



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL  
Week ending November 14, 2014**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

Having a meeting with five of our seven State Legislators on Thursday was a great way to prepare for the upcoming session at the Capital. Senators Harper, Osmond and Thatcher joined us as well as Representative Tanner and Representative-Elect Coleman. We also had lobbyists, Doug and Steve Foxley from Foxley and Pignanelli and Rob Jolley from RRJ Consulting join the meeting.

Mayor Kim Rolfe, and Councilmembers Judy Hansen and Chad Nichols were on hand to share their opinions as elected officials and staff members Melanie Briggs, Robert Thorup, Jeremy Olsen and I offered assistance with the discussions. I want to thank Jeremy for his tremendous efforts to coordinate the meeting time, location and invitations.

We stressed that the two biggest efforts that we wanted to focus on with our legislators this year were transportation route improvements and the auto dealer's law. Senator Harper informed the group that there was an effort to fund a bill to construct at least four interchanges on Bangerter Hwy, one of which is at 7200 South (also 5400 South and two in South Jordan). The lobbyists reported on their efforts to solicit State funding for road projects in the City and proposed changes in the State law on automobile dealerships.

Based on the work that has been done by our lobbyists, I hope that we all recognize the specialized capabilities that these individuals have to connect with the right people on the state level as well as our elected representatives. It has been very apparent in the short time that we've worked together that they know who to call and how to get things done. You will begin to see more evidence in the near future of their work and the dividends it will pay for our community.

While the legislative session may still be a few months away, please understand that a lot is going on behind the scenes to position ourselves for opportunities to progress and move forward with issues critical to West Jordan. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions or concerns regarding these efforts.

Speaking of efforts, here is a summary of others that are going on in the city this past week:



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Community Room remodel is still in progress. This week saw the installation of light switches, outlets and the ceiling grid as well as the construction of a new storage closet for storing tables and chairs. New wood double doors, wood base and chair rails are currently being stained.

City Hall and the Justice Center had some maintenance work done this week, including repairs to back flow preventers and fire alarm testing. Fire alarm testing was also completed at other City facilities.

Fire Station 54 construction is ongoing with the following items completed this week: the masonry, the steel roof structure, the interior steel stud framing and the roof plywood sheathing. The second floor slab and the bay floor were also poured. Plumbing, electrical and mechanical work is currently underway inside the building. Roof shingling and drywall are slated to begin next week.

The maintenance yard at Ron Wood Park is in design and the architect is working with ODA for plan approval. Rocky Mountain Power has submitted their power plan.

A mechanical engineer has been selected and is working on the plans for the City Hall chiller-to-tower water line replacement project.

The ERP project continues moving forward with the implementation for the following departments: Development, Human Resources, Business Licensing, and Utility Billing. Each of these departments had personnel involved in implementation meetings throughout the week.

The new Employee Self Service site is being configured for our business workflow, and progress is being made to help simplify the process for time card entry.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Capital Projects**



8200 South Redwood Road



Signal Cabinet

Thursday, November 6, 2014, at 9:00 AM UDOT activated the signal at 8200 South and Redwood Road. After the signal was activated the road closures on Sugar Factory Road and 8200 South were removed. The construction project that began in July to re-align and signalize the intersection is substantially complete.

#### Fire Station 54 construction

Masonry is complete, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor slab is poured and the steel roof structure is complete, the bay floor is poured and the interior steel stud framing is complete. Plumbing, electrical and mechanical work taking place inside the building. Roof plywood sheathing has started.

Maintenance Yard at Ron Wood Park - Project is in design and the Architect is working with ODA for plan approval. Rocky Mountain Power has submitted their power plan.

Calsense irrigation controller system for parks - Design is underway.

City Hall Chiller to Tower water line Replacement - A Mechanical Engineer has been selected to design the new water line and is working on the plans.

#### **Sewer**

Maintenance crews cleaned 30,254' of sewer this week, with Jet truck North Crew 12,404' feet, Jet truck South Crew 17,851' feet. Cleaning work performed in the following areas:

2700 West 9350 South to 9100 South

Williamsburg Estates

The Links and Mountain View

Shady Lane

Cajean Estates

The Gardens of Mountain View

Harvest Estates

Homestead Cove

Lesley Estates

Harvest Village

Beverly Glen.

Hydro-Excavation performed for a water leak at 6960 South 1480 West.

Operations crew provided a dump truck driver to support construction crew with the Fire House construction project.

### ***Streets***

Precision Concrete continues with horizontal cutting to eliminate trip steps on a trial basis for the city – the work has proved to be cost-effective.

Staff continues to prepare for snow by.

- Streets and Parks staff annual coordinating meeting

- Prep trucks

- Attendance at the snow plow simulator training – the same training used by UDOT

Staff is wrapping up the work on the list of new speed tables

The installation of a dog run for one of West Jordan's K-9 officers has been completed.

Staff is making repairs to path lighting at the soccer complex.

Staff completed troubleshooting and repairs for lights at 4000 West and 7800 South.

### ***Storm Water***

Work continues with Hansen Allen and Luce Engineering firm to update the city's storm drain maps, including the Jordan Landing storm drain map.

The storm water staff inspected three private storm water basins this week.

### ***Wastewater***

This week we finished the sewer installation at fire station 54. The pictures included show the installation of the 1,000 gallon oil / water separator and the sampling manhole.





## **FIRE**

Medic and Engine 53 responded on a trash can fire at the Jordan Valley TRAX station platform. Upon arrival the fire was smoldering and completely extinguished by fire personnel. UTA Police and a witness on scene gave a description of two juveniles who were promptly located near the scene and processed with our investigator and the UTA police department.

Units from West Jordan, UFA, and Murray fire responded to the report of a house explosion. Upon arrival there was no evidence of an explosion or fire at the residence. However the occupant of the home was standing outside with two cans of acetone in his hands and smoking a cigarette. Investigation revealed that the occupant had been using the flammable liquids inside his bathroom and had caused a flash fire to occur. The male occupant's beard, arms and hair had been singed by the fire but he sustained no other injuries. He refused transport to the hospital and there was no damage to the structure.

We responded to the report of a gunshot wound. Upon arrival a 61 year-old male was sitting in his kitchen with a towel wrapped around his left hand. Patient had been cleaning a loaded small caliber handgun when it went off shooting him in the wrist. Assessment revealed both an entrance and exit wound just below the thumb. Patient was transported to Jordan Valley Hospital for further treatment.

Units from station 52 responded to 9600 South Redwood Road to assist South Jordan Fire on a rollover accident. A pick-up truck was traveling at a high rate of speed and struck a SUV in the driver's side door. The truck attempted to leave the scene but was unable to maintain control due to damage and subsequently rolled. Several ambulances were dispatched to the scene; several people were transported to local hospitals with minor injuries. One patient was transported to IMC as trauma 1.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Staff contacted two real estate brokers who will contact developers of light industrial properties.

Staff met with an engineering firm to get some new contacts for development opportunities.

Staff contacted Fairchild management to update them on any possible prospects for the purchase of their plant.

## **POLICE**

Saturday night patrol officers noticed a suspicious van parked at a business that officers had not seen there before. They stopped to check it out and found it was full of brand new apple computers. Upon further investigation they found a business in Midvale had recently been burglarized. Officers checked the area and were able to find the driver of the van. They coordinated with Unified Police and confirmed over 50 computers had been stolen from the business in Midvale. Surveillance footage showed the suspect that West Jordan PD detained committing the burglary.

Officers Vargas and Madsen responded to a home on a “Full Arrest” call and arrived ahead of the Fire Department. They found the victim on the floor. Officer Vargas began chest compressions until Fire arrived and took over. The victim was transported to the hospital in stable condition and appeared to have suffered from an accidental overdose of his prescribed medication.

## **PARKS**

Continuing to plant trees throughout the city for fall tree planting.

The entire Parks staff attended snow plow simulator training with L3 communications (preparing for the snow removal season).

Taking care of last minute weed abatement issues before the snow starts to fly.

Received bid back for the Highlands landscape maintenance, Have meeting set to review with staff.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Building Permits issued included one new single family dwelling permit and two new commercial/industrial permits for the 85,120 sq. ft. Roderick building at 9229 South Prosperity Road and a new hangar for the National Guard.

Planning Staff completed a field inspection of the new Smith’s Marketplace located at 5600 West 7800 South and signed a temporary certificate of occupancy for planning and zoning. The expected opening date for the store is December 3<sup>rd</sup>.