



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending October 2, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

It's with a heavy heart that I write my last weekly update. I want you to know what an honor it has been to serve you and the citizens of West Jordan during the 2 ½ years that I've been here. You have given me valuable memories that I will always cherish and I am a better person for having known you and spent time with you. Please accept my sincere apology if I have done anything to offend or hurt you. It is not in my nature to do that intentionally.

In parting I would like to share some life lessons that have helped shape who I am. In many cases you have heard me repeat them on a regular basis.

1. Government employees are not second rate workers or people that can't make it in the "real world." They are talented and skilled people filling an occupation that benefits society.
2. We build or destroy a community by our actions and words.
3. There is no such thing as "constructive criticism."
4. No matter how worthy the cause, anyone that justifies breaking or bending a law, policy, or standard for themselves or others, does so at the potential peril of someone else.
5. Live your life so that if your actions were printed on the front page of the newspaper you can live with what you have done.
6. Employees don't quit their job, they quit their boss.
7. Live your life so that when you are dead and gone, even the mortician is sad to see you go.
8. Employees react to challenges with encouragement and positive input much better than criticism and threats.
9. Everyone has a story based on the experiences that they have had in their life. We learn so much when we take time to learn other people's story.
10. Mom always said, "I didn't change my mind, I just gained more information for a different perspective."
11. Have the courtesy and integrity to talk to a person before you attempt to share his/her story.
12. Arguing with someone is just like wrestling a pig in the mud. You both get dirty and the pig likes it.

Best Wishes,
Bryce

Read on for more examples of how our staff has been working together for fantastic results this past week.

FIRE

At the rodeo grounds on Friday Sept. 25th, a motor cross participant was running a practice round. He went off one of the jumps and landing short of the ramp. This resulted in a crash that caused an open fracture to the lower leg. Crews on scene quickly worked to medicate the injured man, and splinted the injury. He was transported to JVH for further treatment.

Fire crews responded to a female competing in the Stunt Run 5K at Veterans Memorial Park. During one of the obstacles, she fell into a pool of freezing water breaking her ankle. They splinted the ankle and transported the female to the hospital. Just as they were finishing the call they were waved over to help another female that had also ended up in the water. She too complained of ankle pain. The crews wrapped the ankle and the female patient was taken to the hospital by a friend.

Station 52 units were dispatched to a traffic accident that involved two houses and an altercation. While responding they were told reports came in of possible shots fired. The units staged and waited for Police to clear the scene. When they arrived, they saw that the scene spanned the length of the entire block. Apparently an SUV crashed through a fence, narrowly missing a house, but leaving a path of destruction. They followed the destruction to another house where they found an SUV that was T-Boned; it nearly pushed the SUV over. The SUV was resting on the hood of the other car. The two individuals took off running away from the scene. The neighbors weren't going to have any of that happening in their place of comfort. So another long story short, multiple neighbors gave chase and with numbers they caught everyone that was involved. One was transported to the hospital for evaluation. Not sure where the report of shots fired came from, possibly someone hearing the devastating destruction and mistakenly thought they heard gunfire.

Returning to the station after a call, the crew on Medic-Engine 54 observed two pre-teens working on a bicycle on the roadway they were traveling. The crew pulled over and asked if they needed help. The chain on one of the bicycles had broken so the crew retrieved their tools and fixed the chain for the children.

A crew responded to a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident reporting that a 72 year old female attempted to step out of her vehicle while it was running and in reverse to unlock the parking brake. The vehicle rolled backwards, knocking her to the ground and the front tire drove over her hips and abdomen. The crew arrived on scene and transported to Intermountain Medical Center for further care.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Community Affairs

Cleaning up after summer events. Gearing up for a city-wide food drive benefitting the Utah Food Bank. Working on 2016 events. Attended Utah PIO Association Conference.

Capital Projects



Concrete being poured at Teton Park for a new tennis court.

Fleet

We are live with our new fleet software!

After a lot of training and transferring of data, our fleet data is not being managed on our own servers with our own software. There's still some housecleaning to do with work orders, database cleaning, and custom reports, but it's much easier to do when it's here and not remotely accessed.

We also took delivery of the second Mack dumptruck, a bobtail (single rear axle) with plow and salter:



We are still working with our fueling software vendor to get up and running. Be aware that we will have to shut down the fuel pumps here at Public Works for a few hours in the near future. When we have an install date, I will send out an email to everyone so that planning can be done to fuel up before or after. Along with gaining control of our fueling here, we lose the ability to fuel at any of the Salt Lake County locations. Any location that uses a State of

Utah fuel card is still available. However, it is a best-practice to fuel up at the Public Works location unless absolutely necessary to go elsewhere.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Fleet.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

Staff met with Kyle Christiansen to talk about development opportunities in West Jordan City. Staff spoke with him about the City owned 24 acre parcel located near the airport. Mr. Christiansen was very interested and stated that he is certain that the land could be easily sold. At such time that staff feels that the timing is right, we will bring any details to a closed door session.

Staff has been nurturing a contact with an investment group out of Shang Hai, China. They would like to meet with us to talk about the City Center project. Staff will keep you advised if anything materializes.

Staff met with the architect for the Oquirrh West subdivision project located on the NW corner of 7800 South and U-111. The developer is proposing to revise the plan removing all multi-family units and filling in with single family lots ranging from 4,500 square feet to 12,000 square feet.

Building Safety

Building permits issued in the last week included 7 new single family dwellings, 3 new multi-family units and 15 miscellaneous residential permits. A new commercial permit was issued for Sun Ridge Assisted Living, a 47,014 square foot facility with 65 units located at 7037 South 4800 West. Total valuation of all permits was \$9.4 million. Performed 225 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.

Planning

Several members of the planning staff and planning commission attended a 2-day training and educational conference hosted by the Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association. The conference provided nationally certified training on best planning practices in a convenient local venue located on the Thanksgiving Point Campus in Lehi Utah.

Office of Development Assistance

Subdivision plats were recorded for S & K Expansion/Greenwood Industrial and the 2nd Amendment of the Bingham Business Park. A pre-construction meeting was held for the newly approved Sun Ridge Assisted Living project. A pre-application meeting was for a new 9,200 sq. ft. Dollar Tree located at 6200 South Dixie Drive. KGB Construction submitted for preliminary site approval for a 3,600 sq. ft. warehouse located at 9578 S. Feulner Park Road.

PUBLIC WORKS

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti was removed from 22 locations totaling approximately 1,538 square feet this month, 13 public property locations (approximately 242 square feet) and 9 private property locations (approximately 1296 square feet) .

Staff reported a total of 6 private property incidents to Code Enforcement this month.

Below are photographs of some graffiti which was removed from public and private locations during this past month.

Public:

Before



After



Private:

Before



After



Solid Waste

Cans built: 80

Replaced cans: 61

Repaired cans: 24

Signs

Updating signs and poles that have been added to the SimpleSigns software (ongoing)

Milling continues for the in-house overlay at the following locations:

8315 South from Old Bingham Hwy to 3580 West

8350 South from 3490 West to 3450 West

3490 West from 8350 South to end of street

3450 West from 8350 South to 8245 South

7830 South from 3460 West to end of street

Charlesworth Circle

3460 West from 7800 South to Palladium Drive

3410 West from 8000 South to end of street

Lexington View Drive from Old Bingham Hwy to end of street

7980 South from 3530 West to end of street
3530 West from 8030 South to 7900 South
7900 South from 3530 West to 3460 West
8070 South from Old Bingham to 3560 W 8200 South from Old Bingham Hwy to 3490 West
3490 West from 8200 South to 8180 South
8180 South from 3490 West to 3560 West
3560 West from 8180 South to 8070 South
8100 South from Old Bingham Hwy to 3560 West



Storm Water

Last week, the storm water and wastewater departments replace a section of pipe on 7800 South 3210 West that caused a sinkhole in the road.



Public Works CIP Group

Old Bingham Highway Overlay – Transit Oriented District Sewer area - 7800 South to Terra Linda Elementary

Kilgore Contracting has completed the manhole lowering process, the ADA Ramp replacements, and is presently finishing the overlay work this week. Next week manholes and valves will be raised to the surface, collared, and the roadway will be restriped. Traffic control shifts have gone well, and the traveling public will have a new road to drive in approximately two weeks.



POLICE

Officers received an in-progress burglar alarm at PW Eagle, an out-of-business pipe manufacturing company. Officers arrived in the area and observed the suspects fleeing from the rear of the business. Officers immediately set a small containment in the general proximity and Officer Eldon Knapp was able to detain all three of the juvenile suspects. During a subsequent interview with the suspects, Officer Knapp was able to determine the suspects had also vandalized an LDS Church at 8359 S 4800 West where the suspects caused extensive damage. Several of the sinks in the building were plugged with paper towels and the water was turned on in an attempt to flood the building; several windows were broken; the fire extinguishers were sprayed around the buildings; holes punch in the walls; and several light fixtures were damaged. The LDS Church Facilities Maintenance Group estimated the damage around \$5,000. If Officer Knapp hadn't located the damage to the church building quickly, the water damage alone could have been devastating to the structure because the water was still running inside the building when responding officers arrived. It was later determined that these same juveniles were responsible for previous vandalism incidents at PW Eagle and three other LDS Church buildings. All three juveniles work booked into detention.

Officers responded to the area of 9000 S Gallilee Way on report of a road-rage. Dispatch notified responding officers that two drivers were crashing into each other as they traveled down Gallilee Way. Ultimately the drivers ended up in the front yard of a home, one car on top of the other, with extensive damage to both vehicles and the home owner's front yard. In addition, the vehicles caused serious damage to a cedar and chain link fence of another home owner, as they sped down the road. One driver was booked into detention for reckless driving, driving without a license and hit and run. Aggravated assault charges are being screened on the other driver. One passenger was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. One driver sustained minor injuries.