernalia. The suspects were arrested for the counterfeit bill and the drug violations. They were booked in the Salt Lake County Jail.