Mayor Winn’s State of the City Address

Tooele City Council, department heads, staff, and residents of Tooele City, I am grateful for the opportunity to address you this evening and present to you the State of the City.

Local government has the responsibility to provide essential services to the people. Here in Tooele City, we do not take this responsibility lightly. We take pride in providing clean water to your home, a place for waste water to go, plowing snow from streets, and providing officers and firefighters to protect you and your families. We also provide enriching amenities which include beautiful parks for outdoor recreation, an aquatic center, and a top rated golf course. Our library provides many learning opportunities for residents of all ages. Working as a team this past year our staff, administration, and City Council members have accomplished many things to preserve the quality of life for our citizens. I am proud of all of our dedicated employees who respond with excellent customer service.

The highly anticipated construction of our new police station will be completed in a few weeks. A public ribbon cutting and open house is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 6th. This is the first building constructed in Tooele City for the use of our Police Department. I wish to express my appreciation for our project manager, Mr. Paul Hansen and all others who have worked diligently to ensure that the building funds were being spent effectively and efficiently. This building has been constructed under budget and will include space for future growth. Thank you to our officers who respond to thousands of calls every year. Each time they leave their homes, they put their lives at risk for each one of you. I am grateful for their professionalism and dedication to Tooele City residents.

Tooele City is proud of our excellent volunteer Fire Department. This past year, our department celebrated the 100th anniversary of their official formation. Our 50 volunteer firefighters donate their time away from family and friends to participate in weekly training, attend fire school and others training opportunities to become certified in all aspects of firefighting. They educate hundreds of children about fire safety each year. They use their own vehicles, saving the taxpayers thousands of dollars annually. They jump at a moment’s notice, day or night, to respond to a fire call. During 2019, they responded to nearly 400 calls. It is my hope that the residents recognize the great service these men provide and the millions of taxpayer dollars saved by providing this professional service as volunteers.

This past year we have been able to continue our replacement of much needed capital equipment, including new snow plows and other heavy equipment to enable our staff to perform their duties in a safe and efficient manner.

Our parks continue to improve. A new restroom facility was constructed at the park on 200 West and Vine Street. A new pavilion at the golf course was completed and it can be used by the public for all kinds of events that can be held at what I believe is the finest golf course in the valley. An automatic sprinkler system was installed at Elton Park this year, alleviating the need for a night waterer; which will now enable our staff to use irrigation water on the park when it is available. Other improvements to Elton Park include pickle ball courts that provide recreational opportunities for young and old! A pickleball tournament was organized last fall by the Tooele Pickleball organization. Over 60 participants from all over the state competed in this event. This spring we will install 6 more courts and lighting so that we may expand the use of the facility later into the evening and hold even larger tournaments.

We are looking forward to Memorial Day as we recognize and celebrate the service of our veterans. A second statue to be placed at Veterans Memorial Park was sculpted by lifelong Tooele resident and local artist, Marvin Hitesman. This project has been funded by generous donations from many local residents through the Tooele City Fund.

Mayor Debbie Winn

Tooele City

March 2020

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**Easter Craft Workshop**
Friday, March 27
6:30—9:30 p.m.
Dow James Building
438 West 400 North

Register at tooelecity.org
Registration ends March 20th

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**Poison Prevention Week is March 15th-21st!**
http://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/

To report a poisoning or possible poisoning, contact Tooele County Dispatch at 435-882-5600 or the Utah Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.

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**MAKE A MASTERPIECE AT OUR FAMILY ART NIGHT!**

**TRASH TO TREASURE**
COME GLUE, PAINT, AND CREATE AN AWESOME 3-D CANVAS USING RE-PURPOSED ITEMS!

MARCH 23, 2020 | 6:30 PM
DOW JAMES BUILDING
(438 W 400 N, TOOELE)

FREE FAMILY EVENT!
PRE-REGISTER AT TOOELECITY.ORG
SPACE IS LIMITED! QUESTIONS? CALL 435-843-2141

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**Tooele Master Gardeners Spring Expo**
Saturday, March 14, 2020
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
151 N. Main St., Tooele
$5/person
Call 435-277-2409 for more info.

**Introducing Localscapes!**
By Cynthia Bee, Jordan Valley Water Conservation District
Localscapes is a new approach to landscaping using less water and less maintenance and still enjoying a traditional appearance.

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**Hello Tooele City!**
This is Jami Carter, your Library Director. The 2020 Census opens this month. This is the first time in history the US Census can be completed online. Your librarians are SO excited to help you get counted that we’ve designed some fun surprises including a Census Birthday Bash for the community on March 30 at 6:00 P.M. at the Tooele City Library. Everyone is invited!

The Census matters because you matter. When you count yourself and your household in the 2020 Census, it brings funding for important resources and programs into our community. Utah received approximately 5.7 billion dollars each year over the past 10 years. Tooele County received some of those federal dollars each year. The amount that came back into your county was determined by our population count from the 2010 Census. Unfortunately, Tooele County was the most undercounted County in the Utah during the 2010 Census. That funding is used for at least 55 programs including Highway Planning, WIC, CHIP, School Lunch, Low Income Housing Credits, and many more. In 2020, our goal is to achieve a complete count for our County and communities.

You matter! Your participation in the Census matters! Your librarians are ready to answer questions, help you locate the Census, and complete your census questionnaire. It’s only 9 questions. What do you have to lose?

Please contact your librarians at 435-882-2182 for more information. We are happy to help!

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**NEW**
Tooele City Police Station
Ribbon Cutting and Open House!

**April 6, 2020**

More information coming soon! Visit our website tooelecity.org for details.

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**Get Your Work Boots on and Join Tooele City Mayor Debbie Winn and the Tooele City Council for**

#TakePrideTooele Day
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020
9 A.M.—12:00 NOON

Tooele City’s 3rd Annual #TakePrideTooele Spring Clean Up event! Projects, ideas, extra bulk waste days, and more information is available on our website tooelecity.org. Your family, business, or organization can sign up now by calling 435-843-2143.

Be sure to follow #TakePrideTooele Day on Facebook Live @tooelecity the day of the event!
ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:

For those who have not renewed their COMMERCIAL Business License:

A penalty fee of 50% was assessed starting February 1st. Please be sure to renew your license! You have until March 1, 2020 to pay the licensing fee + the penalty fee. You can mail in your payment, drop your payment off in the Finance Department or in the drop box to the south of City Hall. PLEASE indicate on the envelope for payment that it is a business license renewal AND please include your business license number. Please note: The Finance Department is not able to take payments over the phone. If you are no longer in business please let us know in writing by e-mailing lisac@tooeleciry.org and we will be happy to close your license. If you have questions, please contact our Business Licensing Specialist at (435) 843-2110.

Anyone offering a SERVICE from their home, for compensation, requires a Tooele City Business License. Call the Tooele City Business Licensing Office at 435-843-2110 for more information. Also, ALL door-to-door salespersons (Itinerant/Transient Merchants) must be licensed with Tooele City and must have a 2020 YELLOW Tooele City ID Badge on and in plain sight. If a salesperson isn’t wearing a badge, please call 435-843-2110 or Dispatch (after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends) at 435-882-5600. Please be sure to give a complete description of the individual & the direction they were headed.

Free Parenting Workshop!

Guiding Good Choices®
FIVE SESSION COURSE TO HELP STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

TUESDAY NIGHTS
APRIL 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 2020
7:00 - 9:00 pm @ TOOELE CITY HALL

Register Online: www.tooeleciry.org
435-843-2185 | stacys@tooeleciry.org

PARKING

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Trash/Debris Items:
Any garbage/debris/unsightly objects must be properly disposed of within a timely manner. Section 8-4-4 1(b) and (e) of Tooele City code states these will be deemed a nuisance: (b) the accumulation of garbage, refuse, or unsightly or deleterious objects or structures upon real property, unless contained in connection with an association lawfully situated and licensed for the same; (e) any other unsightly or deleterious condition that gives rise to a threat to human health or safety:

Inoperable/Abandoned Vehicles:
Only two inoperable motor vehicles may be kept and must be placed behind a screened fence, or in an enclosed building. Vehicle coverings are not considered in compliance with this code. Section 8-4-4 1(c) and (d) of Tooele City code states such vehicles will be deemed a nuisance: (a) junked, wrecked, or inoperable motor vehicles upon real property; for longer than 72 hours, except that up to 2 such vehicles or parts thereof may be stored within an enclosed building or completely screened by a sight-obscuring fence. (d) Abandoned motor vehicles.
Arts Council. The statue is a Vietnam Soldier and his tracker dog and will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by the men and women who have served and who are currently serving our country today.

For the past two years, staff and residents have participated in our spring clean-up effort. We call it “Take Pride Tooele”. We asked residents to clean up their own yards and help their neighbors in an effort to show their pride in our City. Families, individuals, and community groups helped us clean up many areas of our City. I appreciate the efforts of all those who participated and ask for your help again this year. We are asking neighborhoods to dedicate the morning of Saturday, May 16th to organize and complete a project in their own neighborhood. The members of the City Council and myself are looking forward to joining you on that day.

Our City continues to grow, not unlike other communities in our State. The City Council and I recognize the challenges that come with managing the growth. The need to provide homes and employment for our own children and grandchildren is a difficult task. Many others recognize the benefit of living here and will also need places to live and work. Tooele City has recently completed a moderate income housing plan, which is required by state law. This plan will allow for housing opportunities in the future for all income levels. Our Community Development staff is working with the Planning Commission on other elements of our General Plan. Later this year, public meetings will be held to give our residents the opportunity to share their ideas on what growth might look like in our City.

Collaboration, partnerships, and working together as a team is the only way to accomplish great things. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Grantsville City Mayor Brent Marshall, Stockton City Mayor KJ Karjola, and the Tooele County Commissioners. We meet often to discuss the needs of our valley and how we can work together to solve difficult issues. As a group of valley-wide leaders, we discuss transportation issues with UDOT and UTA. We are currently participating in two studies to address the future public transportation needs and solutions to the bottleneck of traffic at Exit 99. Leaders from all areas of our valley are currently meeting on a monthly basis to combine our efforts to acquire additional water and sewer resources. I am appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Scott Rogers, Tooele County School District Superintendent and the Tooele County School Board as we work together to share our facilities in an effort to save taxpayer dollars. Tooele City is also grateful for the collaboration we share with the Tooele Technical College and Utah State University—Tooele Campus who train and educate our workforce. I am grateful for the communication and support we receive from Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Grounds. Colonel Gould and Colonel Burnley are exceptional men who are committed to our country and our community.

Thank you to the staff and board of the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce who work hard for the business community. I made a promise to our local businesses that Tooele City would work hard to become a business friendly city. I will continue to work with staff to find ways to help improve our service. We will continue to make recommendations to the City Council to improve our codes to help our small business owners achieve the American dream.

I believe that the only way to bring great success and economic development to our City is to work together in a spirit of friendship and unselfishness. The City Council Members and I are committed to making our community a place where residents are proud to live, work, and play. We are committed to being transparent and accountable. Your ideas and solutions are extremely important. We are in the process of planning several ways to gather your input through social media, surveys, and town hall meetings.

There are so many good things happening in our community. Thank you to those who step up following a tragedy — showing love, compassion, and support. Thank you for helping the elderly and those in need. It takes a community working together to preserve our quality of life. I am honored and proud to serve as your Mayor. May God continue to bless America and our community. Thank you!

I welcome your feedback, comments, and suggestions. Please contact me at my office at 435-843-2104 or by email at dwinn@tooelecity.org.

Tooele City Cemetery

Weather permitting, the Tooele City Cemetery personnel will perform a complete clean-up of the Cemetery grounds beginning March 23, 2020. All decorations in the Cemetery will be discarded including items within the concrete border/lawnmower strip. At the discretion of the Cemetery staff, any decorations in vases that show weather damage will be removed and discarded. Beginning April 1st, 2020 decorations may be placed on graves in accordance with Cemetery policy for summer months. You can find the policy on our website tooelecity.org or if you have any questions, please contact the Cemetery Records Office at 435-882-4241. Thank you for your help to keep our cemetery beautiful and clean!