



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending August 28, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

We are relieved that our officers are all safe following a tragic situation this Wednesday when one of our citizens made a series of poor choices that ended his life. The media is full of similar stories where people rationalize or justify making decisions or taking steps that harm themselves or others.

Do we live in a world with more calamities or does the news and social media make it easier to learn about them? Either way, we need to recognize the impact that these events have in our lives and those around us. I hope that we will remember that there are fantastic counseling resources through our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and crisis counseling arrangements within our police and fire departments. The message is that you are not alone and as a city family, we care about each of you.

In similar fashion, it is easy to say and do things that can be interpreted as hurtful or abusive. As a society we hope it is a select few that do this intentionally. More often it comes by failing to understand each other's perspective or intent. I recently learned of something I'd done trying to help a situation and it had actually offended others deeply. I need to apologize for this and learn to ask better questions before assuming that my way of thinking is correct.

This improved communication and effort to understand is often referred to in organizational behavior as "tearing down silos." It means that we reach across departments and invisible borders to offer help, share information, and work as a whole organization. The transformation is amazing as we learn to not be offended and genuinely interested in each other's success and wellbeing.

It is this unselfish duty and care for others that enable our public safety staff to run into dangerous situations, for others to take the time to ensure that a customer's needs are taken care of, and for us to watch out for each other and offer a helping hand when the opportunity presents itself. Please accept my thanks and appreciation for all you do to serve others. You make a positive difference in their lives and we want to make sure that you are safe and fulfilled in the career that you have chosen and service you provide.

Here are more examples of all the great work going on around the City.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Owners of West Jordan Town Center shopping area at 7000 South Redwood Road have leased the old Honks space to The X Nation, an outdoor retailer, which is scheduled to occupy the space around September 20th. They are currently located in Salt Lake as a distributor but have elected to open up an outlet store. Their website it is Thexnation.com.



Building permits issued in the last week included 9 new single family dwellings, 30 miscellaneous residential permits, and 4 miscellaneous commercial permits. Total valuation of all permits was \$2.8 million. Performed 202 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.

The City Council held a public hearing on August 25, 2015 and ratified the density associated with the Addenbrook Village Preliminary Development Plan. Addenbrook Village is located in the Highlands master plan at approximately 6111 West 7800 South. Ratification of this density (6.3 dwelling units per acre) allows the development of 41 single family homes, 36 twin homes, and 103 townhomes for a total of 180 units on approximately 29 acres of land.

The City Council also held a public hearing on August 25, 2015 and approved the removal of the Transit Station Overlay District (TSOD) from the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map for approximately 10.21 acres of property located 7655 South 1300 West. The removal of this zoning overall leaves the property with the potential to be developed within the context of the base zone, which is RR-.5D (Rural Residential, minimum half acre lot size).

The Zoning Administrator held a public hearing on August 24, 2015 and approved an administrative conditional use permit for outdoor storage for Innovative Excavation located at 9625 Bagley Park Road. The approval was contingent upon conditions including those specific to screening and location of materials.

The subdivision plat for Three Forks Phase 7 was recorded. This phase adds 36 single-family lots on 15 acres located at 8520 South 6100 West.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Facilities

Accomplishments this week included:

- Installed two door frames in Detective office we are remodeling at the Justice Center.
- The sheet rock was hung and taped in Detective office we are remodeling at the Justice Center.
- Painted the outside walls at the Facilities Office.
- Moved 95 record boxes for the Courts 2nd floor to the 1st floor south side at the Justice Center to be shredded.
- North face Roofing completed re-placing inline rain gutters system at the Justice Center.
- Move desks in the Attorney offices at City Hall.
- Painted storage shed west of the concession stand at Veteran Memorial Park.
- Replace faucet in the euthanizing room at the Animal Shelter.
- Repaired hand dryers in the men's and women's restrooms at the Ron Wood Splash Pad Park.
- Ran eight Cad 6 lines to the SCADA room at Public Works.

Community Affairs

City newsletter mails to homes beginning Saturday, Aug. 29. Collecting information for Budget Book. Compiling information for presentation to Salt Lake Board of Realtors. Discount Derby tickets (\$10) are available at the Chevron on 7000 South and 1300 West. All

seats are general admission and regularly priced \$12 online at www.westernstampede.com and \$15 at the door.

FIRE

Operations

Fire units responded on the report of a motorcycle vs. car. Upon our arrival, a male patient was found lying on the ground with complaints of right shoulder and hand pain. Patient states he was attempting to take a corner a little too fast and ran into a parked car. Although he was not wearing a helmet, he did not suffer a head injury. Patient refused treatment and transport.

Units were dispatched on a reported stabbing. Upon arrival, they found a patient with significant injuries. They transported the patient to Intermountain Medical Center in serious condition.

Engine 52 responded to the report of a strange odor coming from the upstairs of the Zions Bank. Upon arrival, they had nothing showing and no evacuation in progress. They made entry and made contact with the Branch manager Bridget Julian. She stated that the smell was very strong upstairs in the break room. The crews took their monitors upstairs and could smell a pungent odor that smelt like sulfur. They checked the furnace and started Questar Gas. Upon further inspection of other items in the room, they found that a unit called APC Smart UPS 1500 battery backup for the computer system was the cause. They had the branch manager call their facilities people as well as the main managers to see if the APC could safely be unplugged without damaging any of their computers. They were able to do so and took the unit outside of the building. Chief Paxton brought the electric fan down to ventilate the structure. After ventilating for about 10 minutes the levels were back to a 0 reading. The initial readings reached 65ppm at the unit and was climbing. They did find that sulfur gas can give a false CO reading which is what they had. The Facilities Manager, Delon Askvig, bought two air mover fans from Home Depot which were placed up stairs to help air out the left over smell.

West Jordan fire crews responded on a large natural gas leak. Upon arrival, they found that a construction company had broken a 2" gas pipe. There was a large volume of natural gas venting into the air. Fire crews isolated the area and provided air monitoring in all of the adjacent buildings. Approximately 20 people were evacuated from their apartments. A daycare as well as a car wash in the area were locked down and sheltered in place. We had assistance from West Jordan Police to assure that the area was evacuated. Questar Gas arrived and clamped the pipe. Crews provided a protection line while Questar Gas was in the area of the gas leak.

West Jordan Battalion 51, Captain Brockbank, Engine 52 and Medic Ambulance 52 responded to the report of a vehicle versus a Trax train. Crews arrived to find a full-size pickup truck that had collided with the side of a train. The driver of the vehicle was out and walking around without any injuries. The Trax train passengers did not complain of any injuries either. The truck had to be towed from the incident and the train was able to leave without any assistance.