



**CITY MANAGER'S
WEEKLY HAPPENINGS
TO THE WEST JORDAN CITY COUNCIL
Week ending November 21, 2014**



Dear Mayor and City Council:

I had the opportunity to review a stack of nominations for our Employee of the Quarter, Employee of the Year, Manager of the Year, and the West Jordan Award. I'm always so amazed to read the details of our employee's efforts to make our City a better place.

Wages alone aren't enough to foster this type of commitment and care. These are examples of individuals that have personal pride and dedication to go the extra mile. We will read summaries of many of these nominations at the Christmas party to acknowledge their efforts.

We also met with employees this week to discuss our City Values which are:

1. Safety
2. Customer Service
3. Professionalism
4. Efficiency
5. Personal/Engaging

These words describe what we value, who we are, and how we treat each other and members of our community. They are numbered in the order of importance. We will be printing these values on our employee badges and business cards to confirm these commitments to others.

And finally, about 25 of our employees participated in a leadership training course to develop additional skills in dealing with difficult and challenging people or situations. Seeing their desire to improve their ability to interact with each other and those we serve and to improve the outcome is a testament to each person's dedication.

Occasionally we will make a mistake or let someone down; we are only human after all. But much more often we exceed expectations, go the extra mile, and achieve the impossible. Thanks for your leadership and example as our Mayor and Council. I also express my appreciation to each of the great employees that continue to excel and achieve.

More examples of the accomplishments this past week are found below:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Fleet

The first new 10-wheel dump truck plow is in service for this winter! We are expecting the other two to be here soon, but it's awesome to see the latest addition to our fleet out on the front line ready to go!

The Fleet Board met this week to discuss adding a vehicle that was seized in 2012, replacing one of the patrol cars, and the need to start looking at replacing some of the older ambulances.

A new 18,000 pound vehicle lift has been installed in the shop, allowing us to use another one of our bays more efficiently.

Public Information

Hosted a media panel for the Utah Association for Government Communications to discuss how to work more effectively with the media.

Edited first drafts of four one-minute economic development videos that CGI is creating at no cost to the city.

Smith's VIP reception is set for Tuesday, Dec. 2 from 5-6:30 p.m. The Dec. 3 ribbon cutting will be a smaller event primarily for Smith's staff at 7:30 a.m.

City pages for Imagine Magazine are complete with the magazine scheduled for distribution in December.

FIRE

Engine 53, Medic Ambulance 53, Engine 52, Medic Ambulance 52, Battalion Chief 51, Engine 62, and Ladder 61 were dispatched to Villa West Mobile Park, on a possible structure fire. In route dispatch stated there was a fire in the water heater area with smoke and flames visible. On arrival there was light smoke coming from the exterior of the mobile home. E-53 took command and pulled a cross lay. MA-53 assisted E-53 with fire extinguishment from the exterior while E-62 went interior to search for extension. Utilities were secured. The fire was quickly put out and E-62 noted no heat or issues from inside. The fire was contained to the area of the water main and the water heater which is accessed from the outside. All units cleared with the exception of company 53 who did through overhaul. It was noted by company 53 that there were multiple heat tapes wrapped around the water lines to prevent them from freezing which are suspect to the cause. The item that first ignited was a blanket that was draped over the water lines. The fire spread to the underside of the water heater and a partial section of the exterior. West Jordan building inspector was called out to inspect the mobile home. Home was deemed unlivable until repairs are made.

Medic Ambulance 53, Engine 53, Heavy Rescue 53, Medic Engine 55, Battalion 51, Engine 62, and Medic Ambulance 62 were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident. Details enroute stated two patients were pinned within the vehicle with fire coming from the engine compartment. On arrival a sedan was found off the road pinned between the concrete sound wall and a tree on the sidewalk facing Eastbound. The vehicle was damaged on both sides from the impact. There were two patients inside the vehicle. Both patients had to be extricated out of the vehicle and transported to a Trauma 1 Care Center.

Engine 53 was dispatched to an alarm activation at the Utah National Guard hanger. On arrival there was nothing showing. Company 53 made contact with security and tried to locate the problem. The alarm panel showed a water flow alarm. Water was found flowing from under a wall which was locked from the aircraft hangar. Company 53 was not able to gain access until on-site maintenance was called to the scene. The riser room was located and

water was flowing inside the building. After opening the doors a broken sprinkler head was found flowing inside an electrical and electronic storage room. Company 53 shut off the water to the affected area and helped squeegee/mop the water to an outside door. Water damage to the electrical and electronic equipment could be as high as \$2,000,000.00 if all equipment is ruined.

A56 received call of reported CO alarm activation. Upon arrival we were greeted by the home owner who stated that when the family returned home from a movie the CO detectors in the home were alarming. A56 made entry with our CO detector which gave a positive reading with a max of 20ppm, we then proceeded to use natural ventilation to ventilate the structure. After obtaining more info it was discovered that the home was getting the carpets cleaned when the family left, we were able to make contact with the cleaning company and it was concluded that the combustion from the cleaning truck was very likely the contributor to the CO in the home. After ventilation the levels dropped and did not re-rise. We instructed the family that if the alarm sounds again to exit the structure and proceed accordingly. After confirming that our services were no longer needed we cleared the scene and returned into service.

E 71, L 126, E 117 MA 53, MA 52, BC 51 and E 52 were dispatched to the report of a possible fire at the West Jordan Child center. Upon arrival there was nothing showing but the school was being evacuated (90 Kids 14 Adults). While investigating it was found that a furnace had malfunctioned and started to burn inside and with the blower motor going it sent smoke throughout the building. The Furnace was shut down and also isolated at the breaker box. Windows were opened and the structure was ventilated. A four gas monitor was taken to see if there was any CO. The reading came back as 0%. It was decided to close all the windows and try and reheat the structure with the remaining two furnaces. We went back in to see if there would be any CO with the remaining furnaces. We also had 0% readings on our monitors and that was throughout the whole building. We deemed it safe to allow all the kids and occupants back into the school. The building was then turned over to the Director Maria Morris and it was explained that they would need a technician out to fix the furnace and also replace the vent.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

On November 19, 2014 the City Council discussed the ratification of the Preliminary Development Plan (Ordinance 14-11) for the Station at Gardner Mill, establishing a density of 19.2 dwelling units per acre. In a 5-2 vote, the Council voted in favor of the ratification subject to five (5) conditions of approval.

Received building permit applications for Café Rio tenant finish at Airport Center and \$1.1 million solar panel installation for the National Guard.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Code Enforcement

A citizen came into the office to express her gratitude for working to clean up a property that has been a neighborhood issue for quite some time. Officer Galicia was able to get the property owners to remedy the situation and bring the property into compliance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets

Graffiti Removal Work Completed

- Graffiti was removed by staff from 11 locations totaling approximately 758 square feet this month.
- Graffiti was removed from 5 public property locations (approximately 543 square feet)
- Graffiti was removed from 6 private property locations (approximately 215 square feet)
- Staff reported a total of 2 private property incidents to Code Enforcement this month.

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

Public:

Before



After



Private:

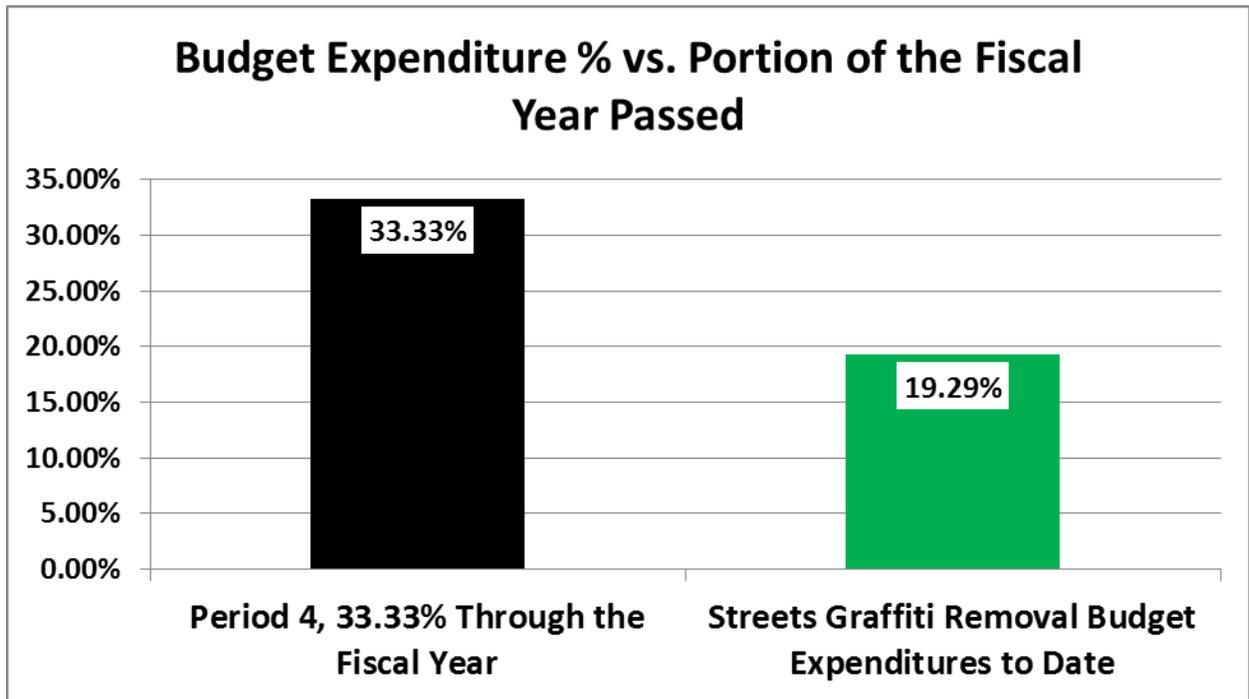
Before



After



Staff spent approximately 130 hours on graffiti abatement during the month of October. The following chart compares the period of the fiscal year – or the percentage of the fiscal year which has passed, to the percentage of the graffiti removal budget used to date. As shown in the chart below, we are within our budgeted amount for this period of the fiscal year.



Fire Station 54 construction: Masonry is complete, the 2nd floor slab is poured and the steel roof structure is complete, the bay floor is poured and the interior steel stud framing is complete. Plumbing, electrical and mechanical work taking place inside the building. Roof plywood sheathing is completed and shingling will start this week. Drywall will also start this week.

Maintenance Yard at Ron Wood Park: Project is in design and the Architect is working with ODA for plan approval. Rocky Mountain Power has submitted their power plan.

Calsense irrigation controller system for parks: Design is underway.

City Hall Chiller to Tower water line Replacement: A Mechanical Engineer has been selected to design the new water line and is working on the plans.

Storm Water

The stormwater staff has been working with Hansen Allen and Luce Engineering firm to update the city's storm drain maps.

Barneys Wash and Barneys Creek drainage ditches from 6400west to 5600west were inspected to get ready for the upcoming winter.

Staff inspected eight private stormwater basins this week.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff spoke with Better City to discuss the following sites:

- 3200 West 7899 South – Mr. Godfrey indicated that he may know an office developer who would be interested in the property. Staff also contacted Mark Green (part property owner) who is very interested. The biggest challenge to development of the property is access from 7800 South. Staff estimates that it would require funding in the approximate amount of \$300,000 to correct the issue.

- Vacant RC Willey building on 90th South and Redwood Road. Staff has asked Mr. Godfrey to contact a large retailer located in Ogden to see if there would be any interest in the location.
- Mr. Godfrey has indicated that he knows of an office developer who is interested in West Jordan. Staff is researching the possibility of developing land that has been underutilized for several years.

Staff contacted 2 brokers in trying to help a business relocate in West Jordan. The business needs about 1600 square feet of warehouse space. At this time, there is very little available.

Staff contacted a company in Kansas that could be a possible purchaser of the Fairchild facility. The company does some acquisition of facilities like Fairchild.

Staff is assisting a large business located in West Jordan with research of possible cost savings that can be made if they install renewable energy equipment.