



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS REPORT  
Week ending March 18th, 2016**

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Below are some highlights of what happened around the City last week:

**FIRE**

West Jordan crews and other units from South Jordan responded to a rollover vehicle accident at 11000 South and Mountain View Corridor. There were five people in a vehicle towing a toy hauler with three four-wheelers in the trailer. The vehicle rolled once and landed on its side. The trailer was destroyed, but was still attached to the vehicle by the chains. The driver stated that the trailer started to fish tail and he lost control.

When crews arrived, four of the five vehicle occupants had exited the vehicle, but one remained inside. By-standers helped move things out so the crews could get to the patient inside. An additional ambulance was called to assist with four other patients who had only minor injuries. One of these patients was transported to Intermountain Medical Center and the other three were transported to Riverton Hospital.

The fire crews cut the cables to the batteries on the vehicle and the trailer and made sure the propane bottles on the trailer were shut off. There was a liquid running down the gutter and into the storm drain, but it was found to be water and not gasoline.

**POLICE**

The POP Division arrested a suspect for a sex offender violation, and arrested an adult male for a child sex abuse warrant.

Officer Sullivan noticed that a recurring drug offender seemed to be involved in numerous incidents, but could not be identified. He used social media to identify and lure the drug dealer into being captured.

After receiving information from a confidential informant, the Warrants Division found a suspect at a Motel 6. He was taken into custody for multiple felony warrants. He was found with a suspect who had fled from Murray PD earlier in the day and also had felony warrants for his arrest. Upon searching the first suspect, Officer Webster found him in possession of stolen property, counterfeit money and heroin. He was charged with unlawful acquisition, possession or transfer of a financial transaction card, possession of a forged writing device, and possession or use of a controlled substance.

The Warrants Division found a suspect who had multiple felony 1 warrants for his arrest. While conducting surveillance at his residence, Officers Webster and Lang observed the suspect walk out to his vehicle and begin pulling out of the driveway. Officers blocked him in the driveway and took him into custody without incident. He was booked on his warrants for aggravated sexual abuse of a child.

The Warrants Division found a suspect who had multiple felony warrants for his arrest. The Warrants Division was informed by Officer Coomes that the suspect had fled from West Jordan Police and Unified Police the month prior. Through an informant, warrant officers confirmed the address at which the suspect was staying. While conducting surveillance, officers observed the suspect at the residence. A VFAST Task Force Officer responded to assist in the warrant service. The suspect was contacted and taken into custody. While interviewing him, officers found that he was driving the vehicle the night of the pursuit in West Jordan. Charges for fleeing are being screened. He was booked on his multiple warrants.

The Warrants Division was asked to assist Officer Hoffman on a vehicle theft in progress in the Magna area. Warrant officers, along with Officer Griffith, responded to Magna where they confirmed the house in which the suspect was located. While waiting for Unified Police to arrive, they observed the suspect exit the back of the house and pursued him on foot. Officer Webster caught the suspect and took him into custody. The the suspect admitted to the vehicle theft and directed officers to where he had ditched it. The vehicle was returned to the owner.

Warrant officers assisted the Salt Lake County Constables during a session of the West Jordan Justice Court. The subject was sentenced to six months in jail and became non-compliant during an open session of court. The subject was removed from the courtroom and transported back to the Salt Lake County Jail.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

### *Building & Safety*

Building permits issued in the last week included five new single-family dwellings, 24 miscellaneous residential permits, with 3 miscellaneous commercial permits. Total valuation of all permits was \$3.2 million. Performed 166 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.

Issued a commercial permit for SME Steel's 15,200-square foot Sandblast Building valued at \$593,712.

### *Planning*

The Zoning Administrator held a public hearing on March 14<sup>th</sup> and approved an administrative conditional use permit to allow a new "Planned Center" freestanding sign for the Jordan Valley Transit Village located on the northeast corner of 9000 South 3400 West. The 25-foot tall sign will provide information regarding the mixed use transit village located next to the Jordan Valley TRAX station.

The Planning Commission held a public meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss and take action on the following applications:

#### Scott Rezone – Rezoning:

The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the rezoning request of 0.51 acres located at 7544 South 2200 West from R-1-8B (Single-family Residential 8,000 square foot lots) and R-1-10B (Single-family Residential 10,000 square foot lots) to R-1-8C (Single-family Residential 8,000 square foot lots).

#### Oakridge Park – Rezoning and Future Land Use Plan Amendment:

The Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve a Future Land Use Plan Amendment for 40 acres located at 8200 South 6700 West from Public Facilities to Medium Density Residential and Rezone the same property from P-F (Public Facilities) to R-1-8C (Single-family Residential 8,000 square foot minimum lots).

### *Office of Development Assistance*

Pre-Application meetings held:

- Rocky Mountain Waterproofing located at 8401 South 4300 West. Warehouse storage for business materials. The building will be approximately 15,000 square feet.
- Nelson Subdivision. The applicant is planning to purchase the property located at 1490 West 8600 South, subdividing and building a home for themselves and selling the other lot.

- Peterson Development met with staff to discuss the development of a storage project to be located at approximately 5701 West 7800 South.

New applications received:

- Broadmeadow @ the Highlands Phase 3 located at approximately 5700 West 7800 South.

Revised plans returned for staff review:

- Loneview South preliminary and Loneview South Phase 1 final (23 lots) located in the Highlands at approximately 8200 South 6600 West.
- Englefield 2 – a 41-lot subdivision in the Highlands located at approximately 6400 West 7800 South.
- Jordan Landing Phase 7 Lot Line Adjustment – 7556 S. Campus View Drive.

Redlines returned to Developers

- Loneview South Development Plan

Meetings held w/developer(s):

- Representatives from Maverik met with staff to go over the necessary steps to complete the project at the Gardner Mill location. Discussion was on the road widening, submittal for the amended plat and finalizing the site plan.

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Launched a new West Jordan Fire Department Facebook page where we will be sharing fire safety tips, public education classes including Community Emergency Response Team training and CPR, follow-up information on incidents that we respond to in the city, and more!

Publicizing Theater Arts performance of “Play On,” which runs March 17-19, 21, 24-26, 28 at the Midvale Performing Arts Center.

Stampede Committee is moving forward with plans for the July 1, 2 & 4 Western Stampede Rodeo. Tickets and info at [www.westernstampede.com](http://www.westernstampede.com).

Utility billing insert will be going out next week to explain the new bills.

Recruiting volunteers for Comcast Cares day April 30. Projects run from 8 a.m.-noon. All ages welcome. Email [julieb@wjordan.com](mailto:julieb@wjordan.com) to sign up.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### *Capital Projects Division*

#### Veteran's Irrigation Pond

The Veteran's Memorial Park Pond project is progressing well; however, the road work between the library and the Senior Center and Fitness Center ran into a issue with the native soil material in road subgrade. The contractor excavated down and removed native materials to subgrade elevation and found predominantly silty clay material, that will not support the traffic loads projected nor provide the needed road life. A geotechnical company reviewed the subgrade material and recommended removing an additional 10-inches of native material and importing granular fill with a geogrid. A cost for this change is forthcoming from the contractor.



### 7000 South Utility Project

We are one month into the construction and major progress is taking place. Newman Construction has installed the box culvert past Triumph Lane and is working towards the North Jordan Canal. At the same time, two subcontractors are working on the outfall box at the Jordan River and the bore under the North Jordan Canal (see pictures). Traffic control is working well, and the only real complaints have come from consistent trail users on the Jordan River Parkway Trail who still desire to trespass through the project. The contractor is on schedule to reopen the trail in mid-to-late April. Easements were obtained for work on the 7055 South storm drain and that work has been released to the contractor. One additional easement is being sought from Rocky Mountain Power for the water transmission line work. This easement is a temporary construction easement only, and the contractor is helping to obtain the easement.



Jordan River Outfall at the Parkway Trail



Box Culvert and Shroud for bore operation



Bore under the North Jordan Canal



New Parkway Pedestrian Bridge



Bore Pit view from 25 feet above



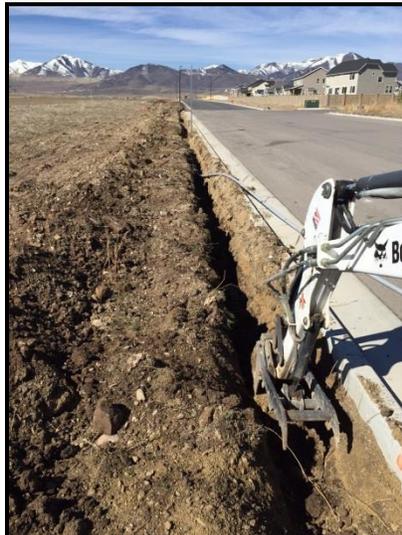
View of outlet from the Jordan River east side

### *Electrical Division*

- Demolition of the existing lights outside City Hall has begun, in preparation for the construction of the new parking lot area. We removed the LED light pole heads and will be reinstalling these on the front light poles of City Hall, replacing the old high pressure sodium (HPS) heads. We have received our bids for the new 30-foot poles that will be going in to match the existing 30-inch parking lot poles.
- A light was installed in City Hall hallway on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor next to the City Council Chambers, eliminating a dark spot that existed in the hallway.
- We began the finish electrical in the Parks building basement. All the rooms have been painted and the t-grid has been completed allowing us to install all the switches, receptacles and lights.



- Upgrades to the electrical systems, gear and motor at Well House No. 5 are being considered. Staff will be meeting with an engineer to build the electrical drawings and figure out the necessary upgrades.
- Bids have been received for the light poles in the Well House No. 6 parking lot.
- We are in the process of adding 6 new 30-foot street light poles on Wells Park Road. This is requiring over 1500-foot of trenching, digging, installing and pouring 6 new concrete pole bases, and eventually pulling in wire and terminating the circuits. We are tying these poles into other new poles recently installed further up the road and will all be on the same network.



- We are also working on 7000 South and 1300 West maintaining and repairing the street light circuitry that is being exposed in the excavating process. We have had to repair about 50-feet of pipe so far, and will continue to keep an eye on this project.
- We have completed over 25 work orders this week, repairing multiple bad undergrounds and replacing multiple heads with rebuilt heads.
- Work continues at the TOD Project to repair street lights in this area. The majority of the lights has been repaired and are now working. As construction is still underway at this location, repair of underground conduits and broken poles and heads are ongoing.

### *Storm Water Division*

- The stormwater operators are working on ‘dry weather screening’ in Barneys Creek and Barneys Wash over the last two weeks.
- Over the last two weeks, staff have been cleaning out tumbleweeds in Dry Wash, 7800 South Wash and Barneys Wash.



- The stormwater operators are continuing to clean the storm drain system in Oquirrh Shadows subdivision.

### *Streets Division*

- Staff is working on the rectangular rapid flash beacon (RRFB) on 3200 West, including new handicapped ramps, signs and beacons.
- Six new school lights were installed.
- Sign inspections and replacements are on-going as needed.
- Road repairs at various locations around town – including pothole patching and road repairs on Grizzly and also Prosperity Road



Grizzly Way road repairs



Prosperity Road asphalt repairs



- Graffiti abatement was conducted at six (6) locations in the City.
- Staff has been coordinating with the contractor for road striping as weather allows (dry and 55 degrees and rising).
- All three sweepers have been out working this week.
- The 53-acre site clean-up has continued including grading of dirt piles, hauling-off of asphalt millings for use at other city locations and hauling-off of concrete and asphalt debris.
- Staff has completed some maintenance work on the asphalt zipper and also installed a waste tank on the tow-behind tack oil trailer.



Staff completed grading, forming and pouring of a new concrete pad at Veterans Memorial Park for the concession trail

## **PARKS**

### *Events*

The Western Stampede Committee is moving forward with great plans for marketing, soliciting sponsors and making this year's rodeo spectacular! More dirt will soon be added to both arenas, and volunteers will be trained on the equipment to mix it in. During Comcast Cares Day, we will be asking volunteers to help us paint chutes and to number seats in the grandstands and bleachers.

The majority of leagues have successfully used the online reservation system for the spring season. It will continue to be a work in progress as we fine tune the software. We've had one group submit to use the arena for Mexican's rodeo's on five different Sundays this summer. Another group stopped in early in the week to learn about our fee structure updates so they can plan for their events.

### *Parks*

We are continuing to recruit for seasonal staff for the spring start up, which has been tough due to the low unemployment rate. We will be trying different advertising options to increase our hiring pool.

Crews are repairing athletic fields for the spring season and working with the various sports leagues for another successful year.

Personnel continue to move forward with the many projects on the Parks project list.

We are also coordinating many different eagle scout projects and volunteer service projects.