



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending March 6, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

We are in the final week of the Utah State Legislative Session. Thank you for your quick responses to our questions and requests for support on specific bills. HB 290 NEW CAR DEALERSHIP FRANCHISE AMENDMENTS is scheduled for its third reading in the Senate. It will be interesting to see what can be done if this bill passes.

There are bills on transportation funding, townships in Salt Lake County, and others that will undoubtedly have an impact on how we do business. We will do our best to evaluate each one and ensure that we are in compliance with the laws as they become effective.

Human Resources finished the harassment training this week and we appreciate all of the employees for attending. We have a video recording of the meeting for anyone that missed it. I can't stress enough the importance of our responsibility to adhere to the principles of making our workplace a safe, fun and an inviting environment for everyone to working together.

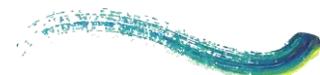
I'm impressed with the Disney training and their expectations of employees to act and behave as if they are always on stage for everyone to see. We are much the same way and I appreciate the positive examples that I see in all of the departments throughout the City to exercise patience, speaking kindly to one another, and going the extra mile to serve others.

I spoke with the members of the Development Review panel this week as we searched for ongoing ways to raise the bar on our service. While what we say is important to ensure that the correct information is given, it's how we say it that sends the strongest message. I commit our efforts as staff to remain positive and upbeat in our relationships with each other and everyone that we serve. As we put these new laws into action, having a smile on our face will help us make the most of the situation. And there's always next year to go back and straighten it all out again.

Read on for examples of the great accomplishments this past week.

FIRE

We provided career guidance to 135 students from schools throughout the Jordan School District who are considering careers related to becoming an Emergency Medical Technician. It took three, 50 minutes periods to address all those who were interested. The event was sponsored by the Jordan Applied Technology Center on the Salt Lake Community College South Campus.



We also provided safety instruction to the staff of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality as part of their annual Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (Hazwoper) training. Many of those in attendance were people we routinely work with on underground storage tank installation and removal projects as well as large scale chemical spills.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Fleet

Here are some numbers for the new fleet vehicles for FY2015:

- 50 leased vehicles: 43 have been put into service; 3 are being set up with equipment; 4 are being assigned to drivers.
- 32 purchased vehicles: 17 have been put into service; 7 are being set up with equipment; 5 are on order; 3 are being assigned.

So, at the beginning of March, we are 73% in service with our new vehicles for this year! Within two weeks we should be done with all of the leased vehicles, but some of the purchased trucks may take until April and possibly May to complete.

Also, just so that you have it on your radar, starting in April we will begin inspecting and testing emissions on all EX-plated vehicles that require that for this year to be licensed. We will get you more information on that in a few weeks.

Community Affairs

Sports field scheduling has started. All groups who have submitted their deposit, application, roster and schedule should receive a reservation proof and estimated invoice by the end of next week. All city parks open Monday April 6th.

The Rodeo Committee is looking for a few good men and women to help fill empty committee positions. These are very rewarding opportunities for anyone interested in creating amazing community opportunities.

Comcast Cares is fast approaching. Have you registered yet? We need “everyone” to register and help out on April 25th to meet our goal of 2,000 volunteers. Applications are available in Administration, Finance or on our website at WJordan.com.

Partnership with the Utah Transportation Coalition is in place, and we are helping to move their public information campaign forward.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee completed its consultations with 12 applicants requesting grants for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. The committee also considered several on-going city supported programs. Recommendations will be forwarded to city council in connection with a public hearing scheduled for April or May.

Building permits issued in the last week included 2 new single family dwellings. Total valuation of all permits was \$0.8 million.

On March 4, 2015, an administrative hearing for a Conditional Use Permit was conducted for SAL Chopper-Verizon Wireless. This request was for a new 60' cellular monopole located at 4502 West New Bingham Highway in an M-1 zoning district. The Conditional Use Permit was approved.

PARKS

Preparing athletic fields for league play starting The first of April.

Started hiring process for Seasonal staff for 2015 season.

Started applying pre emergent herbicide at different city properties to assist in weed prevention.

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets

Multiple mud pumping, asphalt repairs and crack seals at various locations.

Small shoulder repair on 7800 S. on the one way direction

Stop sign repair on 5095 West. 6200 South, yield sign on 7690 South 4800 West, replaced an island marked sign with a IRS panel on 7630 South 4800 West, and installed a 35 MPH sign at 9390 South 3200 West.

Review of LED material for the RFP draft.

Staff began the interview process for Streets seasonal workers.



Public Works staff jumped to address the snow blizzard on Tuesday, March 4th. The spring storm came in with quite a “punch.” The photo above was taken around 10 a.m. on 4800 West just south of 7800 South. The storm also resulted in a number of street signs being hit/damaged, including the roundabout on 4800 West and 7630 South.

Graffiti Removal

Graffiti was removed by staff from 21 locations totaling approximately 212 square feet this month, 14 public property locations (approximately 78 square feet), 7 private property locations (approximately 134 square feet) and 1 incident to UDOT this month.

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

Public:

Before



After



Private:

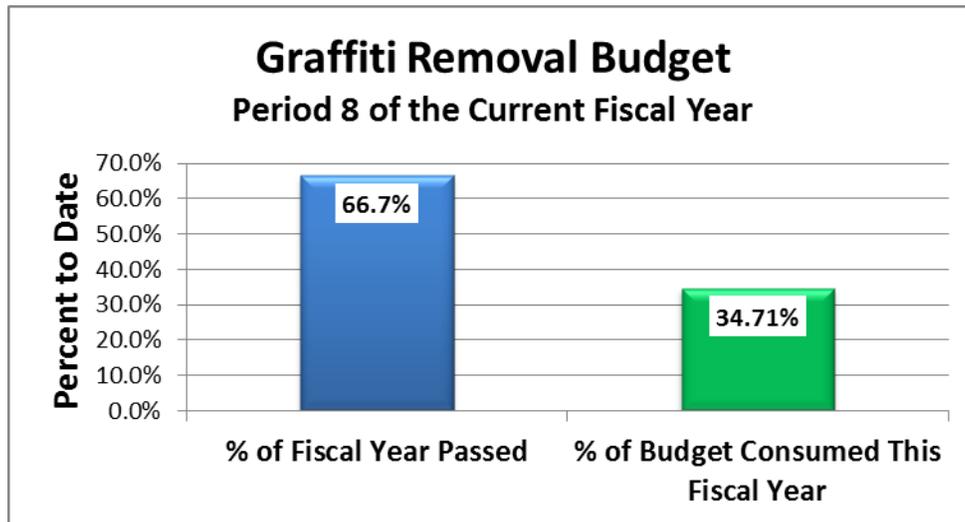
Before



After



Staff spent approximately 130 hours on graffiti abatement during the month of February. The following chart compares the period of the fiscal year – or the percentage of the fiscal year which has passed, to the percentage of the graffiti removal budget used to date. As shown in the chart below, we are within our budgeted amount for this period of the fiscal year.



Sewer Operations

Maintenance crews cleaned 7,677 feet of sewer mains in the following areas:

Garden Valley

3200 West from 7800 to 7650 South

4000 West 9350 to 9000 South.

TV inspection of 5,762 feet of sewer mains as general maintenance work in the following areas: 4000 West 9350 to 9000 South.

Bond Release Inspection of the Storm Drain system in Three Forks Phase #5.

Members of the Operations crew attended the Rural Water Training Conference in St. George this week as part of our ongoing continuing education program.

We finished hauling and placing 229 tons of erosion control boulders at the Jordan River ponds settling bay, this completes our work in this area.

We are currently finishing up the install of a new headwall and erosion control in Trimble Creek. This will stabilize the connector path from the Trimble Creek subdivision to the Jordan River Trail.

Water

Well No. 3 now completed and on line: Our engineering and water utility divisions have been working together to drill a new drinking water well located near 9000 South and Mountain View Corridor. The new location was needed due to the placement of 9000 South and the Mountain. The well is now finished and on line. The new well site includes a well house, pump, piping, valves and new state of the art controls. It contains its own water treatment including on site chlorine capabilities. The well is self-contained and can generate its own power utilizing an onsite generator to keep the well running without interruption during a power outage. The well can generate 1000 gallons per minute with an average of 650 gallons per minute. The new well will assist our water availability during our peak water usage throughout the hot summer months.

