Mayor Dunlavy’s State of the City Address

Presented at City Council Meeting on February 16, 2011

Chairman Wardle, members of the City Council, staff members and citizens: The state of Tooele City in 2011, I can confidently tell you, is better than ever before. This beautiful city gets better and better as the years go by. Those who live and work here truly are some of the most wonderful people anywhere. We live in a most beautiful and exciting place surrounded by breathtaking vistas from the mountains on the west and east, to the Great Salt Lake north of us.

All of us are truly very fortunate. As I have looked back five years so much has been accomplished. Projects have been completed that were absolutely essential to our city. A wastewater treatment plant expansion project, new roads, new storage reservoirs and new wells brought on line, significant improvements to our beautiful park areas and golf course, automated utilities payments, and more information on the website with the ability to access any public information from your home or office. Library programs that did not exist a few years ago are creating an atmosphere of enjoyment and information. Police and Fire Departments are second to none. I appreciate our active and involved Arts Council very much.

This is a city moving forward setting the example to others. Our foundation is firm, our direction set. The direction our country is going I’m sure is as much a concern to each of you as it is to me. The economy continues to struggle through the worst recession in our time. It seems there is very little being done to correct past mistakes. Politics are more important than doing the work of the people. Federal and State governments talk a lot but we seem to get nowhere. I certainly hope that will change. What they do and what we do effect each of you and your families. I’m very proud of the position Tooele City is in. Services to you, your quality of life, and that of your families are now, and will always be, my only priority. We operate within our means, finances are so very important. We will continue as we have in the past few years to be fiscally conservative, making sure your tax dollars are spent wisely and for the right reasons. As the economy improves how we use those dollars becomes more important than ever. I pledge to you this:

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Congratulations to Oquirrh Hills Golf Course

Once a year, the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce takes nominations to recognize businesses that have made exceptional contributions and exceeded expectations in delivering services of superior quality to its customers. This year, the Oquirrh Hills Golf Course was chosen for their exceptional service.

Mayor Patrick Dunlavy has always emphasized customer service of all Tooele City employees. Chris Scott, Oquirrh Hills Golf Course Golf Pro, has definitely reinforced this important issue with his employees.

Congratulations, Chris and the rest of the employees at Oquirrh Hills Golf Course! This is an award that is well deserved!
Teen Gaming: RuneScape
March 5, 11 am to 1 pm. Teens! Join a game of RuneScape on the first Saturday each month. Bring your own laptop or use one at the library.

Prom Prep
Prom night is just around the corner! Here are two more TEEN “Prom Prep” events. Bring all your friends!
March 12 at 11 am—Chanaelle from Maurices will point out formal fashion “do’s and don’ts” and share tips to accentuate the best of any body type.
March 26 at 11 am—Kim Smart from “Remedies” will share tricks for fantastic hair on YOUR big night!

Teen Writing Fun
Available at any time. Teens and tweens write a short story on a theme in the library teen room for a prize.

Matinee Movies
Tuesdays at 4:30 pm
Mar 1, rated G
Mar 8, check library for rating
Mar 15, rated PG
Call or visit the library for movie titles. Seating limited. Arrive early.

Presentation of “The Elephant’s Child”
LaForge Encore Theatre will present “The Elephant’s Child” on March 17th at 7 pm.

Children’s Story Time
Wednesdays at 11 am. Our little listeners adore community readers!

Contact the library for volunteer information.

Thing-a-ma-jig Thursday
March 10 at 11 am and 4:30 pm. Children will create a turtle race car and compete for the title of “Top Turtle”.

Children’s Crafts
Fridays between 3:30 and 5:30 pm.

Discover Fun
Available at any time. Children of all ages can follow a treasure hunt at the library to receive a fun prize.

Bookmark our web address at http://tooelecity.org/tcl/library.html to quickly find the most current calendar of events and browse for items in our online catalog.

Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration for Fall 2011 enrollment is currently being held at all elementary schools through the end of May 2011. Each child entering kindergarten must have a prescreening assessment. This assessment will be scheduled by your school prior to the end of this school year. It is important to have your child registered to receive an assessment time. To be eligible to enter kindergarten, your child must be at least five (5) years of age on or before September 1, 2011. If you have questions regarding the enrollment process, contact your school principal or the Director of Elementary Education at the District Office, (435) 833-1900, ext. 1105.

Tooele Applied Technology College Offering Free Mini-Lesson Lunch-n-Learn Series
Free mini-lesson at Tooele Applied Technology College on March 16th from noon to 1 pm. Class includes a pizza lunch! Joe Mena and Sharyn Putnik will talk about what you need to know about Facebook privacy—what and what not to post. If you plan to attend, please call 435-228-1800.

Tooele City Arts Council
Public Presentation and Comment Forum
Thursday, April 7, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Tooele City Hall (90 N. Main Street)
Come meet the Tooele City Arts Council Board, learn about programs that have been offered, and share your ideas about the arts in Tooele with the Council.

If you are unable to attend the public forum please use any of the following ways to share your ideas with the Arts Council:
• Stop by Tooele City Hall before April 7th to fill out a survey with your suggestions.
• Visit our website at www.tooelecity.org to print a survey. Fill out and return the survey to Tooele City Hall by April 7th.
• Follow the link found on our website at www.tooelecity.org to take the survey online.

The Tooele City Arts Council wants to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to give us your ideas.

Those who submit a survey will have their names entered in a drawing for free concert tickets!

For further information please contact the Tooele City Arts Council at (435) 84-2142 or terras@tooelecity.org.
Utah Saves Family Carnival
Monday, March 14th
7 - 8 p.m.
151 N. Main (County Health Bldg)
Play fun money-themed carnival games!
Each family will receive prizes and a take home treat!
Space is limited! RSVP by Monday, March 14th by 12 noon to 435-277-2406 with # of people in your family.

This event is sponsored by Utah State University Extension, Tooele City Family Recreation, and Heritage West Credit Union.

Family Conflict continues to rise in our community. Over 44% of Tooele City 6th & 8th graders reported this risk. What can we do to help? How can we reduce this risk factor decrease? Tooele Communities That Care® in partnership with the Tooele County School District, offers FREE Family Workshops to help decrease the risk of Family Conflict. Guiding Good Choices® is a 5-week, one night a week program that gives tools and skills needed to manage a family with great success. Call Melanie Castagno to reserve a space today! Tooele City Hall, 435/843-2185.

Strengthen a family.
Become a foster parent.

The Utah Foster Care Foundation believes every child deserves a permanent connection to a caring adult. The need for foster/adoptive families is ongoing, especially for families willing to help keep siblings together and to care for children over age 6. Right now, there are nearly 1,400 children and teens in foster care in the Tooele/SLC Region.

Families receive 32 hours of free, ongoing training, encouragement of foster parent support groups in their area, and the knowledge that they are helping children in need.

Do you wonder what it is like to be a foster parent? We will be having an Ask-a-Foster Parent Night on Wednesday March 23rd at the Tooele City Library from 6:30-7:30 pm. This will be a great time to learn more about the needs of children in foster care from a local foster parent and to see how you can help.

Check out their website at www.utahfostercare.org, or call UFCF’s Murray office at 877-505-5437 to speak with a recruiter.

Anyone offering a "service" from their home for compensation, requires a Tooele City Business License. This includes contractors even though licensed by the State. Access the Business License Application on the city’s website at www.tooelecity.org. Go to the “Department Drop Down list” to City Recorder. There is a list of applications to the left of the screen. The Business License Application is the first one. Fill out the application (notarize 2nd page). After being approved you will be contacted regarding payment of the $40 fee. After payment, your Business License Certificate will be mailed to you. If you have questions, call (435) 843-2110.

BUSINESS OWNERS: Those who have not paid Business License Renewal fees, will need to pay an additional 50% late fee as of February 1st. You have until March 1st to pay the licensing fee + the penalty fee. After March 1st, your license will be considered “inactive” and we will close your business license. You can drop your payment off in the city Finance Department or in the drop box to the south of City Hall. You can also pay your renewal online by going to www.xpressbillpay.com. If you are no longer in business or if you have any questions, contact the Recorder’s Office at (435) 843-2110.

“The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.”
- Michelangelo
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to never waiver from this vitally important responsibility. This past year has been especially challenging with our battle with Rocky Mountain Power. I’m extremely proud of the way we handled it. We were successful in making them move the line on 2 separate occasions further to the south. Maintenance and construction road cuts must be on the south facing slopes keeping them, for the most part, from being seen from the valley. Our settlement with them allowed us to add additional open space to be forever preserved. Also a nature park, partially funded by them, will add beauty to our area. I express my deep appreciation for the resolve of the City Council, with the support of Chairman Wardle, Councilman Pruden and City Attorney Roger Baker we negotiated a settlement with them that made us better. We also sent a very strong message that we will stand up for our citizens and our city. I thank the wonderful work of the citizens group, in particular Brad and Kaye Pratt, for their tireless efforts, and the County Commissioners for their support when it was needed the most. Our efforts made our city better; our work will preserve our city’s natural beauty forever.

There is still much work to be done. Phase 2 of our planned wastewater treatment plant expansion will begin this spring. Planned additional water source projects will begin this year. Continuation of our multiyear infrastructure maintenance plan will go forward. Improvements to our recreation facilities will begin this spring. Planning for our police and fire facilities will continue. Our city does not stand still, those challenges will be met.

Economic development work will be accelerated. We know as the economy improves, more companies will be looking to go forward. We are positioned and ready to get these companies and businesses to locate here. We have pledged to work cooperatively with other government agencies to make sure they locate and bring jobs to our area. I’m very excited and optimistic and look forward to our future successes. We are currently planning additional areas of property to accommodate new business development. Areas have had zoning changes adopted by the City Council to facilitate attractive planned areas that will also aid us in providing attractive areas of our city to be used as important tools in our economic future. Our downtown business district remains important to us. We will continue working with property owners to develop an atmosphere of cooperation and provide ideas to attract business of all types downtown. Our commitment to educational facilities will also continue. We are currently working to assist in getting funding for the Tooele Applied Technology College as well as additional facilities in partnership with Utah State University. Yes, there is much to accomplish. I can tell you we are ready.

I’ve been a Public Servant in one way or another most of my life. I can tell you I was never alone. My beautiful wife Pam, my daughters Lisa and Kenzie, and my sons Patrick and Kasey have been there with me, always supportive, with words of encouragement. I am very lucky and so very proud of them and their beautiful families. I love them so much.

I’m very grateful to the five members of the City Council, Chairman Scott Wardle, Steve Pruden, Mike Johnson, Dave McCall and Shawn Milne are hard working men of integrity. They work very hard toward our goals of this wonderful city. I express my heartfelt appreciation to the finest staff anywhere. I’m so proud of the opportunity to work side by side with them every day. They truly are the most honest, ethical and genuine men and women.

Thank you to the employees of the city. I appreciate them so much for the sacrifices they have been asked to make the last couple of years.

So as we go forward with the work of the city, it will be done honestly and with integrity and hard work. We will do the right things for the right reasons. I pledge to work with Tooele County and Grantsville City and the other cities to make not only Tooele City the best, but also Tooele Valley. Thank you for allowing me the privilege.

4th of July 2011 — Name that Theme Contest

The Tooele City 4th of July committee would like the community of Tooele and surrounding areas to come up with a theme for this year’s 4th of July Celebration.

The winner will receive tickets to the 4th of July Bit & Spur Rodeo, a 20 punch swim pass to the Pratt Aquatic Center, and 2 tickets to the 4th of July Concert! (No limit on the amount of entries per person).

Please submit your entries to Tooele City Parks & Recreation Department, 90 N. Main St., Tooele, UT 84074, fax to (435) 843-2149, or email kathyb@tooelecitry.org by 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2011. For more information, contact Kathy Bell at (435) 843-2140.

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| Address: ____________________ |
| Phone: _____________________ |
| Theme Name: _________________ |

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