

West Point City

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS

6:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
 7:00 PM GENERAL SESSION

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS

6:00 PM ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
 7:00 PM GENERAL SESSION

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Code Enforcement

Each school year when I meet with the 2nd graders at both Lakeside and West Point Elementaries, I try to talk to them about the purpose of a city, explaining that, at its most basic, a city is created to provide services to residents that cannot be done, at least not efficiently, by each separate individual. Some examples of those essential services are a city's water system, snow-plowing streets, providing open park spaces, building and maintaining roads, and so on. In addition to providing services, city codes are also put into place to help protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents, and also to help protect property values within the city. However, the very act of trying to enforce these codes can be problematic for some people, feeling that it impinges on their rights as a property owner. While I don't delve into this issue with the 2nd graders, this is the fine line we walk when it comes to code enforcement within the City.

From what I know, 90% of our residents willfully comply with our codes, and if found to be in violation, are usually only so because they were unaware of the particular code that they had violated. For the other 10%, it can be a little more difficult. While there are those who simply are not willing to comply, there are some, for example, who just don't have the resources to clean-up their yard or are dealing with a situation that has become too big to handle and getting into compliance is very difficult. To help resolve some of these issues and provide resources for our residents, we have our Annual Spring and Fall Clean-Up Events wherein dumpsters are placed at each of our parks for residents to use to get rid of any waste and yard debris. Additionally, the City also recently purchased a dump trailer that can be reserved by residents who don't have regular access to

a pick-up truck or trailer to haul their waste. For more information on reserving this trailer, please contact City Hall. I believe this will be a very popular and successful program for West Point; I know of other cities with similar programs and it has worked out extremely well for them.

Some of the more common code violations are related to overgrown weeds in the summer time, parking violations with cars, trailers, and RV's, junky yards, and basketball standards in the streets. To reference our complete City Code, visit our City website. I also suggest reading the Code Enforcement message in each month's newsletter that provides timely reminders on avoiding common violations. For those of you who see a Code issue, you can also go to our website and use the quick-link "Submit a Code Complaint" button on the main page. Your name and contact information will always be kept confidential. This is a great tool for us to help identify specific issues in your neighborhoods. If you do happen to interact with our Code Enforcement Officer, please be kind and understanding – he does not create the Code, but is employed by the City to help enforce them for the safety and benefit of all residents.

Fiber Internet Update

The decision that was made to bring fiber internet to West Point has been a success thus far. I have had nothing but positive comments about this project; there is excitement from those who are yet to get it and satisfaction from those who have already signed up. As a resident and with the line of work I am in, thinking about bringing this infrastructure through all of our neighborhoods seemed like a disaster waiting to happen. But, for the most part, the experience was exactly the opposite and the contractor has been great to deal with. I have heard from many residents and the great majority have been

very satisfied with how their properties were left once the lines were installed. If you have not had the same experience, please contact City Hall or UTOPIA directly (contact information is on our website under "UTOPIA Fiber") so that the problems can be addressed. If you have read about or followed this project, you will know that West Point City did not incur any debt for this system and will only contribute if there are not enough subscribers to cover the bond debt incurred by UTOPIA Fiber. In that case, the City will only pay the shortfall of the monthly bond payment. 1,200 subscribers are needed to cover the bond payment. This did make me and the City Council nervous and we took a lot of time to really research and consider the project. We ultimately decided that with the overwhelmingly positive responses from the resident survey we sent out and the citizen comments made in favor, to move forward. I am happy to report that the number of subscribers is ahead of projections and are continuing to rise. With this, it looks like the monthly bond payment will be more than covered. The project has been so successful that it is now encouraging surrounding cities to consider bringing fiber internet to their own residents. I just want to remind you all and make it clear that only those residents who choose to subscribe will pay for the service – there is not a blanket fee charged to all West Point residents or a requirement to participate. If you have seen the contractors come by your street you are likely already able to sign-up for very reasonably priced, very high-speed internet. If you have not seen them in your neighborhoods or your area is not quite finished, it should be soon. Go to www.utopiafiber.com for more information and specific details about the project in West Point.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Mayor Erik Craythorne

SENIOR LUNCH

Until further notice, senior lunches will be canceled due to the concerns surrounding COVID-19.

Seniors 65+ are considered higher risk and recommended to avoid large gatherings.

Once there are no longer health concerns, we will resume our monthly senior lunches!

If you have questions about COVID-19, the Utah Department of Health has established a hotline at 1-800-456-7707 and has information available at www.coronavirus.utah.gov

YOUTH COUNCIL

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 West Point Youth Council!

2020-2021 Youth Council Advisor
Brenda Pehrson

2021-2021 Youth Council Officers
Mayor - Emma Hamblin
Mayor Pro-Tem - Kylee McCarrey
City Manager - Lydia Merrill
City Recorder - Angelina Orton
City Treasurer - Elijah Richins
City Historian - Brooklyn Hamblin

SEPT 2020

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2020-2021 Service Members

Matthew Bodiker, Remington Hamblin, Taggart Hamblin, Emily McCarrey, Blake Miles, James Orton, Jacob Orton, Isaac Pehrson, Madi Pehrson, Bethany Pitcher, Brinlee Price, Dallan Tobler

If your student is interested in joining the West Point Youth Council, please submit an application found at www.westpointcity.org/community-affairs-events.

WALK-IN
FLU SHOT CLINIC
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
4:30 - 5:30 PM
WEST POINT CITY HALL
3200 W 300 N

INSURANCE CARDS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF SERVICE. CASH, CHECK, CREDIT CARDS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED.

COMPLETE CEMETERY CLEANING
OCT 1ST
Please Remove **ALL** items by **September 30th**
Remaining items will be discarded.

CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

Written Determination of the Mayor and Planning Commission Chair of West Point City Concerning Electronic Meeting Anchor Location:

PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE ANN. 52-4-207(4), We, the undersigned Mayor and Planning Commission Chair of West Point City, hereby determine that conducting City Council and Planning Commission meetings at any time during the next 30 days at an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location. The World Health Organization, the President of the United States, the Governor of Utah, and the Davis County Health Department, have all recognized that a global pandemic exists related to the new strain of the coronavirus, COVID-19.

Further, according to information from state epidemiology experts, Utah is currently in an acceleration phase, which has the potential to overwhelm the state's healthcare system. This written determination will expire thirty days from the date it is signed.

The public may monitor or listen to the meeting electronically and provide public comment when appropriate by following the instructions below:

- Open the Agenda posted on the City website
- Click on the "Join Meeting" link

or

Connect via Telephone: Dial 1(669) 900-6833 and enter Meeting ID: *listed on agenda*

Members of the public may also participate in the Citizen Comment or Public Hearing items via email prior to the meeting.

Email your comments by 7 PM to:

City Council: carnold@westpointcity.org

Planning Commission: mbailey@westpointcity.org

Subject Line: Must be designated as Citizen/Public Hearing Comment for:

(Reference Meeting Date)

Email Body: Must include Full Name & Address and a succinct statement of your comment.

DATED August 25, 2020.

The original of this Written Determination is on file in the City Recorder's office and on the City website.

BUILDING/DEVELOPMENT

A drop-spot container is placed at the front doors of City Hall with a number to call to inform Staff that documents have been placed in the container. Staff will retrieve the documents as quickly as possible.

Payment for permits will be taken over the phone. If you are picking up a building permit, please call ahead and we will make arrangements.

Building inspections will continue as normal.

UTILITY ACCOUNTS

Utility Payments can be placed in the drop box in the northeast corner of the parking lot, mailed, paid online, or made by calling City Hall at 801-776-0970.

New Utility Applications can be printed online and emailed to

ldavies@westpointcity.org, faxed, placed in the drop box, or mailed. Once received, City Staff will contact you for the deposit payment and any additional information. Utility terminations or account updates may be done via email or phone.

WASTE COLLECTION

Please do not overload your garbage, greenwaste, or recycling containers. If the lid on a container is open, it is considered overloaded and can be difficult to dump. Please also remember to place waste in its proper container - no trash in greenwaste cans or non-recyclables in recycling cans. Also make sure that your containers are 6 ft. away from other objects and at least 20 ft. away from any vehicles. Please help keep our City as clean and sanitary as possible!

DRIVE SAFELY

Please be very careful while driving through the designated school zones. Obey the crossing guards and STAY ALERT!

Parents, please remind your children to stay on the sidewalks whether walking or riding.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

GETTING READY FOR WINTER

Early fall is a busy time for all of us; gardens need to be put away for winter, sprinklers need to be drained and repaired, fall fertilizer needs to be applied, lawn toys put away, and the list goes on and on.

I want to remind the residents of West Point City to look at your trees, especially those growing in park strips, and cut them back so that vehicles can pass and pedestrians can walk on the sidewalks. This is especially important for those of you who live on the streets that children use to walk back and forth to school. If a tree creates a line of sight issue, it is very dangerous for young children who might not be paying attention.

Weeds can also become a problem for our school kids. Goat heads puncture tires of bikes and stick to their soles as they ride or walk on the sidewalks, and overgrown weeds can block the sidewalks and cause them to walk in the street. Please look at your property and keep it well-kept and trimmed so that there is safe passage for all of those using the sidewalk and streets.

Thank you for your efforts in keeping West Point City a beautiful and safe place to live and raise a family.

Please call or email Bruce Dopp, West Point City Code Enforcement Officer at 801-776-0970 or bdopp@westpointcity.org. Complaints may also be submitted via the City website at www.westpointcity.org questions.

UTAH STRONG

The UTAH STRONG Crisis Counseling Program has been developed to assist people in finding ways to cope with stress caused by Coronavirus (COVID19). UTAH STRONG PROVIDES free crisis counseling services through virtual outreach, public education, emotional support, education, information and referral and will be working toward community outreach once the State opens up. There are no medical or financial screening methods to qualify to receive services. UTAH STRONG staff are available to individuals, families, community groups, service organizations, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, those experiencing homelessness, tribes, and cultural minority groups. All counseling interactions are totally confidential. And again, there is no cost. The Program is operated by the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health in the Department of Human Services and is funded through a grant by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

If you have questions or need help, you can contact me, Stuart Boyd, at 385-386-2313. There is also a UTAH STRONG hot line which will accept your calls between 7AM and 7PM seven days a week. Call or text: 385-386-2289 or email your first name and phone number to: UtahStrong@utah.gov and you will be contacted.

FREE HELP for COVID-19 related stress

THE UTAH STRONG RECOVERY PROJECT

If you or someone you know is experiencing stress, anxiety or depression because of COVID-19, talk to a crisis counselor seven days a week, 7a-7p. All information is confidential and free of charge.

Services include:



emotional support



crisis counseling



copng strategies



mental health education



referrals if more help is needed

Call/Text: 385-386-2289

Email (first name and phone number only):
UtahStrong@utah.gov

For immediate response after hours:
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Counseling in Spanish and other languages available.

WEST POINT RECREATION

Recreation sign-ups can be done online at www.westpointcity.org

JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL

REGISTRATION DATES

October 1st - November 5th

GRADES

Boys: 1st - 12th

Girls: 1st - 9th

COST

Boys: 1st - 6th: \$50 | 7th - 12th: \$60

Girls: \$50

Recreation Aide positions
may be available!
Visit www.westpointcity.org
for more information!

Contact Kelly Ross at 801-529-3352 or Karly Norwood at 801-931-9716
for more information on recreation activities and sign-ups.

WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL

LOY BLAKE PARK - 3500 W 550 N

**WEST POINT MILITARY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIR:
MARV DRAKE - 801-825-5321**

In these present times, I have been thinking of how far technology has come and how reliant we are on it – especially in regards to the development and capabilities of computers.

For you genealogists, any discussion of families and history can lead to the topic of computers, which although seems like an entirely different subject, is ultimately very relevant. In 1963, I was invited to participate in a genealogical venture promoted and supported by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I was set apart as a Genealogy Missionary – one of the first – and spent two nights a week for the next two and one-half years extracting birth, marriage, and death records from parish and community records. Now, here's the computer part. We were told that we were building a computer data base (whatever that was, we asked) for a program they wanted to develop whereby a person would be able to enter into the computer a name and it would spit out generations of linked family names. The only problem at that time was that no one knew how to write the program that would tell the computer to do the search, and there wasn't a computer powerful enough to actually do the search. Minor issues, you can see. Now, my cell phone, 6+ years old, is more powerful than that large computer

I used for my church assignment in 1963. And today you can now go to sites such as Ancestry.com and do the very thing we were told was in store – once someone figured out how.

When I first started flying in the Navy, we were issued a "Mark-8" navigational computer. With this we learned how to fly hundreds of miles and hours away from the ship and still find our way back (I still have mine). It is, actually, a five-inch round, specially marked circular slide rule which allowed us to take the steps necessary to get us to a target and back home, as well as all the other calculations we needed. Now, modern aircraft have not only the digital means to do all that but, going a step further, in "fly-by-wire" aircraft a computer actually does the flying. Simplified, the pilot is actually flying the computer which then makes the necessary aileron, rudder, or elevator movements to direct the flight path.

We probably do not realize how much the injection of computers into

our lives actually affects us and has become part of our everyday lives – and language. How often have you heard the term "GLITCH" used? It is actually an acronym for "Gremlin Loose in the Computer Hutch," which originated in 1947. And the first computer "bug", which we now use to reference a flaw or problem in the system, was literally a trapped moth found inside the US Navy's giant "Brainiac" computer housed at Harvard University that was disrupting the internal hardware.

It is both exciting and a bit scary to wonder -

"What will we come up with next?"

Stay safe and stay healthy.

- Marv Drake, Committee Chair

