



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending March 20, 2015**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

I was invited to an interesting and engaging meeting yesterday (aren't they all though?). Much like Council Member Chris McConnehey stressed during our Strategic Planning Session in January, this organization realized years ago the importance of safety and took aggressive measures to address it.

The meeting took place over a pizza lunch where members could fill their stomachs and minds at the same time. Breaking bread seems to relax emotions when the subject can be tense. In this case, a slice of pizza was a great neutralizer for the discussion of accidents and safety. One team shared their practices for working safely around traffic and heavy equipment. Then they did some things even more peculiar.

They talked about "near misses" which were accidents that almost happened except for luck or divine intervention. They shared thoughts on how those "almost" accidents could be avoided in the future. It got even weirder when they openly talked about accidents that did happen, who was involved, who was at fault, and how the guilty party was held responsible.

I learned that this organization once held a safety record so poor that 1/3 of their employees were statistically expected to have a workers comp claim in a nine year period. Yet, after years of progress, they were recently recognized as one of the safest organizations in the nation by their insurance company.

After the meeting the organization head explained that the value of the meeting was to keep leaders talking about safety, recognizing how others handled risk management, and kept each other on task. "They really self-police each other." I was told.

I hope that you will support having our Risk Manager, Jared Smith head up our own Risk Committee in West Jordan. I want to publicly thank Sandy City for allowing Jared, Jeff Robinson, and I to look behind the curtain to see how they've achieved such tremendous success and for a pizza lunch. We can't afford to miss this opportunity. Our employees are worth it and it will reflect on the service we give our citizens.

Read on for other news on what has been happening around our great City.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Community Affairs

The Western Stampede Committee meeting went well. All groups are on track and it's shaping up to be another fantastic year for rodeo!

We are behind on getting volunteers for Comcast Cares Day coming up on April 25th. Applications are available in Administration, Finance or online at WJordan.com.

Created online survey for proposed Cultural Arts Complex public input. Public meeting is set for April 1st at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Fleet

This week marks the completion of all vehicles ordered from fiscal year 2014! We have taken delivery and licensed the hook-lift truck from Legacy Equipment and Rush Truck Centers. We encountered a bit of a challenge finding the payment check, but now all has been resolved and the truck is in service. Speaking of completing orders... All of the public service vehicles that have been leased for fiscal year 2015 are now in service! We're still shooting for the goal of having all vehicles in service by June 1st, and it looks good so far. Our two new Mack trucks should be arriving for the bodies to be installed around mid-April; the last F350 and F550 chassis should arrive around the end of April. Everything else is just a matter of installations and getting them ready to work!

One final note: the TNT auction will be held this Saturday for anyone who is interested.

FIRE

Station 52 responded on a traffic accident. Upon arrival, company 52 found a high impact accident. One of the drivers died on impact. The impact caused the driver to push the gas pedal all the way to the floor causing the vehicle to travel at a high rate of speed and crashing through a fence into a canal. The vehicle was in a dangerous position and could have easily rolled into the canal. The passenger had multiple serious injuries and company 52 had to do an emergency/rapid extraction with the help of WJPD. Heavy Rescue 53 responded from station 53. They quickly secured the vehicle and the scene was turned over to WJPD so they could follow through with the investigation.

On March 12th units were dispatched to a traffic accident on Mountain View corridor and 9000 South, southbound. Medic Engine 55, Ladder 53, Heavy Rescue 53, Medic Ambulance 53, Medic Ambulance 52 and Battalion Chief 51 were all dispatched to the scene of a two car accident. In route to the scene, dispatch stated that there was a pediatric patient that was possibly unconscious. L53 called for a pediatric helicopter to be on standby. ME55 arrived and established Mountain View Command. The incident had both cars with damage, and was obviously a high speed accident.

Captain Spencer took over the Rescue Officer for the extrication of the car with a pinned patient. MA53 took the child in Bravo (good) condition, and responded to Riverton hospital while the remainder of the assignment worked on the pinned patient. Paramedic Rosqvist requested that we start a helicopter for the pinned patient. The other patient in the other car was in Alpha (good) condition and required no other action. The pinned patient was extricated from the car after the roof of the car was removed for access to the patient. The

patient was transported to the U of U in critical condition by helicopter. The last patient was re-evaluated once more just to make sure they were OK, no transport for them was needed.

Prevention and Emergency Management

This week we are supporting the Chamber of Commerce and their preparedness fair at city hall. Dep. Fire Marshal Paul Brockbank is promoting our CERT training. We have a class scheduled for April 8 and 9. We need to get more people to be able to hold the class. Sign up at certwjfd@wjordan.com. The cost is \$35.

Efforts are continuing to work toward a resolution of the Welby Rail Yard expansion. We gave a briefing to District Director Laurel Price and District Representative Barry McLerran in Congresswoman Mia Love's office. Our intent is to ensure that all federal agencies that need to be involved are aware of our concerns. Their office had already received a constituent complaint concerning the expansion.

PARKS

Continue with recruiting efforts for Parks Seasonal staff (Not receiving a lot of interest in the seasonal positions) currently looking at other options to recruit.

Preparing for the spring startup at all Parks.

Turned water on at the soccer complex, due to the dry winter, fall sod did not root trying to boost the root growth before the leagues start their season.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Building permits issued in the last week included 5 new single family dwellings. Total valuation of all permits was \$1.6 million. Received a new commercial permit application for \$5 million Boeing paint booth.

The Planning Commission met on March 17th and approved the following applications:

- Temporary permit for Palomar Catering Food Cart at 1475 West 9000 South.
- The Shops at 1650 West; 1650 West 9000 South; Preliminary Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit for a 5,110 square foot multi-tenant retail building.
- West Jordan Gateway Phase 4 Flex Office; 9069 South 1300 West; Preliminary Condominium Site Plan and Plat for a 15,875 square foot single-story multi-tenant office building.

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets

Crack sealing is ongoing, however; this will be winding down soon as the temperatures continue to rise.

Started moving equipment, removing asphalt and preparing grade in the northwest corner of Public Works complex for asphalt replacement.

Finalized LED Request For Proposals and forwarded to Purchasing for advertising.

Curbside cans: delivered 11 new cans, replaced 66 cans, repaired 8 cans

Graffiti abatement:

3 private locations – approximately 1290 sq. ft.

4 public locations approximately 75 sq. ft.

Capital Improvement Projects

5600 West Project – 6200 South to 7000 South – The Contractor is continuing roadway excavation on the east side of the roadway at approximately 6600 South. Storm drain construction is proceeding in 6600 South with most of the pipe work already installed. Kearns improvement district has asked that some of their lines be looped around the existing storm drain. Comcast has installed fiber line in the new conduits and looks to complete the new connection on March 17th. Rocky Mountain Power and Zayo communication are working diligently to install fiber and power line in their newly installed conduits. Both companies hope to complete their work in the next two weeks. The Contractor has finished placing geotextile fabric and granular borrow from 7000 South to 6600 South on the east side of the roadway. The project is scheduled to last five months.



Fire Station 54 construction: The site work crew is on site with concrete work continuing, fencing next week, asphalt next week, shower stalls are installed, carpet is complete, base is going in, railing is about a week out, grates will be delivered on the 20th, will start final cleaning, pouring tower steps Friday, cleaning apparatus bay, working on Ztron system, furniture deliveries have started.

1300 West Bingham Creek Culvert

Questar gas has finished installing the new 24-inch steel pipe underneath the future culvert. They will perform pressure testing of the pipeline and backfill the remainder of the week.

The City's contractor will re-mobilize to the site next week and begin the remaining demolition of the culvert and installing the new box culverts pre-cast sections.

4000 West Bingham Creek and Canal Culverts

The contractor poured the concrete apron on the canal culvert and brought this area up to road grade over the new culvert. He also cleared and graded the Creek channel on the east side of 4000 West.



POLICE

The Special Operations Unit executed three search warrants in West Jordan, and two buy-busts and one search warrant in West Valley City, with a total seizure of over 25 pounds of meth and over 7 pounds of heroin.

The Major Crimes and Warrants Units located two suspects wanted for questioning in a stabbing from February. Detectives interviewed the suspects who corroborated the events of the stabbing as well as gave leads as to the identification of two additional suspects.

The K9 Unit delivered a well prepared demonstration at the West Jordan Senior Citizen Center as part of their annual police and fire appreciation event. The demonstration was well received by the audience.

Officers responded to 8200 South Redwood Road on a fatal car accident. A grandfather and granddaughter were in a car driving westbound when the driver of a northbound truck ran a red light, striking the car in the driver door. Unfortunately the grandfather died at the scene and the granddaughter was transported to the hospital in serious condition. Drug paraphernalia was found in the truck and a search warrant was obtained to draw the blood of the male driver. Redwood Road was shut down for about three hours while the investigation was completed. Charges are pending the outcome of the blood test.

Officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress at the Jordan Landing Walmart. A male suspect stole items inside the Walmart and was stopped by security as he left the store. As security attempted to take the man into custody, he pulled out a knife and swung it at the guards. Security backed off and the man ran westbound through the parking lot. West Jordan and American Fork K-9 officers were taking a lunch break from training exercises and were able to arrest the suspect inside the Jordan Landing Chick-fil-A.

Animal Control Officers Diamond and Eatchel responded to a report of an animal attack. The attacking dog, a Pit Bull, had escaped from its yard was running at large. An eight-year-old boy was walking past the dog's residence and he encountered the unrestrained dog. The dog chased him, knocked him to the ground, and bit him in the face area. The victim was treated by West Jordan Fire and was transported to the hospital where he received further treatment. The child is expected to recover fully. Animal Control seized the dog for quarantine and charges were filed against the dog's owner.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff contacted the listing agent for Fairchild Semiconductor. They will work with the City to help find a purchaser.

Staff met with some industrial brokers to discuss the local market. They informed staff that if we had some inventory, it would fill up quickly.

Staff spoke with the broker of the Murdock land near the airport. There is an offer to purchase a part of the parcel, but the price is quite low. A counter offer is in the works.