



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL  
Week ending November 7, 2014**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

This weekly report is intended to shine a light on the good that is happening in the City and carry us through situations that occasionally cast doubt on our performance. One situation that I learned more about this past week was with our fire service. As you know, we had to tighten our belt considerably in the design of Station 54. Some of the training elements of the project were cut because they weren't required for the performance of the building.

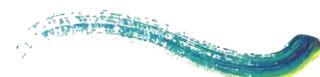
Instead of bemoaning what couldn't be included, our Heavy Rescue Team and the training division determined that they could do something to make it happen. They began by drawing a plan and presenting to the Fire Chief. They found a company to donate several thousand dollars' worth of supplies for the prop and coordinated with the construction team so they could dig the holes to place the cement vaults and over 30 feet of cement pipe ranging in size from 18 to 36 inches. The project is now completed at a cost to the City of \$300.00 for the delivery of the vaults and cement pipe.

Not only will this prop be used for our fire rescue team but other departments in the City can use it as well as other fire services that may need it. Now, while this is an amazing effort and commendable of these professional's efforts, you need to hear the rest of the story.

The Heavy Rescue Team, Training Division, and Deputy Chief Petersen were selected for the "Employee of the Quarter" as a team. The recipient receives a \$250.00 cash award and as a team they would have each received less than \$10. Recognizing the challenge of doing this, the team leaders chose to donate the money to the Sierra Newbold Playground. A balloon will be inscribed and placed on the monument to recognize them for this effort.

So in conclusion, I appreciate the opportunity to point out another amazing effort that has gone on quietly in our midst. I hope that as you read these experiences you will feel proud of the organization that you lead. There is no doubt of your commitment to make West Jordan a better place and I appreciate your efforts to do that. I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve in my capacity, to be able to thank the Fire Service for this effort, and to witness the changes that are moving us forward every day.

Now, let me share some of the other amazing things that are happening in the City.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Community Room remodel is underway with a chair storage room, wiring for A/V equipment, new paint and carpet on the way. The new building for the garbage can assembly and delivery has arrived and maintenance is ongoing at buildings throughout the city.

The Fleet department is preparing equipment for snow removal. The TV Van for Wastewater has arrived as well as a dump truck. The police and fire vehicles should begin arriving mid-November.

The HR Dept. hosted the Health Fair on Thur. and had hundreds of participants and is working madly with IT to have the payroll system up for 2015.

We hosted a delegation from Kenya. They came to meet with the City mayor and administration to learn how our government functions and about building strong relationships between elected officials and administrators.

## **LEGAL DEPARTMENT**

### ***Code Enforcement***

Code Enforcement Officers, with the assistance of the POP team, responded to the address of 8581 South 4000 West and conducted a Code Enforcement abatement. 1- Inoperable vehicle, 2-55 gallon drums of used oil, 36 used tires, 2- inoperable snow mobiles and multiple trailer loads of debris were removed from the property.

### ***Prosecution***

Tyson Skeen was *recently* elected by the members of the Utah Municipal Prosecutors Association (UMPA), which is *made up* of prosecutors throughout the State of Utah, to be the president-*elect*. In his upcoming position *as* president, Tyson will participate in the scheduling and selection of topics for continuing legal education of prosecuting attorney's throughout the State. In addition, Tyson will represent the City as well as all municipal prosecutors throughout the State, on the Statewide Association of Prosecutors (SWAP) and Misdemeanor Legislative Affairs Committee (MIS-LAC). Both SWAP and MIS-LAC are important boards and committees that work with the legislature in making recommendations regarding misdemeanor crimes as well as prosecutorial related recommendations.

It was a very close election, and Tyson was extremely gracious in his acceptance of this position. I am sure that if given the opportunity, he would thank all those that voted to support his nomination.

## **POLICE**

Early Saturday morning a citizen called in stating their car had just been stolen. Officer Horman was on his way home and spotted the car on Redwood Road. When he called for assistance the car took off. Officers were able to trap the suspect on a dead-end street and took him into custody without incident. The suspect was booked in jail and the car was returned to the owner undamaged.

Monday night while responding to a report of a suspicious vehicle, calls started coming in about possible "shots fired" in the same area. Officer Bickham attempted to stop a car leaving the area they immediately fled. After a short pursuit, Officer Bickham and backing officers were able to perform a PIT maneuver stopping the pursuit and apprehend the three occupants. Drugs and an empty holster

were found in the car. It was suspected that a gun was dumped during the pursuit and despite thoroughly searching the area it was not recovered. The 25-year-old driver was booked into jail on multiple charges.

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Building Permits issued included 11 new single family dwelling permits. Issued a tenant improvement permit for Great Clips at 5688 West 7800 South in the Smith's complex.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission received public input to consider a General Land Use Map amendment and Rezoning for 2.22-acres of property located at 7037 South 4800 West. The General Plan Land Use Amendment is to change Neighborhood Commercial to Very High Density Residential and Rezone the same property from SC-2 (Community Shopping Center Zone) to R-3-12 (SHO) (Multi-family Residential 12 units per acre maximum density – Senior Housing Overlay). In a 6-1 vote, the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council for the General Land Use Map Amendment, and in a 7-0 vote, the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council for the Rezone.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission received public input to consider amendments to the West Jordan Municipal Code, Title 13 and Title 4. These amendments are intended to update the City Code to be consistent with Utah Code provisions that had been overtaken by developing laws affecting persons with disabilities, most particularly the Utah Fair Housing Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act. In a 7-0 vote, the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council.

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Planning Commission received public input to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Chemical Storage and Operations in the Drinking Water Source Protection Overlay Zone for a property located at 5717 Wells Park Rd. In a 7-0, Planning Commission granted the Conditional Use Permit.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, the City Council received public input to consider a General Plan Land Use Amendment for 20 acres from Research Park to Light Industrial and Rezoning from BR-P (Business Research Park) Zone to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zone for property located at 7602 South Airport Road (National Guard Facility). In a 7-0 vote, the City Council voted to approve both the Land Use Map Amendment and Rezone.