



**CITY MANAGER'S  
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS  
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL**  
Week ending September 17, 2015



Dear Mayor and City Council:

I wanted to take this opportunity to do a shout out to all of our staff members that are ready to drop what they are doing at a moment's notice to deal with any number of emergencies. Members of our public works groups have been monitoring the rain this week to protect our city from flooding. Our fleet department keeps our wheels rolling and steps up to ensure that we can get to where we need to go safely.

Our fire and police officers continue to respond to emergencies and catastrophes that occur in our normal walk of life. We appreciate your efforts to step in and return life to normal as quickly as possible.

We may not think that utility payments are an emergency. But for those that have failed to pay their bill, respond to the delinquency notices and are then frantically looking to get the check deposited at 4:58, it looks like the world is about to end. Thanks to each of you that respond with a smile and do their best to get the paperwork done so that the water stays on.

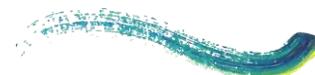
Lastly, I want to thank everyone that has helped me this past week in the development, engineering, and public works groups. As we look to plan and eventually build a new recreation center in the West side of our city, your knowledge and help is fantastic. Thanks for attending our impromptu meetings where we could talk about utilities, storm detention basins, field layout, and all of the other issues that have to be considered.

In the end we will have a better project from our collective input and participation. Too often we forget to express appreciation for someone jumping to our aid or that of our customers. So please know how much I appreciate your cooperation and willingness to run to my aid and that of our fellow staff and customers when the call goes out.

Read on for more examples of how our staff has been working together for a better outcome during the past week.

**FIRE**

Fire crews responded to a traffic accident on 7800 S. 2200 W. A minivan struck a passenger car in a T-bone style accident. The driver of the minivan was not hurt however the driver of the car was badly hurt and needed to be extricated from the vehicle using the Jaws of Life. The patient of the car was complaining of left flank, hip, and shoulder pain and was transported to Intermountain Medical Center for evaluation and care.



Fire crews responded with Unified Fire Authority and Murray Fire Departments on an apartment fire. Upon arrival there were heavy fire conditions throughout two apartments and extending into the attic space. Aggressive tactics using multiple large diameter hose lines and aerial master streams were used to extinguish the fire. Unfortunately the building was a complete loss, displacing everyone in the building.



West Jordan fire crews on scene



Apartment Fire



West Jordan fire crews on scene

Engine 53 responded to Copper Ridge Health Care on an alarm activation call. Dispatch stated this was called in by the alarm company as an alarm activation with no other details. On arrival, there was nothing showing and the health center was being evacuated. As we made entry, a worker stated there was smoke filling the hallway on the East side of the building. Engine 53 crews could smell what appeared to be an electrical fire. On investigation they found no heat inside the building, but a roof top unit was found to be creating the smoke. No fire found and the unit was quickly isolated. The on-site maintenance arrived a short time later and the doors were opened to ventilate the building. All occupants of the care center were allowed back inside and E-53 turned the scene over to the maintenance worker.

Medical units were dispatched to a fall patient at approximately 02:30 in the morning. Information was given that a patient had fallen in a window well, sustained injuries and was not able to get out. An exact address was unknown and the cell phone was traced to a 200 meter

area. With the assistance of our police officers, the patient was located and extricated from the window well. She was transported to the hospital in stable condition.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### ***Fleet***

We've had some new arrivals this week!

The new F350 Crew Cab for the newly approved Concrete Crew in the Streets Division:



The new Escape for Building & Safety:



And another new mower, which will replace one of our Dixie Choppers out here in the soccer complex:



Go-Live week for our new fleet software is next week! We're excited, and stressed a bit, but it's going to be awesome when it is in place. We'll be holding training from Monday afternoon thru Thursday, with the software going completely on line and live at 7:00 AM Thursday morning. It's been a long road, and it's so good to have the end in sight!

### ***Community Affairs***

Don't forget the household hazardous waste collection event Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.-noon in the City Hall parking lot. The 5K Thrill Seeker Stunt Run is Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Races start every 10 minutes beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. A portion of the proceeds benefit Be the Match, the nation's largest bone marrow registry. Register at [www.stuntfun.com](http://www.stuntfun.com). Tickets are on sale for the West Jordan Moto Stampede Endurocross, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> on [www.westernstampede.com](http://www.westernstampede.com). Tickets are \$12 online or \$15 at the door. Time trials start at 3 p.m. with the main event set for 7 p.m. The Theater Arts production of "The 39 Steps" runs Sept. 17-19 at 7:30 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday at the old West Jordan Library, 1970 West 7800 South. Info and tickets at [www.sugarfactoryplayhouse.com](http://www.sugarfactoryplayhouse.com). Auditions for "The Dickens Christmas Carol Show" are Sept. 22-23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the old West Jordan Library.

### ***Facilities***

Facilities accomplished the following:

- Painted office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor northside at City Hall.
- Moved Kim Wells desk, bookcase, and chairs into her new office on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor northside at City Hall.
- Painted the City Manager's office at City Hall.
- Painting the inside of the baseball building at the Ron Wood Park.
- New Expansion Tank being install for the HVAC system at City Hall.
- Repaired kennel door at the Animal Shelter.
- Change lights throughout Public Works.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building permits issued in the last week included 6 new single family dwellings, 24 miscellaneous residential permits, and 5 miscellaneous commercial permits, including the \$2.5 million remodel of AMC Theaters at 9200 South Redwood Road. Total valuation of all permits was \$4.7 million. Performed 201 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.

This week we also welcomed to the City our new building inspector Kim Dabb.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on September 15, 2015 and reviewed the following items:

### Bella Estates Land Use Map Amendment and Rezone:

The Bella Estates application requests to change the Land Use Map from Very Low Density Residential to Low Density Residential and the Rezone request would change the zoning from RR-1D (Rural Residential, 1 acre min. lot size) to R-1-12 F (Single-family Residential, 12,000 square foot min. lot size). Bella Estates is located on approximately 5 acres of land found at 7481 South 5490 West. The Planning Commission moved to table this item until the October 6, 2015 meeting, in order to give engineering staff additional time to analyze existing sewer capacity.

### Assisted Living as a Conditional Use in P-O zone – Text Amendment:

This text amendment, proposed by Foursquare Properties Inc., requests to allow Assisted Living as a Conditional Use in the P-O zones (Code Section 13-5D-2). Prior to the meeting, the applicant requested to pull this item from the agenda and table this request to a date uncertain. The Planning Commission so moved.

### Swine in Rural Residential zones – Text Amendment:

This text amendment, requested by the City Council, considers the possibility of allowing swine (pigs) in all Rural Residential zones, subject to specific limitations and restrictions. After discussing the proposed amendment, the Planning Commission forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the following amendments to Section 13-5B-7 of the City Code:

Large animals, such as horses, and cows	17
Medium animals, such as sheep and goats, <del>but not including standard size pigs and swine</del> <sup>1</sup>	8
Small animals, such as chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, rabbits, chinchillas	1

#### Note:

1. Notwithstanding the number of points per animal and the size of property, there shall be no more than 2 swine per lot, including offspring. Breeding and/or birthing of swine is expressly prohibited.

Staff met with the Director of Real Estate for IHC to discuss the future development of property they own on Redwood Road just north of Target at 7000 South, and also discuss a possible location on the west side of the city.

The Development staff has had several meetings this week with the potential developer of land owned by the Jensen family on 7800 South, east of the Mountain View Corridor. The purpose of the meetings is to provide technical information as they conduct their due diligence. The project will improve approximately 250 acres into a planned unit residential community with amenities.

Construction of the Holiday Oil convenience store at 7800 South and 2700 West will begin this week.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### ***Electrical***

We have been in contact with the State Licensing Division of Occupation and Licensing regarding the Electrical s200 and Qualifier program. This program will allow the city to train and qualify their own Journeyman and Apprentice Electricians. The state is preparing a packet for the city to inform us of the required information that they need to make this official.

### Glenmore PRV vault

Began work on the Glenmore PRV vault, pulled 3 circuits to the vault from the metered pedestal, began running conduit and wiring down inside vault, mounted switch near entrance of enclosure.

Still need to pull one circuit to the low voltage cabinet and pull some interconnections in the vault.

### Street lighting

Replaced 2 LED heads on 6200 South. These lights have been out for a while but this is a very busy road to work on.

Responded to a hit pole on Center Park Dr. This is a 30' metal pole, we secured the wiring and made the scene safe. This pole and concrete base are damaged and will need to be replaced.

Responded to another hit pole in a residential neighborhood, it was an 18' fiberglass pole that was knocked over. We also secured the wiring and soon will replace the pole and head.

Completed multiple work orders, including other head change outs, fixing fuses, lamps and photo cells.

### Events-demolition derby

Met with sound and vendor personnel at the arena and worked out any electrical issues.

Prepped all lighting and made sure was in working order.

Had to re-wire two outlets to provide necessary power to two vendors.

### Well house 6

The electrical work that was being done by the external contractor was subpar, the city has allowed us to go in and complete the project to the necessary standards and requirements. We have removed some existing wiring and will be re-routing the conduits to the new driver cabinet. This required moving the feeder wires from underground to an overhead service. This is to allow the reactor its proper needed clearance for proper function.

## **POLICE**

Lt. Shober and Crime Prevention Specialist Christie Jacobs met with the West Jordan Wellness Committee and gave input from a police perspective. Their ideas were given to the committee to develop ideas and direction that can best help the City.

We responded to the report of a domestic where the suspect was armed. When we arrived information was received that he was armed with a handgun and had barricaded himself in his home. We were able to get the suspect's wife, daughter and mother out of the home. We set up containment with an immediate action team where a negotiator was in place. The suspect came out of the home carrying a firearm when the negotiator started to talk him. Two officers came up behind the suspect and one officer deployed his Taser, striking him in the back. The suspect was wearing a ballistic vest thus defeating the Taser. The suspect charged the two officers and the two officers went hands on with him. The officers were then quickly joined by several other officers and the suspect was safely taken into custody. The suspect was committed to a mental health institution.