



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL  
Week ending September 25, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

Quite often we find ourselves doing things for the safety of the public that they don't appreciate. No one would argue against clean water or that the sewer runs away from the home.

But try to tell people to drive the speed limit for their safety and they may get a little bent out of shape, especially if they deserve a ticket to help get the point. What about asking people to install fire extinguishers, build handrails on stairs, or cut down tall dry weeds next to homes? In some cases we are treated with contempt, anger, and threats.

I want to thank our new City Manager Mark Palesh for the example he has set in his first two weeks on the job. I have witnessed him face challenging decisions where some individuals may be tempted to fudge the regulations a little to give someone what they want. There are times that laws and ordinance allow for some flexibility and knowing how and when to use that authority is more of an art than a science.

But these were situations where people's lives or health could be at risk and Mark didn't flinch. Being brand new in a job it can be tempting to gain acceptance by doing things that please people. Mark knows where those opportunities lie. What is even more impressive is that he knows when to stick to the regulations for the sake of safety and do it in a kind and respectful way.

He understands that as employees we rely so much on leaders that have the wisdom to know how to balance this authority and a boss that backs up his employees when the rules require it for safety. I assured him that he will have our loyalty as we build on the principles of fairness and consistency. Trust is the basis of the best organizations and I want to thank Mark for getting off to such a great start.

Lastly, I want to thank so many of you in the IT, Development, Engineering and Utility/Public Works departments for the outstanding videos prepared for the Mayor's Board of Realtors presentation. I apologize if I've missed anyone. Mayor Rolfe was thrilled with the quality of the messages that showed what a great city we have. Please know how thrilled I am that you all delivered with flying colors.

Read on for more examples of how our staff has been working together for fantastic results this past week.

## **FIRE**

On Monday, crews were dispatched to a rollover accident on 9000 So. Bangerter Highway. A car and a SUV collided in the intersection causing the SUV to roll onto the driver's side and slide into a sound wall. Luckily, the SUV passengers were able to exit the vehicle, unharmed. The driver of the passenger car suffered abrasions on both arms and face from air bag deployment. All parties involved denied medical treatment or transport to hospitals.

Also on Monday, crews responded to the CVS pharmacy construction site on 7800 So. Redwood Rd. on a natural gas line break. The construction company on site struck a gas line. Quester gas was notified and when they arrived, the fire crew provided fire protection for the crew that went into the hole and clamped off the leak.

On Tuesday, crews responded to an automobile vs. bicycle accident on 7800 So. 1300 West. A vehicle made a right hand turn in front of a person on a bicycle. The rider on the bike had to make a quick stop and lost control of the bike. Although the rider of the bike suffered several abrasions all over his body, he was not severely injured and refused transport to the hospital.



Fire Crews from West Jordan, South Jordan and Unified Fire Authority responded to the report of heavy smoke and flames from the roof of Penco Industries located in West Jordan. Upon arrival, heavy black smoke was showing from the roof and there was a light haze inside the building. Crews were told that all parties were evacuated and that there was demolition happening inside the structure with an old paint booth. The demolition comprised of workers using torches to cut the metal flue into pieces which is believed to have started a small fire. The fire was quickly extinguished by fire personnel after gaining access to the roof by ladder. No parties involved were hurt nor any significant structural damage noted. The building was ventilated and crews went back to work promising to use a different method to demolish the flue.

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Building permits issued in the last week included 9 new single family dwellings, 3 new multi-family units, 12 miscellaneous residential permits, and 2 new commercial permits. Total valuation of all permits was \$9.4 million. Performed 220 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.

Loneview North Phase 3, a 33-lot single-family subdivision in the Highlands, was recorded.

The City Council held a public hearing on September 23, 2015 and reviewed and approved the following items:

### *Airport - Special Purpose Rezone:*

The City Council rezoned approximately 738.694 acres from P-F (Public Facilities) to A-SP (Airport – Special Purpose) Zone, for South Valley Regional Airport property located at 6200 South – 7800 South Airport Road. This action amends the official zoning map of the city, putting into effect the code approved by the City Council in 2014.

Farmers Insurance Rezone:

The City Council rezoned 0.3 acres of property from the Rural Residential (RR-1A) zone to the Neighborhood Shopping Center (SC-1) zone and to rezone 0.7 acres of property from the Rural Residential (RR-1A) zone to the Single-family Residential (R-1-10D) zone for property located at 8732 South Redwood Road.

The City's Design Review Committee met on September 22, 2015 to review and forward recommendations to the Planning Commission for the proposed Jordan Valley Dental building located at 7452 South Campus View Drive.

**PARKS**



Fall is definitely in the air. Parks staff has completed the landscape installation on the Ron woods maintenance facility. With the cooler temperatures the turf in the many different parks is rapidly growing. We are doing our best to keep up with the maintenance with limited seasonal staff due to school starting; we have not been having good luck in back filling those positions.

The installation of the first round of playgrounds has started, Lobelia Park being the first one to be completed. Along with the playgrounds being installed both tennis courts at Teton Estates and Jordan Meadows Park are under construction with post tension concrete slabs being installed and then re-stripped.

Parks staff is continually moving forward with bidding out the many projects on the Park project list.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### **Community Affairs**

The Thrill Seeker Stunt Run will take over Veterans Memorial Park, Sept. 26. The run starts at 8am and concludes at 3:30, then participants will be able to purchase tickets to try the stunts without doing the run until the event closes at 9pm. Register at [www.StuntRun.com](http://www.StuntRun.com). The West Jordan Moto Stampede takes place in the Arena. Practice is Friday evening, and the event is Saturday night. Gates open at 5:30pm. The main event is at 7pm. Tickets are \$12 online at [www.WesternStampede.com](http://www.WesternStampede.com) or \$15 at the gate. The newsletter is scheduled to come out next week. Budget Books will be complete Friday afternoon.

### **POLICE**

We recovered a stolen trailer out of Winnemucca, NV. The trailer was stolen last Saturday and the victim found it listed for sale on ksl.com. He drove to West Jordan and arranged to meet the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody and admitted to taking the trailer to settle a gambling debt.

West Jordan Police and Fire Departments hosted training regarding Peer Support Programs this week. We had approximately 100 combined internal and external public safety employees attend this training. The training was presented by Jack A. Digliani, PhD, EdD. Jack is a psychologist and a former deputy sheriff, police officer, and detective. He has served as the police psychologist and peer support team clinical supervisor for the Fort Collins Police Services. The West Jordan Police and Fire Departments have recently implemented a Peer Support Program within our departments. The Peer Support Team (PST) functions as a support and debriefing resource for employees and their families.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### ***Capital Improvement Group***

#### **3300 West, 6880 South, and 3370 West Storm Drain Project (part of 7000 South Project) –**

Jordan Valley Construction was working all week on the crossing of 7000 South with the new culvert into Constitution Park. The road crossing was slowed by the need to lift both a Rocky Mountain Power and Comcast utility lines over the top of the new box culvert. By the end of the week the contractor had cleared the obstructions and placed box all the way across the lanes of 7000 South. Jordan Valley Construction is now working towards 3300 West to tie in new piping that is already in place along that street. Due to utility delays, the work is now two weeks behind schedule.



### ***Streets***

Restored roadway pavement following the storm drain repair on 7800 S. at 3200 W.  
Compiled material for final selection of LED streetlights.  
Staff is coordinating a large sidewalk replacement which involves the property owner removing two very large trees on Devonna Drive.  
Concrete pumping to eliminate trip hazards at multiple locations

### ***Solid Waste***

Last Saturday's Household Hazardous Waste Event (photos below) was a success. We gathered a truckload of electronics for recycling and we collected over 13,000 pounds of chemical waste!



In-house overlay work performed at the following areas:

- Mountain Pine Drive from 3200 West to 3270 West
- Lantana Drive
- Pagoda Tree Lane from 8877 South to 9000 South
- Caraway Bay
- 8940 South from 3270 West to 3293 West
- Meadowlark Lane from OBH to 8420 South
- 8420 South from Meadowlark Lane to 3680 West
- 3680 West from 8420 South to 8480 South
- 8480 South to Meadowlark Lane



### ***Graffiti Removal***

Graffiti was removed by staff from 9 locations totaling approximately 450 square feet this month, 6 public property locations (approximately 228 square feet) 4 private property locations (approximately 222 square feet).

5 Locations reported to Code Enforcement.

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

Public:

Before



After



Private:

Before



After



### ***Electrical***

Relocated 800 amp 500 MCM at Well house # 6 for Sturgeon to reinstall left side reactor.

Prepared the Glenmore water pressure reducing valve (PRV) vault is ready for a power to panel electric Inspection.

Met with League representatives at the Ron Wood Ball park to go over electrical needs for little league concession. The estimated cost for electrical upgrades is \$2,500.