



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL**  
Week ending September 11, 2015



Dear Mayor and City Council:

It was an honor to be part of the flag ceremony held today in the Council Chambers in honor of Patriot Day. A group of uniformed Scouts stood at attention as we said the Pledge of Allegiance and I reflected on what it means to me to be a patriot.

The West Jordan Exchange Club did an outstanding job creating a moment for us to reflect on a chapter of our history that occurred just 14 years ago. Do you remember the spirit of patriotism that enveloped our nation at that time? It was amazing to witness at the unity we shared as a nation and willingness everyone had to give blood, sacrifice time and energy, and for some to give their very lives in a battle of good vs. evil.

Our firefighters and police officers were honored today for their personal contributions and selfless service when harm demands that someone rush in. Thanks to each of you and those that support your cause. Our community is strong because we feel safe in it and appreciate the time and efforts you make to stand watch over our citizens.

It is my hope that I will not offend any of those that wear a uniform by recognizing the efforts others make. We are all able to be a patriot and good citizen by performing the work that we do in our careers to the best of our ability. The order and organization that comes from doing our jobs well is critical to our success. Civility and unity is maintained by the laws that we agree to follow and uphold in spite of our personal interests.

One part of being a true patriot is putting the interests of the community as a whole above our own in order to maintain peace, harmony and spirit of belonging. Thanks to all of you for upholding that commitment and accomplishing our mission to improve the place that we live work. It is evident in what you do and how well we use the resources that we are given. Let's all consider ways that we can maintain that spirit of patriotism and not forget the sacrifice of those that died on 9/11/2001 and every other day throughout history to give us the ability to be a part of this great Nation and the City of West Jordan.

Read on for examples of the activities going on around the City that demonstrates our patriotism and commitment to success.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Staff met with the broker for the Fairchild Semiconductor facility and a potential buyer. The buyer is a developer from Texas that specializes in high tech companies. The developer liked the fact that there is redundant power at the site and the additional land. The developer has a data center that could be a good fit. Although there would not be many employees, there would be a significant capital investment.

Staff met with a local significant developer to discuss the particulars of the City Center project. The developer, who has built many hotels in the area, said that unless the City is willing to purchase and possibly hold the property from the school district, it would be very difficult to attract any developers. That, however, could change with the right tenant.

Building permits issued in the last week included 6 new single family dwellings, 13 miscellaneous residential permits, and 5 miscellaneous commercial permits. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.6 million. Received new commercial permit applications for the Station at Gardner Mill Apartments for 272 units at approx. 1200 West 7800 South; tenant improvement for the Mattress Department at 1670 West 9000 South; tenant improvement for GNC at 1824 West 9000 South, and sterilization room remodel for Jordan Valley Hospital. Performed 158 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.

The Zoning Administrator held a public hearing on September 8, 2015 and approved an off-premise development sign for the Creekside Townhome development. The sign will be placed near the northeast corner of 7800 South 5600 West.

The required quarterly Board of Adjustment meeting was held to review and approve minutes from their previous meeting.

## **FIRE**

West Jordan Fire Company 52 provided the Utah Army National Guard at South Valley Regional Airport with training on aircraft fuel fires. The training consisted of a classroom portion followed by a practical evolution in the use of dry chemical fire extinguishers.

Fire crews responded on a vehicle collision at 9000 South Mountain View Corridor. A minivan and a convertible BMW sports car collided in the intersection. The driver of the minivan suffered minor injuries to shoulder and arm; we transported the patient to Jordan Valley Hospital for evaluation. The driver of the sports car suffered severe injuries that were incompatible with life and was pronounced dead on the scene.

West Jordan Engine 52 responded to the request of a suspicious outside fire. The homeowner had put the fire out about a half an hour prior to us being called. The owner stated that his son was cleaning up in the front yard and just after he went to bed he heard and saw someone who was running from the side of the house. The son was very upset and it was at that time that the dad noticed the fire on his back deck. It was a suspicious fire. The son's shoes were burnt; along with a shirt and was shoved into the area of the fire. The area was a deck that held a hot tub and the insulation from the hot tub had burned along with charring on the wood skirting around the deck. Investigator Young was dispatched to the scene to investigate and interview the son.

West Jordan crews were dispatched to a structure fire. Details confirmed smoke coming from the apartment. Upon arrival they found smoke coming from the door of an apartment. They made entry into the apartment and found a stove fire with the flames spreading up the wall and into the cabinets. The fuel source was removed and taken outside and the fire was extinguished. Ventilation was started, and the crews cleared the rest of the apartment complex. Engine 52 stayed on scene and monitored the air quality in the apartment until it was safe for the occupants to return. The crews worked quickly and efficiently to make sure that the fire would not spread.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

### *Fleet*

Our first new Mack 10 Wheeler dump truck is now here and in service!



And another mower for the Parks Department is in service!



Final preparations and testing are under way for the new fleet and fueling software, and should be all installed and buttoned up by the end of the month.

Some of you may know already, but I want to make all of you aware that we have a new member of our team: Emma Dycus! She is at 5724, and will help all of you with scheduling your vehicles in for any maintenance items that are needed. We're happy to have her help!

### ***Facilities***

Facilities has accomplished the following:

- Finished painting walls, door jams and electrical work on Detective office's remodel at the Justice Center.
- Replace booster pump to VAV Box in the Observation Tower at City Hall.
- Replaced lights in staircase at Fire Station #53.
- Replaced lights in kennel area at the Animal Shelter.
- Replaced lights in the NAPA office at Public Works.
- Had the sewer line unplug in the women's locker room at the Justice Center.
- Power wash the Concession Stand at the Rode Arena.

### ***Community Affairs***

Budget book is online and at the printer.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### ***Capital Improvement Projects***

**5600 West Project** – Project was completed and opened in late July. Punch list items included roadway grinding and sealing, and a small storm drain project and fencing work. Please come and drive the new road segment and enjoy the new street.

**8600 South ½ road completion by Ron Wood Park** – Salt Lake Excavating is complete with the road work and a follow on Pressure Reducing Valve Vault Project is now under way inside Ron Wood Park as part of the Three Forks Subdivision expansion.

### **Bingham Creek - 4000 West**

The project is complete and open to the public. Final cost adjustments for a temporary construction easement are being made with one property owner, and punch list items are completed. New sidewalk is in place now from approximately 9100 South to 9200 South on the east side of the road.

### **3300 West, 6880 South, and 3370 West Storm Drain Project (part of 7000 South Project) –**

Jordan Valley Construction is working on the new culvert coming out of Constitution Park in 7000 South presently. The road crossing has begun with loops already placed in two major City waterlines in 7000 South to give clearance for the new culvert. Unfortunately a section of the old 12 inch gray cast iron water pipeline broke yesterday just next to the work zone that caused flooding of the new culvert work zone, stopping the work until repairs could be made. Coordination has been difficult with the outside utility companies as well, but work is on schedule to be completed this fall, barring early snowfall and/or freezing temperatures.



Broken 12 inch waterline filling in trench for new box culvert



A view from the park of the water break



Utility conflicts (orange lines) that will be raised (Comcast lines)

**Transit Oriented District, Old Bingham Highway Sewer Project** – Whitaker Construction is complete with the sewer expansion work as of last week and is de-mobilizing from the site. Kilgore Construction is now mobilizing to the site for the overlay portion of the job. This work will take approximately the next 30 days. ADA ramp reconstruction is already completed, and manholes have already been lowered in anticipation of the milling and overlay work.

### *Streets*

Graffiti was removed from 19 locations totaling approximately 1028 square feet this month, 15 public property locations (approximately 992 square feet) and 4 private property locations (approximately 36 square feet).

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



The Streets staff continue with the milling work associated with the in-house overlay work at the following locations

- 8420 South from 3680 West to Meadowlark Lane
- Meadowlark Lane from 8420 South to Old Bingham Hwy
- 3680 West from 8420 South. to 8480 South
- Pagoda Tree Lane from 9000 South to 8890 South
- 8890 South from Pagoda Tree Lane to 3200 West
- Lantana Drive from 8890 South to end of street
- 8920 South from Pagoda Tree Lane
- 3580 West from 8390 South to 8245 South
- 8245 South from 3580 West to Old Bingham Hwy
- Derby Way from Old Bingham Hwy to end of street
- Derby Circle from Derby Way to end of street
- 8280 South from 3580 West to 3450 West
- 3450 West from 8245 South to 8360 South
- 8315 South from 3580 West to 3450 West
- 8350 South from 3580 West to 3450 West

- 3540 West from 8350 South to end of street
- 3490 West from 8350 South to end of street

Staff installed the LED samples then met with the consultant to review the light output in the field.

Staff installed speed tables on 1950 West which were removed for the paving project – they are now back in place.

Staff completed crosswalk and speed table traffic striping at various locations around the city.

#### Solid Waste

- Cans built: 105
- Dismantled for recycling: 95
- Repaired cans: 13

#### ***Engineering***

Engineering staff have been engaged in the meetings and workshops for the concept development for a proposed master planned multi-use community on the west side of the City. The project, located on the Jensen Property is over 200 acres. Staff have provided information on utilities, transportation and traffic. We are scheduled for another meeting next week with the engineering consultants to work on detailed engineering plans.

We have been working with Savage Company who is preparing plans to install waterlines and fire hydrants on the Welby Rail Storage Yard. They also will be making improvements to security fencing and the access and inspection road. The plans are now basically approved and will be ready for City Engineer approval by the end of the week.

In a big development, the Jordan Valley TOD off-site sewer project is essentially complete. The final connection to the existing sewer line on 7800 South was completed and the roads re-opened. There are still some finish items to be completed but all of the pipe bursting and pipe laying are complete.

#### ***Electrical***

##### Glenmore PRV vault

Obtained electrical permit to begin work on vault electrical and obtained parts to do the work.

##### City Building Facilities

Got bid and approval to replace existing 3 light bull horn in the north yard at the public works building. We will be replacing the three 1000 watt lights with new 300 watt LED, also considering putting the lights on a taller pole to get better light distribution throughout the yard.

Finished installing the new LED wall packs on the public works building.

The overhead lines at the 1300 West cemetery lower Public Works yard have been hit and knocked down. We are looking to put these lines underground to get them out of the path of the dump trucks and other vehicles coming through.

Repaired the 400 watt light that shines on the flags at veterans park on the corner of 7800 South and 2200 West. The ballast burnt up and was causing a dead short, replaced the ballast and the lamp.

Finished the lighting project at the Whites Fort cemetery on 9000 South. We added a LED light to shine on the new light pole. This required adding a circuit from the existing vault and running a line to the light pole base.

### Street Lighting

On Friday we rebuilt and replaced 4 light pole heads. Two of these were 250 watt 30-foot light poles and 2 were in residential areas. Also completed multiple service requests and work orders.

### **POLICE**

On September 10<sup>th</sup> SWAT participated in a mass shooter exercise conducted by the National Guard. Police and Fire from across the valley participated.

The suspect in a stabbing over the weekend was identified. Detectives are currently tracking him down.

Officers responded to a fatal traffic accident at 9000 South and Mountain View Corridor. A minivan collided with a smaller sports car driven by a 56-year-old male, who was killed in the accident.

A 19-year-old male was shot in the leg following an argument at an overnight alcohol party held at a private home. No arrests have been made yet. The investigation continues.