



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending May 15, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

As the 2015-16 budget is up for your consideration and approval, it appears that some of the increases are a hard nut to swallow. We know that your deliberations and concerns for the future weigh heavily on you and the need to retain skilled and knowledgeable staff ranks high on your list. Too often you don't hear the words of appreciation from our staff members for your efforts in this area.

I want to public thank you on behalf of our excellent staff for your consideration to move forward with the step and grade plans that you have approved already this year and your consideration for the 1.3% COLA, career ladders and other wage adjustments. What many don't realize is that there is an ever increasing demand for skilled municipal employees as our economy continues to grow in Utah and unemployment rates remain below 4%. Much of this is due to the retirements of our Baby Boomer generation.

A lack of building inspectors, fewer applications for police officers, and crossing guards are a few examples. The time when hundreds of applications flowed in for any position is gone and we find the competition for skilled workers growing on a daily basis.

Again, I want to thank you for showing us as employees your faith in our efforts and doing your best to compensate each of us with competitive wages and benefits that can help keep our staff satisfied and not needing to look for other options. It is a delicate balance that will pay off as the demand to provide much needed services for our citizens grows.

Read on for more information about what has been happening during the past week in our City.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Facilities

Had backflow preventer rebuilt at Fire Station #53.

New underground pipes completed from the new chiller to the new cooling tower at City Hall.

Rerouted center lights and outlets, and parking lot lights conduit and wires at City Hall.

Emergency lights, interior and exterior lights and exit lights at old library completed.

All fire extinguisher inspected at all facilities.

The gas stove hoods at the Senior Center and the Rodeo Arena inspected.

Pulled wires for card reader, had card reader installed on east door leading in to front stairway 2nd floor Planning and Zoning at City Hall.

All Generator fueled and inspected at all City Facilities.

Had power car washer repaired at Public Works.

Community Affairs

Compiled city newsletter, which will mail to homes early next week.

Updated collateral material for Economic Development's ICSC show.

Creating marketing collateral for a variety of upcoming events and determining publicity strategy.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building permits issued in the last week included 8 new single family dwellings. Total valuation of all permits was \$5.7 million.

The Board of Adjustment held a public hearing on May 12th. In a 4-0 vote the Board granted a variance for Legacy Grove Subdivision located at 7292 South Redwood Road to waive the requirement for undergrounding utilities along the frontage of Redwood Road.

We said goodbye to City Planner Greg Mikolash after 11 years with the City and wish him well.

Staff contacted approximately 16 or 17 developers, brokers, or retail tenants in anticipation of the ICSC show in Las Vegas next week. Marketing materials have been updated and are ready for distribution at the show.

Staff met with County officials to discuss the Jordan Valley Station TOD project. Jeff Vitek was in attendance and he said that they should be ready for construction within a few months.

POLICE

Provo Police requested our help in locating a wanted person who was making threats to his family in Provo. Patrol officers responded to a home in Dixie Valley and made contact with the owner. The homeowner told Officer Bickham no one else was home, but he could hear someone moving in the basement. Officer Bickham got consent from the owner to search the home and called for more officers. After about a twenty minute search the suspect was found hiding and arrested.

The warrants division participated in a warrant round-up Wednesday night.

Animal Control Officers Diamond and Wheelwright responded to a report of animal cruelty in progress. The complainant reported she was watching a male in a neighboring yard pulling on the chain of a dog, whipping it with a leash, and holding it in the air by the chain and swinging it around. While officers were enroute, the complainant advised that the male was spraying two dogs at the residence using high pressure water from a hose. The complainant's daughter video

recorded the abuse. When animal control officers arrived, the 23-year-old suspect initially denied the allegations, but once told a video recording existed of his actions he admitted to the abuse. Officers were also able to see very recent scratch marks and wounds on the suspect's hands and arms. The suspect said that he was upset at the dogs for digging holes in the yard. Charges were filed against the suspect for cruelty to animals. Fortunately the dogs were not seriously injured during the incident.

FIRE

Medic Engine 55 responded to report of a fall patient. The patient turned out to be a three year old child who had fallen. The patient had obvious head and facial trauma. Called immediately for a helicopter transport. Patient was combative and fought EMS while trying to perform the assessment. Medics administered medication to help calm the patient and keep patient from further injury. Patient began to calm after the medication began to take effect. Patient placed in back of Medic Ambulance 53 for transport to the helicopter. Patient was air-transported to Primary Children's Medical Center and patient's mother was able to be transported with patient to the hospital.



Emergency Management

Twelve people completed the CERT course last Friday and Saturday. Council member Sophie Rice was one of the participants.

PUBLIC WORKS

Capital Projects

5600 West Project – 6200 South to 7000 South – This week marks another milestone with wall work on the east side of the road nearing completion. Curb and gutter will begin to go back in by the end of the week. Storm drain work is also nearing completion, less one potential change order for work across a potential private property to the west of the new detention pond. The project is still ahead of schedule, and all 3rd party utility work was

completed on April 27th. If current schedule holds, the project will be completed before the contractual deadline of July 2nd.

Kilgore Construction has placed curb and gutter to approximately 2/3 of the job site, and is proceeding over the next week to place the remaining geotextile fabric and granular borrow and road base for the remaining center portion of 5600 West. There has been some time lost to the recent rains, however, the contractor is still pressing towards the July 4th deadline. Topsoil has been placed inside the new detention pond, and seeding will take place this week. Storm drain work in the center of the project is nearing completion, and block wall work will be complete this week as well. A new vinyl privacy fence for many of the west side property owners is being negotiated with the contractor presently. This fence will be placed for the safety of residents along this side of the project to replace the chain link fences that are there.

9000 South Project – 4800 West to 5500 West – 9000 South from 4800 West to 5300 West closed on April 29, 2015 to traffic. B. Jackson Construction set up traffic control early in the morning and began removing the existing road surface at 7:00am. Fencing was installed to protect pedestrians and school children. Pavement removal continued through Friday. Contractor is currently removing supporting roadway soil materials, good and bad to prepare for the roadway fabric and new structural fill material that will be placed next week. Due to worsening weather conditions the Contractor will be working on Saturday to maintain their aggressive schedule. Soil work will continue next week.



B Jackson Construction has been diligent in removing poor subgrade materials from the site. In less than two weeks the Contractor has removed over 30,000 cubic yards of material from the site. With each truck carrying over 40 tons of material, thousands of truck trips have been required. The Contractor has begun placing roadway fabric and new structural fill material on the prepared subgrade. The Contractor will be placing over 34,000 square yards of geotextile fabric and over 40,000 tons of good granular borrow and road base onto the site. Soil import work will continue next week.



Grizzly and Bingham Junction Reservoirs – The Bingham Junction Reservoir is complete and operational, and the Grizzly Reservoir is being wire wrapped currently. Landscaping work at the Bingham Junction Reservoir site looks very good (see photos). Final work on the Grizzly site will be accomplished in the next two months, with the reservoir to be placed into operation for the July summer peak.



Grizzly Reservoir – Absolute Construction has completed the wire wrapping of the reservoir and will be working on grouting the walls this week and next week. Testing and backfilling operations can then begin for this new reservoir. It is expected that this reservoir will be placed into operation in June after backfilling is completed. This “turn on” date is 20 months from the date of financial authorization for this reservoir. The Junction Reservoir was in operation in 15 months from the date of financial authorization.

Well #3 – 5700 West and 9000 South – Work at the new pump station is at the punch list stage, with the well already tested and approved for operations. The well was test pumped this last month by the contractor to train City staff on the new equipment.

1300 West – Bingham Creek Box Culvert Project – Ekkert Construction is completing final clean up and paving work along 1300 West as weather allows over the next week. The 1300 West portion of the project is substantially complete. All new curb and sidewalk has been placed.



New east side sidewalk



New Bingham Creek channel looking west



New channel on Bingham Creek looking east from 1300 West Street



4000 West – Bingham Creek Box Culvert Project – Ekkert Construction is actively removing the old culvert this week, and the road is closed for the next 30 days along 4000 West. Some complaints with cut through traffic through the subdivision to the west have been received by staff, and effort has been made with the police department and public works staff to resolve the issue. This closure is scheduled for 30 days to complete the removal and replacement of the storm drain culvert. The contractor is preparing the channel for culvert boxes to be installed next week. Retaining wall footings were poured on the east side of the road, and an old transite sewer pipe is being replaced in the channel excavation with new polyvinyl chloride pipe.





Work at Bingham Creek – 4000 West culvert removal

Well # 6 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Installation – A contract for a new motor control is slated for City Council approval on May 13. This new electrical control device will allow improved control over the motor that drives the pump, yielding improved water delivery at lower electrical cost due to improved pump efficiency. Due to construction and build time required for the VFD, this project will be completed in August.

8600 South Half Street Completion at Ron Wood Park – The bids for this will open this Thursday, and will be set for City Council award for May 13. The work is expected to take approximately 60 days, and will be complete by mid-August.

2015 Surface Sealing Project - This project will seal approximately 835,000 square feet of roads in the city in various locations. For comparison, there are approximately 53,856,000 square feet of road surface in the City. Thus, this project covers just 1.5% of the existing roads in West Jordan. The project will take place in June and July.

2015 ADA Ramps Project – This project will remove, and/or replace, or construct 74 new ADA ramps at locations near and in the 2014 overlay areas. The schedule for the project lasts 60 days from notice to proceed.

7000 South Storm Drain Project – The early action storm drain work for the subdivision just north and west of Constitution Park is ready for bidding. The bid date for this project is May 26, with City Council approval slated for June 10th. This project will add a new pipe through the upper area that will bring water to Constitution Park to relieve the lower pipe systems near 3200 West. The engineer's estimate for this portion of the project is \$1,200,000.

The main line design to the Jordan River is on track with permitting agencies to reach a 30% design by June. Some property and easement issues are coming to light in the design, and the project will likely be broken into two phases due to timing and funding. A tentative construction start date of January 3, 2016 for the first phase of work (Jordan River to Heatherway or 1905 West) may be required to meet permitting deadlines with State Stream Alteration permit issues.

7800 South Roadway Expansion – 4000 West to Airport Road – Several meetings and conference calls have been held with the FAA and Salt Lake Department of Airports to determine the best approach to submit plans to gain permit clearance for the project from the FAA in Denver and Washington DC. An Alternatives Analysis will be required that will include several different demonstrated alternatives and cost estimates for each alternative, with rationale for each selection, and pro's and con's for each alternative. This submission may take up to two more months to put together, and will require staff to travel to Denver to explain the submission to officials at the FAA. It is unknown at this point how long the approval process will take once the submission of the Alternatives Analysis is made.

Streets

E-waste and shred event at City Hall was a success.

Concrete work at Straw Circle to assist the Storm Drain Division.

Sidewalk replacement and handicap ramp at Heather Way

Pothole patching various locations.

Asphalt repair and patching; 1300 West 7465 South, 2720 West Haun Drive (sinkhole), 6150 West 9780 South patching

Electrical

Preparation for the Mexican Rodeo. Checked all stadium lighting, outlets, etc. Some bulbs on the stadium lights needed to be replaced.

8326 S 1480 W Pole # 347309 repair; bad underground at base of pole. Excavated, located fault and repaired.

Veteran's Memorial ground lights working on all flags. There are 5 light poles out. Staff is having difficulty locating what circuit they are on as the "as built's" are not accurate. We are in the process of locating the electrical fault.

6731 S Nottingham Drive; Staff is working to locate an underground fault. Installed a point of disconnect in the backyard and ran 10 feet of wire through a concrete wall and re-splice our wire to get power to pole.



4670 West 8450 South; Located underground wire then spliced and installed point of disconnect.

Preston Park: Assisted engineering inspector to determine location of new 30' pole.

Water vault at Bangerter Hwy and 7800 South troubleshooting; Fresh air fan and electrical panel are faulty. Ordered new fan to re-install prior to electrical panel repair.

Uranium Drive & Platinum Drive Pole # 271330; not working, discovered a bird nest, with new hatchlings, inside lamp. Will go back out to repair in 3 weeks once birds have left the nest.



Straw Circle concrete and asphalt work in conjunction with the storm drain project



Sidewalk and handicapped ramp replacement on Heather Way

Paved a portion of the trail at Gene Fulmer Rec Center and completed some pothole patching in the parking lots

Solid Waste:

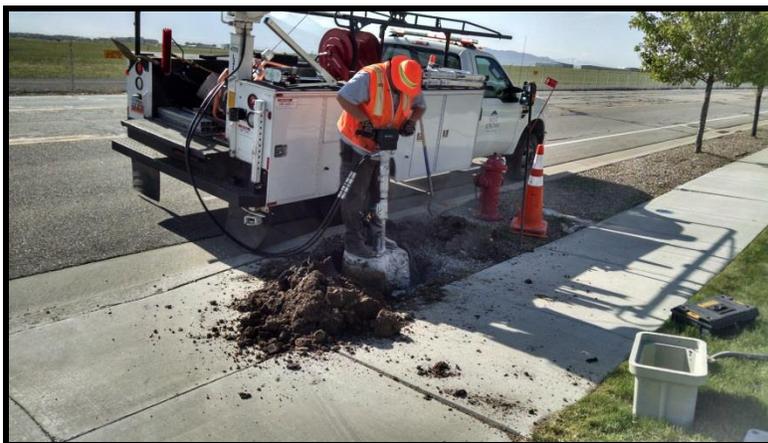
Delivered 15 new cans

Repaired 28 cans

Replaced 61 cans

Veteran's Memorial Park:

We finished all lights on all flags. We had to replace ballast, pods, and light bulbs on flag lights due to water damage. We were able to find the short for the light poles. We reestablished the circuit to the acorn lights around Veteran's Memorial. Circuit came from panel A in the pavilion.



6848 S Airport Rd: 30' fiberglass pole has fallen. This pole has been hit for the third time. We removed the pole and concrete base and installed a traffic J-Box and will reinstall the pole 18' to the south at a later date.



Jordan Landing Blvd in front of Cyprus Credit Union-West side of Blvd: 30' steel pole has fallen due to rust at weld at base of pole. We are very concerned about the poles at Jordan Landing. There are approximately 40-50 of them about the same age, with the same base (not galvanized). It is feared that all concrete bases have steel hardware installed in them. We may have to remove and replace all concrete bases with dipped galvanized hardware in order to make these poles up to spec.

LED Mock-Up:

We made preparations for our upcoming LED "mock-up on U-111. 8 poles starting at U-111 going east down the north side of 7800 S. Verified all poles have 120 volt and finished making our adaptors to install mock-up heads.

4800 South & New Bingham Hwy (just north, east side of road):

Repaired lines where excavation is going across the street for a new development. Installed a new J-Box.

Plum Creek Park:

We are working with the Parks Department get their sprinkler pump working again to pump from the pond instead of using culinary water. This project is still ongoing.

Wellhouse #6:

Turned in second load calc to Rocky Mountain Power in preparation for service change to 1200 amp service to accommodate the new driver for the 500 HP motor and 10 tons of A.C. to keep the new driver cool.

Ron Wood Splash Pad:

Completed final warranty inspection for the facilities' electrical items and drafted punchlist.