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CITY OF WEST JORDAN

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WEST JORDAN MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

The West Jordan City Council meetings are usually scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at 8000 S Redwood Road, 3rd floor, West Jordan, Utah

Mayor Jim Riding (term expires 12/19)
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EAGLE PROJECTS

If you are looking for ideas for an Eagle Scout Project, please go to www.WestJordan.Utah.gov and fill out the "Eagle Project Information Sheet." (Just search for "Eagle Scout".)

You may also contact a **Volunteer Coordinator at 801-569-5160**
or
volunteer@westjordan.utah.gov

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

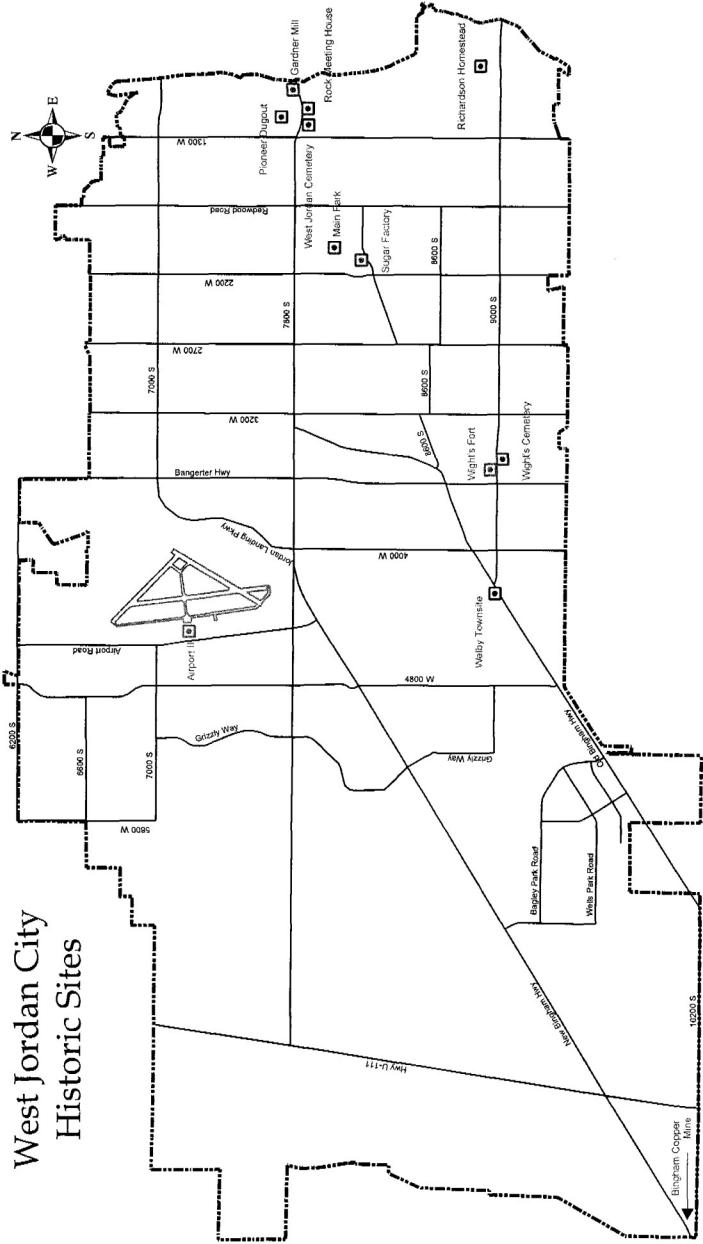
If you're looking for other service opportunities, please look over the list of possible projects below:

- Sidewalk sweeping along major roads
- Trash pick-up along trails
- Painting/staining of restrooms or park play structures
- General park clean-up (trash removal, weed abatement, etc.)
- Graffiti removal from City property
- Fire hydrant painting
- Red curb painting at City facilities
- Other (If you have an idea, please call 801-569-5700 and let us know what you'd like to do.)

If any of these opportunities interest you, please call Public Works at 801-569-5700.

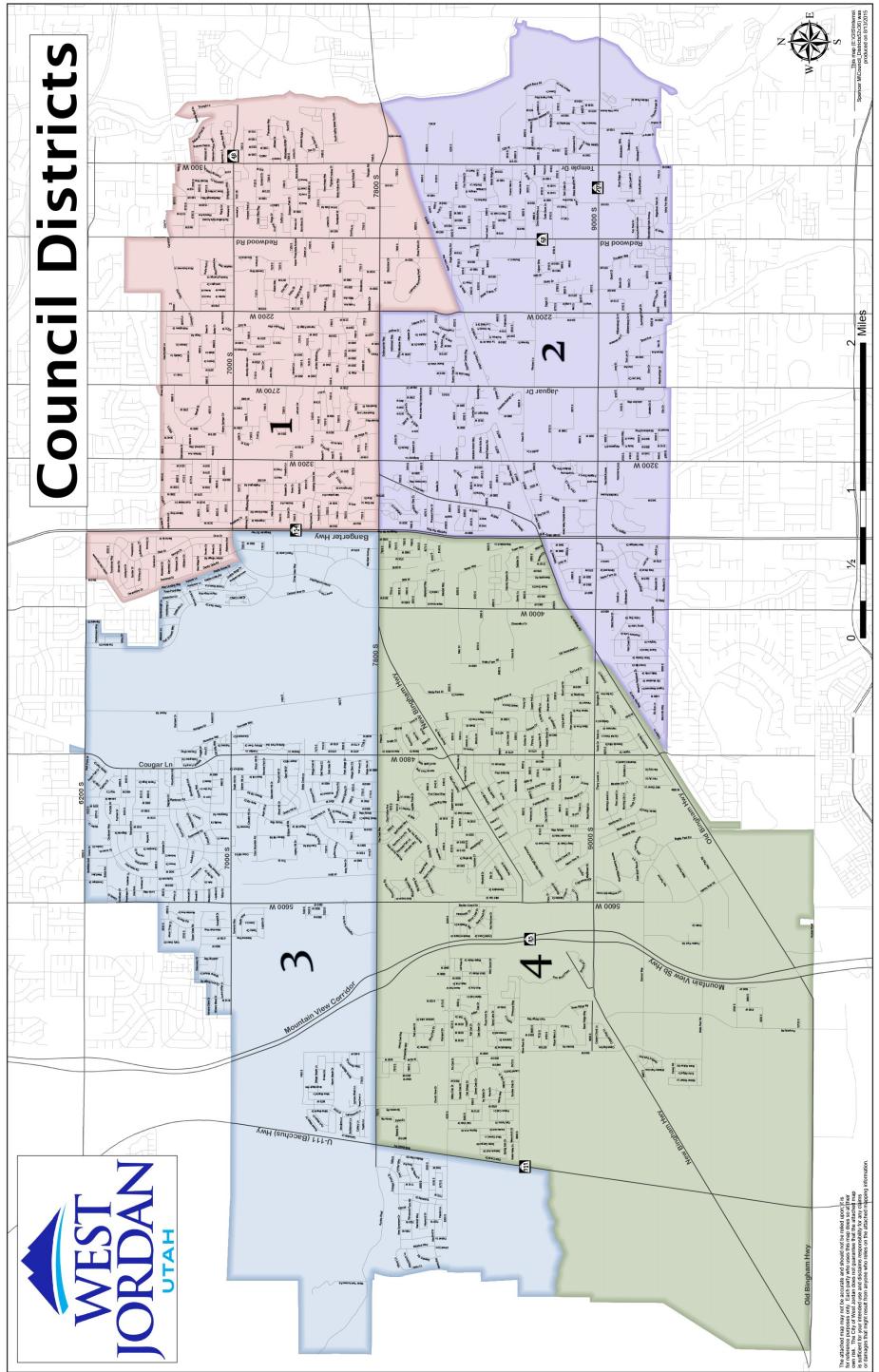
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MAP OF HISTORIC SITES



West Jordan City
Historic Sites

Council Districts



THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT*

What is the council-manager form of government?

The council-manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong *political leadership* of elected officials in the form of a council and the strong *managerial experience* of an appointed local government manager. The form establishes a representative system where all power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.

Is it a responsive form of government?

In council-manager government, *Council Members* are the leaders and policy makers elected to represent various segments of the community and to concentrate on policy issues that are responsive to citizens' needs and wishes. The *manager* is appointed by the council to carry out policy and ensure that the entire community is being served.

What is the council's function?

The council is the legislative body – its members are the community's decision makers. Power is centralized in the elected council, which approves the budget and determines the tax rate, for example. The council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning. The council hires a professional manager and supervises the manager's performance.

What is the manager's function?

The manager is hired to serve the council and the community and to bring to the local government the benefits of training and experience in administering projects and programs. The manager prepares a budget for the council's consideration; recruits, hires and supervises the city's staff; serves as the council's chief adviser; and carries out the council's policies. Council Members and citizens count on the manager to provide information, evaluation of alternatives, and projections of long-term consequences. The manager makes policy recommendations to the council, but the council may or may not adopt them, and the manager is bound by whatever action the council takes.

Where does the mayor fit in?

Mayors in council-manager governments are key political leaders and policy developers. For the council, the mayor is responsible for soliciting citizen views in forming policies and then interpreting them to the public. The mayor presides at council meetings, serves as a spokesperson for the community, facilitates communication and understanding between elected and appointed officials, assists the council in setting goals and advocating policy decisions, and serves as a promoter and defender of the community. In addition, the mayor serves as a key representative in intergovernmental relations. The mayor, council, and manager constitute a policy-development and management team.

*In November 2017, West Jordan residents voted to change to a council-mayor or "strong mayor" form of government. This change will take place Jan. 2020.

During the Walker War in 1853 and the following year, the residents of West Jordan maintained a constant guard in the Oquirrh Mountains. In 1857, West Jordan volunteers took an active part in the Echo Canyon campaign against the invasion of Johnson's Army.

Some of the first mining carried on in Utah took place in Bingham Canyon, west of West Jordan. Early settlers initially went there to harvest wood. A man named Ogilvie found gold in the canyon stream and is credited with the first gold panning in this region. James W. Cahoon, in the *History of Murray*, relates seeing men washing gold from Bingham Creek when he was hauling wood.

The copper mines were discovered by Con Wall, who operated them at a loss. D.C. Jackling brought in eastern money to bring the mine up to a paying basis. It was probably the lowest grade of copper of any pit mines in the world with less than 1% copper and a trace of gold. Today, Kennecott Copper is the largest in the world.

In 1891, the first sugar beets were raised in West Jordan. A sugar factory was built in 1916 by the Dyer Construction Company. Work at the factory was seasonal, peaking from mid October to the end of December with 235 employees. The factory was, at one time, rated to cut 1,500,000 tons of beets every 24 hours. An estimated 285,000 bags of sugar were produced annually in the 1950s. In the 1970s, however, the market dried up and the factory closed its doors.

West Jordan's first post office opened its doors in 1864 in a small adobe house just below the Rock Meeting House. In 1900, the Rural Free Delivery of mail began and ran from Sandy to West Jordan. Mail carriers carried first mail by horse and buggy and later by a Model T-Ford.

A promise had been made to the early settlers of West Jordan and surrounding territory that the time would come when, through their industry, beautiful homes, manufacturing establishments, productive farms, churches and many other buildings would enhance the valley. The residents of West Jordan petitioned the County Commission for incorporation as a town in 1941. It became a third class city in 1967.

As late as 1970, West Jordan was largely still a rural area. Then from 1973 to 1973, building and the City's population increased 500% to 27,329. In 1988, the population was estimated at 47,500. Population projections at that time, predicted that the City would add a minimum 2,000 new residents a year in this decade and should reach 50,000 by 1990. The 2000 census had West Jordan at 97,000. The latest estimates show the population as of September 2015 to be 110,171.

The City of West Jordan is fortunate to have a lion's share of vacant land left for future growth within Salt Lake County. This available land and Utah's strong economy will ensure a continued rapid rate of growth for the City of West Jordan.

WEST JORDAN HISTORY

After the Mormon pioneers settled in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, the name chosen for the valley was the Great Salt Lake Valley of the Great Basin of North America. The river running west of the city was called the Western Jordan. Everything from Big Cottonwood Creek to the point of the mountain was known as **West Jordan**.

The country along the Western Jordan River began to be settled early in 1849. Most settlers built log cabins near the river bottoms or along the hill to the west of the river. By 1853, the population of the West Jordan area was 361.

In 1850, Archibald and Robert Gardner built the first saw mill in the area. To operate it, they made a mill race two and one half miles long, making it the first canal of any importance dug in Utah. Lumber was hauled 14 miles from the Oquirrh Mountains. In 1854, Archibald built a grist mill, introducing some excellent machinery to the area. The Gardner mill is still standing at 1100 W. 7800 South, and owners have converted it into a theme restaurant, reminiscent of the days of Archibald Gardner.

The first blacksmith's shop in south Salt Lake County belonged to Alexander Beckstead, who settled in West Jordan in 1850. The shop was completed in 1853. The labor consisted of setting wagon ties, fixing wagons, sharpening plows, repairing farm implements, and shoeing horses and oxen.

In 1851, Matthew Gaunt started a woolen mill. That same year, Samuel Mulliner tanned the leather in the first tannery built west of the Mississippi River.

School opened in West Jordan for the first time in 1852. Classes were held in a small, log house, about 14 by 15 feet, situated southwest of Pioneer Hall. This schoolhouse is still standing at what is now 1137 West 7800 South.

In the fall of 1854, a handful of people went looking for a place to farm and found a clear stream of water (now known as Bingham Creek) that ran from the Oquirrh Mountains on the west over the slopes of the Salt Lake Valley and down to the Jordan River. But they also found many Indian signs which convinced them that they could not live in safety without some means of protection. Thus, the construction of Wight's Fort (now located at 9000 S 3600 West) began.

The four walls of the fort, each 12 feet high, were constructed of stones, earth and logs. When completed, it was large enough to enclose and protect seven log houses, part of the much-valued stream and several outbuildings. The fort had two large gates, one on the east and the other on the west. By the spring of 1855, the wives and children of the fort builders had settled in.

The families of Wight's Fort lived and prospered there until 1859. Lack of water forced settlers to abandon the site in 1861. Still, for many years after, the only road to Bingham was through the fort gates.

CITY BUDGET

The City of West Jordan follows a fiscal year budget, which runs from July 1 through June 30 of each year. The City gets revenue from different sources with sales taxes representing the largest source followed by property taxes. Property taxes are also shared with other entities including the school district, Salt Lake County and other special districts.

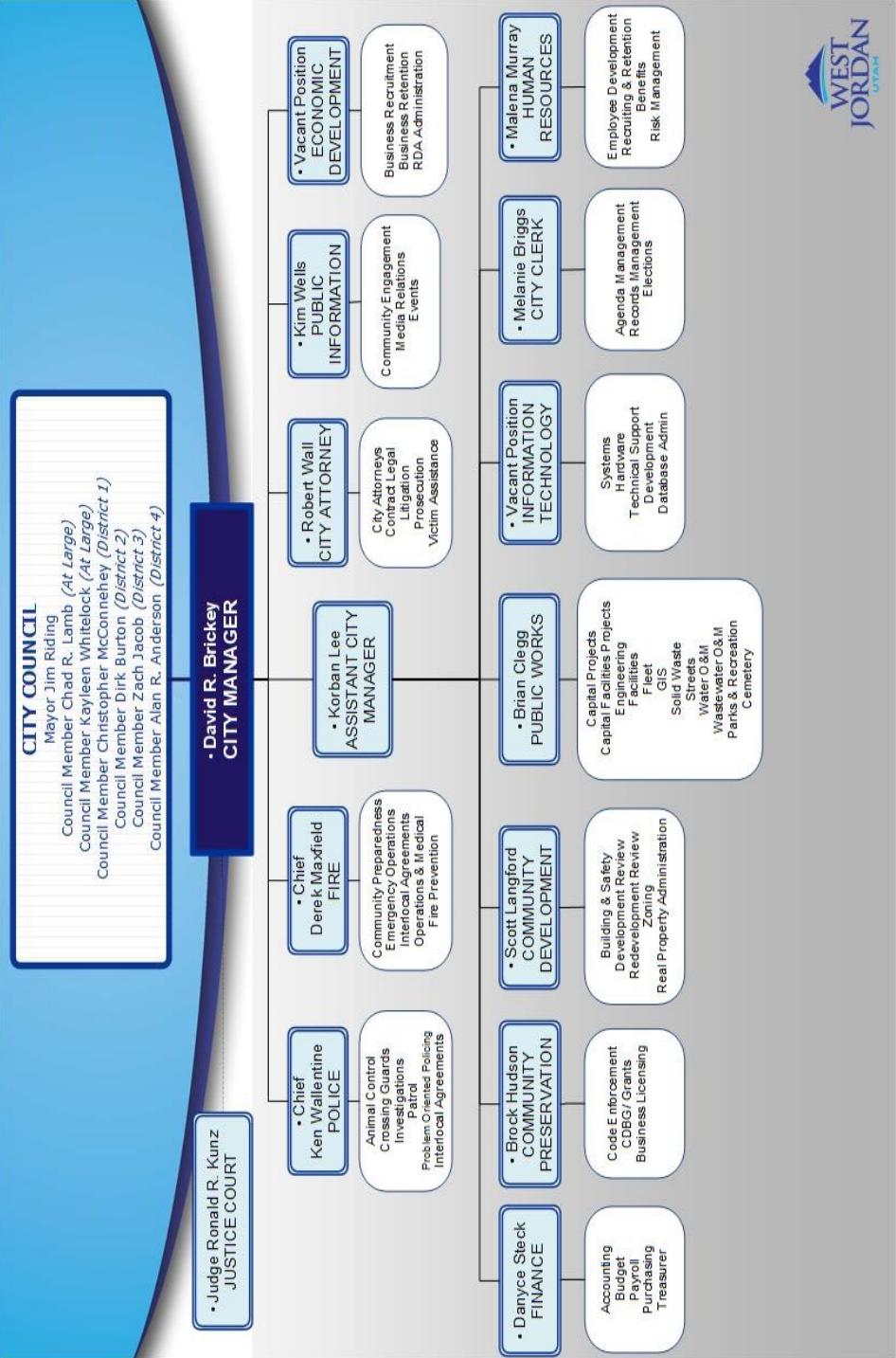
By law the City is required to keep 5-18% of the total general fund budget in reserves (similar to a savings account). These reserve funds can be used at the discretion of the City Council for the needs of the city. The information below represents the General Fund, where the majority of city expenditures are found, including general administration, financial services, community development, police and fire departments. The total budget is found online at WestJordan.Utah.gov.

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

| | AUDITED ACTUAL FY 15-16 | ADJUSTED BUDGET FY 16-17 | YEAR-END ESTIMATE FY 16-17 | ADOPTED BUDGET FY 17-18 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| BEGINNING FUND BALANCE | 17,029,361 | 16,987,313 | 16,987,313 | 12,810,510 |
| REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | | | | |
| TAXES | 37,060,771 | 38,818,780 | 38,043,643 | 39,312,136 |
| LICENSES & PERMITS | 2,459,907 | 2,410,470 | 2,863,215 | 3,381,000 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL | 4,959,755 | 4,698,343 | 4,852,510 | 4,952,596 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICE | 3,543,408 | 3,588,950 | 2,953,946 | 3,473,700 |
| INTERFUND CHARGES | 0 | 4,885,160 | 4,885,160 | 5,378,041 |
| FINES & FORFEITURES | 1,366,330 | 1,500,000 | 1,294,913 | 1,350,000 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 590,005 | 599,645 | 535,715 | 652,161 |
| EVENTS | 185,502 | 343,912 | 262,382 | 299,200 |
| CONTRIBUTIONS (USE OF RESERVES) | 0 | 13,966,452 | 0 | 2,305,108 |
| TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES | 50,165,678 | 70,811,712 | 55,691,484 | 61,103,942 |
| EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES | | | | |
| OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER | 2,432,893 | 3,249,079 | 3,124,577 | 2,575,706 |
| COURTS | 736,880 | 767,312 | 764,623 | 802,931 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | 2,035,378 | 2,270,316 | 1,997,687 | 2,588,246 |
| FINANCE | 1,513,084 | 7,561,419 | 4,062,610 | 3,102,516 |
| CITY ATTORNEY | 1,420,273 | 1,417,011 | 1,210,658 | 1,594,030 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES | 371,561 | 473,681 | 448,054 | 489,687 |
| PUBLIC WORKS | 9,051,175 | 18,306,317 | 12,012,638 | 12,138,347 |
| PARKS | 2,772,809 | 4,320,551 | 4,086,845 | 3,995,568 |
| DEVELOPMENT | 1,440,451 | 2,678,873 | 2,594,304 | 2,120,708 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 736,822 |
| POLICE | 17,500,251 | 18,920,722 | 18,284,285 | 19,642,683 |
| FIRE | 10,932,971 | 10,846,431 | 10,861,929 | 11,316,698 |
| **PROJECTION ADJUSTMENT** | | | 420,077 | 0 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES | 50,207,726 | 70,811,712 | 59,868,287 | 61,103,942 |
| ENDING FUND BALANCE | 16,987,313 | 3,020,861 | 12,810,510 | 10,505,402 |

NOTE: BEGINNING FUND BALANCE FIGURES FOR FY 17-18 ARE ESTIMATES ONLY

CITY ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



Community Map



CITY STATISTICS

Demographic Overview

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| Population | 113,699 |
| Dwelling Units | 33,305 |
| Median Age | 30.3 |
| Population Under 18 Years | 33% |
| Population Over 65 Years | 5.8% |
| Average Family Income | \$81,754 |
| Mean Family Size | 3.77 |
| Level of Education (for those over 25) | |
| Population aged 25+ | 64,192 |
| High school graduate | 16,400 |
| Some College | 18,635 |
| Associates degree | 7,685 |
| Bachelor's degree | 10,445 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 4,376 |

Schools

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Number of Elementary Schools | 17 |
| Number of Middle Schools | 4 |
| Number of High Schools | 2 |
| Number of Special Needs Schools | 1 |
| Number of Charter Schools | 4 |

Culture and Recreation

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Acres of Parks, Trails & Open Space | 839 |
| Number of Baseball/Softball Fields | 20 |
| Number of Soccer Fields | 20 |

Principle Employers

| | # of Employees |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Jordan School District | 3,238 |
| Jordan Valley Medical Center | 625 |
| City of West Jordan | 570 |
| Smith's | 457 |
| Sysco Intermountain Food Service | 438 |
| Mountain America Credit Union | 391 |
| SME Industries | 375 |
| Walmart | 372 |
| Target | 272 |
| Macey's Food & Drug | 250 |
| Sam's Club | 250 |

SENIOR STAFF

| | |
|---|--|
| CITY MANAGER David R. Brickey | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5100 |
| ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER Korban Lee | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5100 |
| CITY ATTORNEY Robert Wall | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5145 |
| CITY CLERK Melanie Briggs | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5117 |
| COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR Kim Wells | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5163 |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR Scott Langford | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5065 |
| COMMUNITY PRESERVATION DIRECTOR Brock Hudson | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5137 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR Open Position | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5180 |
| FINANCE DIRECTOR Danyce Steck | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5009 |
| FIRE CHIEF Derek Maxfield | 7602 Jordan Landing Blvd 801-260-7300 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES / RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR Malena Murray | 8000 South Redwood Rd 801-569-5038 |
| POLICE CHIEF Ken Wallentine | 8040 South Redwood Road 801-256-2000 |
| PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR Brian Clegg | 8000 South Redwood Road 801-569-5700 |
| MUNICIPAL JUSTICE COURT JUDGE Judge Ron Kunz | 8040 South Redwood Road 801-256-2290 |

CITY OF WEST JORDAN VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONS - BOARDS - COMMITTEES

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees please contact Heather Everett at 801-569-5100 or heather.everett@westjordan.utah.gov.

Arts Council

The West Jordan Arts Council provides programs and activities which encourage the promotion of art and cultural events and activities in the community. (Includes: Theater Arts, Youth Theatre, Literary Arts, Visual Arts, West Jordan Symphony, Mountain West Chorale and City Band.)

Board of Adjustment

This board is responsible for considering whether or not 'variances' to the zoning ordinance should be granted because hardship conditions exist.

Design Review Committee

This committee reviews and makes recommendations regarding design-related standards and/or architectural materials required for site plans and development plans. The committee ensures that proposed developments meet minimum development standards. It may also provide modifications to site design criteria, architectural standards and landscape requirements.

Events Committee

The Events Committee advises the City Council and assists the Events Department in planning and executing city-sponsored or city-endorsed events including motorsports events such as Endurocross, Rock Crawler Rampage and Demolition Derby.

Healthy West Jordan Committee

The Healthy West Jordan Committee implements activities and education programs to ensure West Jordan is a city in which each resident can live a healthy, productive life in a clean and safe environment. This committee also sponsors the annual "Way to a Better Life" weight loss competition and Linda Buttars Fun Run.

Parks and Open Lands Committee

This is an advisory board on matters relating to the parks and recreation master plan, the parks and open spaces capital improvements plan, and the use of any parks impact fees. Each year the committee identifies and recommends priorities for programs, park and open space property acquisitions and park development projects for inclusion in the budget.

Planning & Zoning Commission

This commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding annexations and zone changes, commercial development plans, subdivision plans, and various other development and planning activities.

South Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board

The Airport Board studies various issues that affect the South Valley Regional Airport (SVRA) and makes recommendations to the City Council appointee to the Salt Lake City Airport Advisory Board on how to best utilize the SVRA. They also make recommendations on the airport master plan.

Sustainability Committee

This committee studies, recommends and helps implement solutions to reduce environmental impacts or costs resulting from city government, city residents, or businesses operating within the city limits in the following areas: energy, water, wastewater, storm water, solid waste, green waste, recycling, fleet, fuel, air quality, property maintenance and any other area that directly impacts the environment.

Western Stampede Celebration Committee

This committee assists the Events Department with planning and implementing the annual PRCA Rodeo, Rodeo Royalty and other Western Stampede activities designated by City Council.