



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending June 5, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

One of my favorite sayings is, "Live your life so that when you die, even the mortician will be sad to see you go." You hear me say repeatedly "Live your life so that you won't have any regrets if your actions are printed on the front page of the newspaper."

We know that in government we live in a glass house where anything and everything we do can be scrutinized by the public. It is no secret that the media is taking an interest in West Jordan right now and I want you to know that I am disappointed that the positive activities and projects going on in our City are being overshadowed by negativity.

As my emails have been scrutinized in the past few months through multiple GRAMA requests, I realize that I must be responsible for my actions. Knowing that our communications can be dredged up and repeated has caused me to choose my words carefully. My hope is that we all consider the responsibility that we have and how poor statements and choices reflect on our organization.

Please don't take this as preaching because my attempt to point fingers would leave three (or more) pointing back at me. But a time for reflection and a commitment for personal improvement can be helpful. We will be upgrading our computer security and protection policies in the coming weeks. New passwords and programs are a pain but intended to make us safer and the system more reliable.

Please don't panic, I don't know that anyone will take an interest in reading every email that comes and goes through our City, but let's please consider if we are communicating and acting in a way that gains confidence and trust from our customers and each other? The message and how it's received is so important; like the one I want inscribed on my headstone, "I told you that I wasn't feeling well."

What do you think?

We hope that you agree that the work done in West Jordan this past week is over the top.

FIRE

Crews responded to a traffic accident on 7800 S. 1300 W. to the report of someone being possibly trapped. Upon arrival it was observed that a sport utility vehicle had crashed into the passenger side of a four door car. It turned out the male passenger in the rear of the car had his feet wedged under the front seat and he was easily freed. Two of the three passengers in the car were transported to Intermountain Medical Center having suffered significant injuries. The two passenger of the sport utility only received minor injuries and refused transport.

We responded to the report of a single vehicle rollover in front of the Hampton Inn in Jordan Landing. Upon arrival crews found a single vehicle had rolled over, the passenger outside of the vehicle having not sustained any injuries. The driver of the vehicle informed fire crews that he had taken the corner too fast and lost control. He was wearing his seatbelt and supplemental restraints had deployed.

We responded to the report of a vehicle on fire in the parking lot of Target in Jordan Landing. Arriving units found a four door BMW fully involved in fire. A 1 ¾ inch hose-line and tank water was used to extinguish the fire. Both occupants of the vehicle had sustained minor burns to their feet, hand, and faces. They were evaluated, offered medical care and transport but refused both. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

Medic Engine 55 responded on a motorcycle crash where an 18 year old male was riding down the Mountain View corridor popping wheelies. The motorcycle driver was traveling approximately 70 mph and flipped over backwards. Witnesses indicated that the motorcycle skidded over a 100 yards and the male driver skidded over 50 yards. Upon arrival the male was walking around with only minor injuries, some road rash to his side and knees. Thank goodness for good riding equipment! His helmet was all scratched up from his head striking the pavement and he was wearing a buffalo leather riding jacket that helped protect his torso. The male signed a medical release. The motorcycle was a total loss.

Company 52 was dispatched to a self-inflicted gunshot wound. On our arrival, the police department had already secured the scene. The patient was found to be deceased. Company 52 stayed and assisted with a bystander.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff met with a development team that is interested in taking a look at several locations in West Jordan. They will assess the opportunities and advise us regarding the level of their interest.

Staff met with a business owner who is interested in a potential location near the Mountain View corridor. This would be a big step in our economic development efforts.

Building permits issued in the last week included 5 new single family dwellings and 18 new multi-family units. Issued a commercial permit for an addition to Country Furniture at Gardner Village. Total valuation of all permits was \$2.7 million.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 2nd and heard the following items:

- West Jordan City 2040 Transportation Master Plan Update was presented and a positive recommendation was forwarded in a 7-0 vote. This item will be forward to the City Council.
- A conditional use permit for Golden Imperio Reception Hall at 7879 South 1530 West in the City Center Core zone was approved in a 7-0 vote.
- Peterson Development presented the Highlands Master Plan Amendment that will add the Gladstone Place and Orchard Heights developments into the boundary and also updates a commercial area for the recently approved Maverik store. Planning Commission gave a positive recommendation with the addition to correct a reference for a TSOD. This item is scheduled for the City Council on June 3rd.

- A positive recommendation in a 7-0 vote was given to rezone 4.72 acres from Rural Residential to Agricultural for the Bowler property located at 7482 South 5490 West, which will allow for farming operations. The City Council will hear the item on June 24th.
- In a 7-0 vote Reagan Outdoor Advertising was granted a conditional use permit to convert the west face of an existing billboard at 4375 W New Bingham Highway to a digital face billboard.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Fleet

We have reached the end of the re-licensing of the city vehicles for 2015!! Thanks to everyone who helped us get through all of the testing! The large packet of tests and lists of vehicles has been dropped off at the DMV, and soon you should be seeing new registrations coming through the inter-office mail.

The next task is to collect specifications for new vehicles for FY2016. We'll be in touch with those of you that will need to prepare requisitions in the next week or so. And speaking of new vehicles, we are down to just a few left for FY2015 to be completed. Two are at Semi Service for body installation, one is at VLS for lighting, and two chassis are still enroute to Viking Cives for their bodies.

The new fleet software, FASTERweb, is now installed on our servers with a test database to begin training. Our existing database has been provided by Salt Lake County to FASTER to clean up and make ready to install on our servers. We had originally targeted July 1st as the completion date, but are now working toward mid- to late July. One of the benefits of this new software is a Customer Portal, where each of you that have a city-provided vehicle will be able to access repair history, preventive maintenance schedules, and send in requests for repairs.

We have, unfortunately, some bad news to add to our good news of the week: Norma Tapia, our Fleet Admin, is leaving West Jordan City. She has been a great addition to our department, and help in so many ways. What this means to all of you, is that you can no longer contact her to set up appointments. Until further notice, please contact Todd Mansfield (ext. 5725) or Ben Roueche (ext. 5726) to schedule any PM's or other repairs needed. We will miss Norma, and wish her the best as she follows her new adventure!

Community Affairs

Worked with staff and Miguel Hernandez regarding his rodeo and concert schedule for the West Jordan arena on Sunday June 14th. Helping Healthy West Jordan prepare for the Linda Buttars Fun Run and The Challenge obstacle run this Saturday morning starting at 8am. Worked with the Exchange Club of West Jordan for their Field of Flags and the Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention ceremony Saturday at 9:30am. The Library Summer Kick-Off starts at 10am on Saturday and goes until 2pm. All city departments will be on hand for questions from the public, information to hand out and displays for residents to review. The Arts Council will have a booth and the Western Stampede will be selling tickets, registering kids for Mutton Bustin' and the Princess Contest. All Saturday events are at Veterans Memorial Park 1875 West 8030 South.

PARKS

Summer is definitely in full swing as parks staff is striving to keep up with the growing weeds and turfgrass, irrigation repairs, inspections on new development properties, splash pad maintenance, athletic field reservations, the many special events, etc.

We had a combined effort by our Weed Management Crew, the SHED Crew, Urban Forester, and Cemetery Crew to get the Jordan River Trail ready for the Mayors Walk that was held on May 30, 2015. Staff was able to rebuild a forty five foot bridge, fix a section of fence that was broken by vandals, cut weeds, and general cleanup. Everything was completed in time for the event.



Preparations at Veterans Memorial Park for the Library Festival/Health Fair that will be held on June 6, 2015. Preparations for the obstacle course at the rodeo grounds.

Preparations for the Exchange Child Abuse Awareness Field at Veterans Memorial Park.