



From the office of Mark Palesh, City Manager
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS REPORT
For the week ending May 27, 2016

Below are some highlights of what happened around the City over the last week:

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

- Memorial Day Tribute, Monday, May 30 at 7 p.m.
- Summer Reading Kickoff, Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Mutton Bustin' and Princess Contest signups take place at this event, with participation taking place at the Stampede.)
- Stampede Committee is moving forward with plans for the rodeo July 1, 2 & 4. Tickets are on sale at www.westernstampede.com.
- Newsletter comes out next week.
- Establishing criteria and an application for two Mayor's Choice scholarships. Employees and residents can apply for two scholarships to Stevens Henager College.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Division

Graffiti was removed from three public locations, two private locations and two locations forwarded to Code Enforcement



Much needed pothole patching was done at various location around the city, including the south side of 6200 South. This portion of 6200 South will be part of the route for the upcoming Tour of Utah Race in August.



A ramp at Veterans Park was removed and reinstalled.



The concrete crew continues to complete work orders as well as the installation of six new handicap ramps at various locations as part of this year's Capital Project.

Capital Projects Division

City Hall Parking Lot Expansion:

The removal of all landscaping and concrete is complete, and the parking area has been rough graded. Soft spot areas have been dug out and replaced with a separation fabric and granular borrow. Visitors and staff at City Hall should avoid the construction area for their safety and protection. Rain has slowed the project by several days, but the project is still expected to finish in June.



Electrical Division

Last week, City staff received a double shipment of LED street lights because of an issue with the City's contractor, and we managed to get all 288 lights installed in four days. The City's normal shipment is 144, so this kept us busy. To date the City has installed 726 lights and have 1365 to go. Our street light installation contractor has an equal number of lights to install. City staff have recently been out inspecting the street lights along 7800 South and found that the contractor has misaligned the double-headed lights so they are not shining onto the roadway. We will be correcting this problem next week.

The Wells Park Road lighting project is complete. We installed fitters for the tops of the poles which allowed us to install the lights and they are now burning.

The holding cells at City Hall were traced and disconnected in preparation for demo work.

We are still staying on top of the City Hall parking lot project to make sure we get our underground pipes installed before they start backfilling and pouring concrete.

Stormwater Division

Welby Farm storm drain project

We have been installing 40-feet of storm drain pipe and custom sloped inlet box to improve drainage at 4000 West 8700 South.



We have also poured concrete pads around the waterway at the Jordan River Pond.

The stormwater operators cleaned 4 manholes and 4 inlet boxes in Oquirrh Shadows, inspected 9 city owned stormwater basins and assisted the Engineering Division surveying the storm drain system on 4000 West from 8380 South to 7800 South.

Wastewater Division

Maintenance crews performed mainline maintenance work on 104 sections of mainline sewer, totaling 26,436 feet of mainline serviced.

The South Mainline Maintenance Crew cleaned 10,760-feet and the North Mainline Maintenance Crew cleaned 15,673-feet of sewer lines.

The following areas were serviced as part of our semi-annual cleaning schedule: Magic Valley, Copper View Park, Jordan Landing, Meadow Green Farms, Green Briar, 2700 West 7700 West, West Jordan Industrial Park, 2200 West 8800 South, Richland Estates, and Dixie Valley.

Maintenance crews performed hydro-excavation work for two water mainline breaks and engineering research work at the proposed recreation center location.

This last week the Mainline Inspection Crew performed CCTV inspections on 2,984 feet of sewer line.

Crews gathered GPS point data for the sewer system at Copper View Park, Arbor Meadows, Barton Hollow, and Beverly Glen.

Facilities

The following projects and repairs were completed this week:

To get ready for rodeo season, Norm Farer and Wayne Demke cleaned and repaired the rodeo concessions building. This included getting the ice machine and air conditioning up and running, painting, and washing the interior.



We reconfigured new double gates on the north and south fences into the rodeo arena so large trucks can enter the arena. The center posts are now removable making the entrance 20' wide. We will get the new post painted when we do the six chute gates in the next few weeks.

The new carpet has been installed in basement of the Parks building.





Over at the Senior Center we repainted all the curbing and entry ways to enhance safety.

Another project we are doing is enlarging the main server room in City Hall. Here are a couple of progress pictures. Ron Moore has been the lead on this project. Ron installed the sheetrock and coordinated the installation of the glass for the view window.



We are also preparing the attachments needed to hang the new large 20' x 30' flag on the outside of City Hall. With the help of Kevin Bateman's crew and their bucket truck we will get all the attachments installed and get the flag hung for this Memorial Day weekend and future holidays.

PARKS

- Parks & Cemetery staff have been very busy preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. The cemetery grounds look amazing -- staff trimmed the grass around all approximately 2000 headstones.



- Parks staff have been servicing the splash pad at the Ron Wood complex. It is now in good repair and ready to run. It will be turned on Saturday May 26th.
- Parks staff have been conducting general maintenance & detailing of all park property.
- We have also been working with Capital Projects in completing park projects with the park bond funding.

FIRE

West Jordan crews responded on a motorcycle accident at 8200 South 6000 West. The rider was traveling at a high rate of speed and was unable to negotiate the roundabout. He rode over the roundabout, struck a curb and was ejected from the bike, striking his head on a wall. He was transported by Air-Med helicopter to University of Utah Trauma Center where he later died from his injuries. He was not wearing a helmet.

West Jordan fire responded on a drug overdose-induced cardiac arrest. Witnesses on scene were performing CPR. Crews quickly assessed and took over lifesaving procedures, giving medication to counteract the drugs. The patient was transported to Jordan Valley Hospital.

On May 24, a citizen contacted B Platoon at station 52 while they were in quarters to alert them of a mother duck who was sitting over a storm drain at 8300 South on Redwood Road, quacking at her eight trapped ducklings below. The crew and Officer Scott from Animal Control were able to free the ducklings from the drain and return them, with their mother, to a nearby body of water.



Home safe!

POLICE

The beginning of May started the 100 deadliest days of summer on Utah's Roadways. To help counter this, the Utah Highway Patrol has invited the West Jordan Police Department and other agencies from across the valley to participate in DUI saturation patrols (usually held on Friday nights). The goal is to reduce fatal crashes and make our community safer for motorists. As of 05-24-2016 there have been 27 DUI arrests, with most of the arrests coming from West Jordan officers within West Jordan City. Thank you to the WJPD officers who have been helping with this endeavor!

K-9 Officer Steve Hutchings and his PSD "Bronco" assisted UPD in Taylorsville on a suspicious traffic stop. PSD Bronco was deployed, conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle and indicated that illicit substances were present. The vehicle was then searched and PSD Bronco located 12.4 ounces of methamphetamine along with one gram of marijuana. The street value of the narcotics was valued at \$100,000. Two suspects were taken into custody and booked into ADC on numerous felony charges.

Officer Mike Fullwood responded to a suspicious circumstance at the Wendy's in Jordan Landing. The complainant reported that two males were "hanging out" in the bathroom and acting suspicious. Officer Fullwood made contact with the two individuals and learned that they had met at the location to smoke heroin together. During his investigation Officer Fullwood discovered one of the suspects was in possession of one gram of heroin and a heroin pipe. Officer Fullwood completed his investigation and screened charges. Officers were unable to book the suspects into jail because of overcrowding/jail booking restrictions.

Officer Jody Wright was dispatched on a missing person. The family's father, who suffered from dementia, had wandered from their home. The elderly male recently relocated to West Jordan from Mexico and, due to his dementia, sometimes thinks he still lives in Mexico and becomes easily confused and disoriented. Officer Wright and other officers on shift did an outstanding job of coordinating an organized search with our agency and other agencies. Because of the way these officers handled this call and coordinated with outside agencies, the gentleman was quickly located (on the high east end of Sandy City) and safely returned to his worried family.

There has been a small increase of thefts and vehicle burglaries in the west central portion of West Jordan. The graveyard patrol shifts have been working hard to saturate this area with extra patrols, bike patrols, etc. in an effort to mitigate this problem and hopefully identify and arrest those responsible.

Patrol received several calls to the home of a family dealing with specific issues with two autistic children, and the POP Unit was tasked with finding a solution. Detective Sadness located a company willing to donate two GPS watch bracelets and two months of service. They were presented to a grateful family.

Crime Prevention and VIPS conducted tours of City Hall and the Justice Center for approximately 100 children.

DEVELOPMENT

Elected officials and staff attended the ICSC convention this week. There were several meetings of significance and the discussions may have great effects on the future of the City.

Building & Safety

- Building permits issued in the last week included 10 new single family dwellings (Note: we have issued 286 SFD permits so far this fiscal year, which is the most in 9 years), 12 miscellaneous residential permits, and 2 miscellaneous commercial permits. Total valuation of all permits was \$3.2 million.
- Performed 225 field, investigative, and complaint inspections.
- Received 5 new solar permit applications and issued 5 solar permits. We have issued 200 solar permits since January 1, 2016.
- Commercial Reviews were completed for a canopy at the entrance of Jordan Valley Medical Center, and restrooms at the Tera-flex building

Planning

City Council:

The City Council held a public meeting on May 25th and took action on the following applications:

Jordan Valley TOD – Amended Preliminary Development Plan

The City Council amended the Preliminary Development Plan to allow a modification to the parking garage screening requirements. The developer is now required to overlay the exterior facades of the existing parking garages with colored, texturized cement that is complementary to the colors used by the apartment buildings currently under construction. The developer is also required to install additional trees and painted metal security mesh. The Jordan Valley TOD project is located at 3295 West 8600 South. The Preliminary Development Plan was approved in 2010 and entitles the developer to 1,396 dwelling units.

Loneview West – Future Land Use Map Amendment & Rezone

The City Council approved a Future Land Use Map Amendment for 5.01 acres from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential and Rezone from LSFR (Low Density Single-family Residential – WSPA) to R-1-8E (Single Family Residential 8,000 square foot minimum lots). The property is located at 8174 South 6540 West.

Lamar Jones Family Rezone – Rezone

The City Council held a public hearing to consider rezoning 230.69 acres located at U-111 Old Bingham Highway from A-20 (Agricultural; 20 acre minimum lot size) Zone to M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zone. The City Council elected to continue this item to a date uncertain.

Office of Development Assistance

New applications received:

- Rocky Mountain Vacuum Brokers LLC application for Administrative Conditional Use Permit for outdoor storage.
- 6200 South Dixie Drive Subdivision – a one-lot commercial subdivision located at 3655 West 6200 South. It is anticipated that a coffee shop will locate there in the near future.
- Carriage Lane lot 3, located at 2116 W. 9240 S. submitted for a Lot Line Adjustment.
- Jordan Meadows Subdivision, located at 8157 S. Mapleleaf Way, an 83-lot subdivision applied for a rezone.

Revised plans returned for staff review:

- Bella Estates – a six-lot subdivision located at 7481 S. 5490 W.
- Rocky Mountain Waterproofing, located at 8401 S. 4300 W.

Redlines returned to developers:

- Creekside Phase 3 – the final 39-unit phase of a project located at approximately 6000 West 8200 South in the Highlands.
- Broadmeadow Phase 3 – the final 23-lot phase of a project located at approximately 5800 West 8200 South in the Highlands.
- Larsen Meadows Subdivision, located at 7953 S. 2700 W. a 12-lot subdivision.