Today I was able to get on the rails to trails bike path with my wife and a couple of my friends. What a great asset this is to our city. I live fairly close to the trail and can tell you that it gets used by so many people of all ages. What a great way to get outside and get some exercise and see your friends and neighbors just enjoying the day!

When I ran for city council it was on the premise that a city has an obligation and a privilege to provide its citizens with our core facilities. I would like to talk about one that I have a great passion and concern for and that is our fire and ambulance service.

From Kaysville’s beginning until 2001, when there was an emergency, a siren or a pager would go off and 15 to 20 volunteer firefighters would respond to the station, get their equipment and appropriate vehicle and respond. As Davis County, Kaysville, and Fruit Heights began to grow it became very apparent that the system was broken and needed to be upgraded to provide a full-time ambulance for Kaysville/Fruit Heights citizens.

In 2001, Kaysville Fire volunteers went into the ambulance business by taking part-time shifts at the station.
Seasonal Reminders
A Message from Public Works

Kaysville City Public Works strives to enhance the quality of life for city residents. In that effort, the following reminders may help you prepare to deal with the upcoming season.

Secondary irrigation water typically terminates by October 15th. Please check with your provider for additional details. If you are unsure who your provider is, visit kaysvillecity.com for a map showing irrigation service boundaries.

Vegetation that hangs out into the street creates a dangerous situation. It can damage snowplows or force plows to leave piles of snow along the shoulder. Garbage trucks and mail carriers may unable to reach the curb. City ordinance 9-2-10 requires owners to provide a vertical clearance of 14 feet at the edge of the road and 8 feet along the edges of sidewalks. Sidewalks are required to be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the end of snowfall by the adjacent property owner.

City ordinance 9-2-10 prohibits pushing, blowing or otherwise depositing snow, leaves or other debris into the street. This is problematic, especially when a street has already been plowed, as this snow is easily frozen, reducing traction and becoming a striking hazard in the road.

Street parking is prohibited between the hours of 12:00am and 6:00am from November 1st through the last day of February. This ordinance allows plows greater ability to clear the roads edge to edge. It also reduces the risk of damage to vehicles and equipment. When cars park on the roads during this time, plows leave piles of snow along the shoulder. These piles are dangerous, especially when they freeze solid, creating a significant risk to traffic and requiring special equipment to remove.

Residents often ask if plow drivers can keep snow out of their driveways. Drivers attempt to keep snow from piling in driveways or on sidewalks, but it is difficult as plows move down the street. The graphic to the right illustrates what residents can do to reduce the amount of snow that ends up in driveways.

Kaysville plow drivers are efficient and skilled. Even so, snow removal is still a long and difficult task. In the past 3 winters, public works has reduced the time required to clear city streets from an average 18 hours to 10 hours after snow has stopped accumulating. Sometimes, though, limiting factors like equipment condition, storm intensity and staff health/sleep result in less than ideal response times or road conditions. Please be patient.

Start now to prepare interior plumbing, vehicle tires, furnaces etc. for winter. Unexpected early storms are more easily dealt with when residents are prepared.

Drive cautiously on Halloween and watch for little goblins, ghouls and ghosts.
At that time, calls were 500–600 per year, and with the growth of both cities the calls just kept climbing. As time went on, it became very difficult to get qualified individuals with enough training to work part time. As a solution, some full-time personnel were hired to work with the part-time personnel, and for a while this worked. But the inconsistency of always working with different personnel made it very difficult on the full-time personnel to build a top-notch team that could cope with a stressful and dangerous work environment. Kaysville Fire has gradually turned some of those part-time positions into 3 full-time positions and 1 part-time position as previous councils have allowed in the budget.

And that brings us to the predicament the city is in now. Currently, there are only 4 people on staff in the station covering over 40,000 residences in the Kaysville/Fruit Heights area with no backup other than the surrounding cities. Call volume averages at 1600 per year. When there is a second emergency, Kaysville/Fruit Heights is completely reliant on neighboring cities, who are also shorthanded and may not be able to respond. This is not safe for citizens or firefighters. Paul Erickson is an amazing fire chief over an impressive team that could cope with a stressful and dangerous work environment.

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This situation has become critical and we need to be prepared to fix this. It can’t be done overnight but it can be done. This has become one of my top priorities as your councilman. To become more informed on the issue, please review the Kaysville Fire Department Annual Report, which can be found at kaysvillecity.com.

Victims of crimes, particularly ones involving domestic violence, are often surprised to find that the decision whether or not to prosecute a defendant, commonly referred to as “pressing charges,” ultimately lies in the hands of the prosecutor. Our criminal justice system is an adversarial one, meaning that the opposing parties consisting of the government and the defendant present their cases before an impartial fact-finder. The focus remains squarely on the defendant throughout the process. This system is a good one in safeguarding the constitutional rights of defendants, but it often leaves victims entirely outside of the process as the case works its way through the court system.

Kaysville City is dedicated to reorienting the focus of domestic violence prosecution to include meaningful input and inclusion of victims in the prosecution process. The feedback we receive from a victim often includes the victim’s wishes as to whether charges are filed, his or her feelings about potential plea bargains, and the desired outcome at a defendant’s sentencing. While the prosecutor represents the public and must ultimately weigh many factors when determining how to handle a case, the victim’s recommendations are often the single most determinative factor. The prosecution attorneys meet weekly with our victim advocate and special victims’ detective to discuss cases, fostering a collaborative approach that reviews each case on an individual basis.

The Kaysville City Attorney’s Department has even obtained a federal grant that provides resources to prosecution involving domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and dating violence, with the goal specifically to improve victim experience during the criminal justice process.

As prosecutors, we cannot guarantee convictions. Remember, even O.J. was acquitted. We cannot guarantee what sentence a defendant receives, as the sentence is ultimately in the judge’s discretion. But we can guarantee that we will make time to hear from victims, whether through a phone call, a zoom meeting, or in-person meeting with appropriate social distancing precautions. We can guarantee that our prosecutors and victim advocate will proactively reach out to victims to solicit their input and requests. We will follow up with victims to let them know the outcomes we achieved in court. We can gather victim impact statements that will be provided to the court at the defendant’s sentencing, buttressing the government’s sentencing arguments. We can object to unnecessary continuances that prolong cases. These are all measurable criteria by which we can evaluate how we improve victim experiences.

For example, in the last month, pursuant to victims’ requests, our office has obtained: multiple convictions in domestic violence-related offenses, resulting in those defendants undergoing domestic violence and mental health treatment; two pretrial protective orders for victims granted over defendants’ strenuous objections; and a $400 restitution order to compensate a victim for his damaged property.

Our office is dedicated to the fair and impartial administration of justice, to making the Kaysville community safer, and to ensuring that victims have a better experience in their contact with the legal system.
CITY HALL IS REOPENED

The newly renovated city hall is open and ready for your business. Regular business hours are:

- Monday—Thursday, 8:30am—5:00pm
- Friday 8:30am—1:00pm

Barring unforeseen delays, city council meeting will be held at city hall on Thursday, October 1, 2020.
2020 is the year that keeps piling it on, but Kaysville shakes it off and steps up.

The Labor Day windstorm was another opportunity for Kaysville to step up, to serve and be served. Thank you to everyone who went out and took care of neighbors’ and families’ yards. Thanks to the roving “chainsaw gangs” that helped remove trees from roofs. Thanks to those who shared generators, extension cords and freezer space. And thank you to anyone who saw something that needed doing, and just did it because it was the right thing to do.

And thank you to the local businessman who reopened his store to custom-make chains for the chainsaws that broke.

Thank you to the Central Davis Sewer District, Wasatch Integrated Waste Management, and Robinson Waste who have all gone above and beyond to expedite the clean-up process.

Although there were many things that went well, there are many things that need to be improved – especially communication between the city and the citizens. In the coming months, I will have three priorities: hiring a public information officer, forming an interfaith council, and connecting citizens with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) organization.

The city council and staff are committed to improving communication with residents. A dedicated employee is necessary to make sure that information gets sent out consistently, uniformly, and frequently.

Having an interfaith council not only will allow us to build the bonds of friendship between faiths, it will also be a valuable tool to disseminate and collect information non-electronically.

The CERT organization helps to respond in times of natural disaster, and works closely with our emergency responders. All neighborhoods should know who to contact and how to help in case of an emergency.

Thank you all for your efforts to shake it off.

Now, let’s step up and make Kaysville stronger, more connected, more prepared.

a message from
MAYOR KATIE WITT

Thank you to the power crews from Garland Energy, Murray Power, Lehi Power, Brigham City Power, Spanish Fork Power that came to fix our damaged system, getting almost every customer up and running by Wednesday evening. And thank you to our own Kaysville Power, not only for the quick turn-around time, but also for the improvements that have been made over the past years to make our infrastructure stronger and more resilient.

Thank you to the 60 men and women of the Utah National Guard, who came armed with chainsaws and heavy machinery to clean up Barnes Park, the Kaysville Cemetery, Davis High School, and Main Street.

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