



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending May 8, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

If a picture is worth a thousand then what can a two-minute video be worth? It must be quite a bit based on the response we've received from citizens wanting to know more about the road reconstruction on 90th South between 4800 West and 5600 West.

I want to thank Kim Wells, David Murphy and Greg Davenport for taking this innovative approach to prepare a small documentary on the most asked questions and posting it to Facebook and youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR8jIlf9StE>). The responses have been positive and over 3,600 views have been recorded. We aren't sure if Dave is a member of the Screen Actors Guild yet so please be sure and get his autograph now and hang on to it.

Of course video can be used in other ways also. The public discussion on police body and dash-cams is a hot topic right now. When the data is used in the full context of the situation and all sides of the story are available, video can be a helpful tool to piece details together. Taken out of context or presented without all of the background information, it can become a tool to create bias or intimidation.

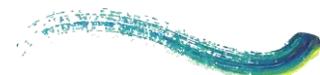
I want to thank our law enforcement staff and Kim Wells for addressing the issues head on this past week and providing as much information as they could at the time. I have full faith that not only our police, but all of our staff attempt to conduct themselves in the best way that they can. If in a rare instance we don't, then we must hold ourselves accountable.

We live in a new generation where pictures, video, and social media can be used as a wonderful tool to inform or uplift, or a divisive means to destroy. As the staff have heard so many times, it's my challenge that we live our lives in the public eye or in private so that if what we are doing were printed on the front page of the newspaper (or seen in a video), we won't have a reason to be embarrassed or ashamed.

Read on for more information about what has been happening during the past week in our City.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Building permits issued in the last week included 2 new single family dwellings and a permit for the Ron Wood Park storage buildings. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.1 million. Application for a new Salt Lake Valley Health building at 7971 South 1825 West was received.



The Big Bend Habitat Committee met and discussed the concept plans for the restoration of the area presented by River Restoration. These concepts will be presented to City Council on May 13 and then as a business item for discussion on May 27.

The Planning Commission met on May 5, 2015 and considered the following applications in a public hearing:

Gardner Station located at approximately 1206 West 7800 South. The Preliminary Subdivision Plat, Preliminary Site Plan, and Preliminary Development Plan establishing a density of 21.39 units per acre were approved in a 7-0 vote. Ratification of the development plan and density will be considered by the City Council on May 27.

Windsong Subdivision at 7101 West 8200 South. The Preliminary Subdivision Plat (190 lots on 54.98 acres) in an R-1-8E Zone was approved in a 7-0 vote with a condition to amend the application to reflect the true property owner.

Redwood Professional Plaza at 8800-8860 South Redwood Road. The applicant requested an amendment to Ordinance 02-51 zoning condition #e to allow for structures, apart from the actual building, to be built within 50 feet from the property boundaries. An existing zoning condition does not allow for the construction of a 6-space carport on the west side of the property. The commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council for the amendment in a 5-1 vote.

FIRE

On April 25th through the 27th, two of our West Jordan Fire personnel were able to attend a specialized training exercise in Texas. Utah Task Force 1 invited 5 members of Utah Task Force 5 to attend a post-hurricane natural disaster training exercise. Travis Ball and Jason Hankins were able to attend and participate in the large scale operations exercise which included rescue teams from Texas National Guard, Texas Task Force 1, and Canada Task Force 1.

On Thursday, April 30th we had our ribbon cutting ceremony for Fire Station #54/Bagley Park Police Substation. There was a hose and handcuff cutting by the Mayor. There were several demonstrations and a tour thru the fire station. Jordan Valley Hospital provided a wonderful lunch.

On Saturday, May 2nd we had an open house at Fire Station #54/Bagley Park Police Substation for the citizens of West Jordan. The scouts performed the flag ceremony with Chief Diamond. Several demonstrations were being done, repelling, confined space, hazmat trailer, the canines, motorcycles, the police department command trailer, and a station tour. We received positive feedback from the citizens that came to this open house.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In anticipation of the ICSC convention on the May 18th, staff has arranged several meetings

with brokers and developers. These meetings could result in interested development in West Jordan City.

Staff met with a broker who has contacts with the high tech industry. He will start looking for companies to relocate to the City including some who might look at the Fairchild building.

Staff contacted the representatives of Habit Burger who will be opening a store at Jordan Landing within the next week or two. The company has pledged part of the revenues from the initial operations to local charities. Staff has directed them to South Valley Sanctuary as a recipient of the funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Human Resources

HR has been working on our upcoming Open Enrollment for employee benefits. We're changing our medical provider this year so it's crucial that employees attend an education session. We're holding four different sessions between May 19th and May 28th and details have been e-mailed out to everyone.

Community Affairs

Spotlighting the 10-year anniversary of the Wild West Jordan Community Build Playground on our social media and newsletter. This project involved over 6,000 volunteers who raised over \$400,000 and built a playground over the course of 10 days, which was valued at \$1.3 million. You'll recognize many faces in the old news clips. Please share the things we post on the City Hall Facebook page so we can amplify our reach.

Attended both a Government Social Media conference and a 311 Information Conference. There are many great tools and technologies available to help us better connect and serve our residents. We will continue to explore these options and the costs and personnel requirements associated with them.

Saturday May 9, the Goldilocks Bike Ride and ½ Marathon will be traveling through West Jordan. Please drive aware and watch officers at intersections. Boy Scout Troop 1234 will also be doing a fun run on 4800 W and about 7000 south to 7800 S then to Grizzly to 7000 S. The one mile run goes through the neighborhood and a short distance on 7000 S and 4800 West. Again, be cautious when traveling in these areas during the morning.

PARKS

Weeded and rebark mulch 7800 South.

Continual general maintenance of all park property.

Met with Army Corps on Jordan River trail bridge replacement.

Worked with rotary club in planning for their service project on the Jordan River Trail.

POLICE

Officers responded to home after a passerby reported a man standing on his porch with no pants on while kids were walking home from school. Officers Manzano and Kiesel found an intoxicated and hostile 54-year-old male at the home. He was extremely hostile toward the police and was arrested without incident. He was booked into the county jail for lewdness, lewdness involving a child, intoxication and threats.

In the middle of the night patrol officers responded to a single vehicle accident at approximately 7200 S Mountain view Corridor. The vehicle was southbound and inexplicably crossed into the center median while traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle hit the bottom of the median where a drainage trench is in place and it appears to have vaulted into the air before rolling several times and coming to rest on the far side of the northbound lanes. The female driver was transported to the hospital in serious condition. It does not appear that alcohol is involved, but we are still investigating to see if other chemicals may have been a factor.

The POP Unit conducted several sex offender checks and located two offenders in violation. Felony six offender violation charges were filed on both of them.

Animal Control employees Allie Austin, Becca White, and Colby Haws represented West Jordan City at a large adoption event held at the Utah State Fairgrounds last weekend. They took seven dogs to the event and they were successful in adopting out all seven dogs in one day. Two of the dogs had been at the animal shelter for two months and the other five dogs had been at the shelter for over a month without being adopted by anyone. We appreciate their efforts to help the homeless dogs in our community find new homes. Allie, Becca, and Colby represented West Jordan City well at the event.