Mayor Dunlavy’s State of the City Address

Presented at the Tooele City Council Meeting on February 20, 2013

Chairman McCall, members of the City Council, Department Heads, Tooele City Administration and staff and Citizens of the “Greatest City in Utah”, I stand proudly before you tonight to report on the state of this wonderful City.

Last year at this time I talked about significant projects that were planned. Those included the expansion of the Wastewater Reclamation Facility, the Southeast bench waterline project, 2 new water wells, upgrading the roads in the Tooele City Cemetery, the Tooele Applied Technology College building, as well as completion of the new Skyline Park Nature Park. As you can see there was a lot going on last year, and I’m very pleased to report on these projects.

First, the Wastewater Reclamation Facility has been completed. With the facility in place, we now have a state of the art process. With the addition to the Wastewater Plant, we now produce certified water for reuse purposes and the plant also now produces a product from the solids process that is certified to meet the State standards for use as a fertilizer, saving the city thousands of dollars.

The Southeast bench waterline project is complete. For the first time we now have the capability to move water from our wells and reservoirs, especially to the bench areas on the East and Southeast sections of the City.

The planning and permitting for 2 new culinary water wells is complete. Bids have been received and the contract for the drilling of the first well has been signed. Drilling will begin in early spring. As the first well is completed, we will start drilling the 2nd well. These two new wells will add an additional estimated 2,000 to 3,000 gallons of water per minute to our water source.

The first phase of the Cemetery road improvement project is complete. Additional improvements will be added this coming year.

The beautiful Tooele Applied Technology building will open in a few weeks. This was a significant investment by our Tooele City Redevelopment Agency. Our vision and hard work made this possible. Our partnership with the Applied Technology College will bring wonderful training and educational opportunities never before available to our citizens. It is built on a foundation of unprecedented cooperation, not only with the Tooele Applied Technology College, but Utah State University. Our City has become a shining example to others around the State. Our commitment to the educational corridor that we’ve created will continue as we move our beautiful city forward. Much thanks to the City Council, the State Applied Technology Board, President Scott Snelson of the Tooele Applied Technology College and especially Mr. Randy Sant, our Redevelopment Agency Consultant for making history in making this project happen.

The new beautiful Skyline Nature Park is complete. What a remarkable and beautiful addition to our City.

As you can see, these projects have been completed. We are a City that plans, identifies financing, and completes projects. Each of these projects adds significant additional pieces for the future. We refuse to stand still and be complacent, while at the same time not getting ahead of ourselves or our finances. You as residents deserve and receive honest, experienced, leadership.

Important projects still need to be done. New police and fire facilities are at the top of the list. When the finances for these 2 facilities come together, we will complete them as well. We’ll continue to upgrade our current existing infrastructure, plan...
Starting in March:
Digital Photography
Pen and Ink Drawing
Watercolor Painting
Spring & Easter Craft Workshop
For a full class listing please visit our website at www.tooelec.org (click on the Arts Council Logo) or stop by Tooele City Hall (90 N. Main St.) to pick up a copy.

For further information contact the Tooele City Arts Council at (435) 843-2142 or terras@tooelec.org.
ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:
For those who have not renewed their Business License:  A penalty fee of 50% was assessed starting February 1st.  Please be sure to renew your license!!  If the Recorder’s Office does not hear from you by March 15th, 2013, your license will automatically be Inactivated (Closed). 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.  Also, If you are no longer in business, please let us know in writing by e-mailing lisac@tooelec.org or fax (435) 843-2119 and we will close your license.  If you have questions, please contact the Recorder’s Office at (435) 843-2110.

Anyone offering a “Service” from their home, for compensation, must have a Tooele City Business License!  Call the Tooele City Recorder’s Office (435) 843-2110 for more information.  All door-to-door salesmen (Itinerant/Transient Merchants) must be licensed with Tooele City and must have a 2013 Bright ORANGE Tooele City ID Badge on and in plain sight. Please call 843-2110 or 882-5600 to report offenders.

FAMILIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED
This is a FREE activity and your family is not required to bring anything. If you would like you can bring donations that will be given to Tooele Relief Services. Items we will be collecting that night are NEW birthday gifts for children of any ages, and basic household cleaning supplies.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE DOW JAMES BUILDING
(438 W. 400 N., TOOELE)

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER TO 843-2142 OR TERRAS@TOOELECITY.ORG BY TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M.

FAMILIES WILL BE ASSEMBLING BIRTHDAY KITS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.

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Attention Parents!
▶ Do you ever wish you had the answers to the really tough questions when it comes to your kids?
  • How can I prevent my child from experimenting with drugs & alcohol?
  • How can I get my child more involved with responsibilities at home?
  • How can I improve communication and reduce conflict in the home?

Let us help you find the answers!
Attend our FREE Family & Parenting Workshop
GUIDING GOOD CHOICES™

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Participants will attend 5 sessions, once a week for 5 consecutive weeks.
Children are involved in Session 3.
Week 1 = Getting Started
Week 2 = Setting Guidelines
Week 3 = Avoiding Trouble
Week 4 = Managing Conflict
Week 5 = Involving Everyone
February 26-March 28, 2013
OR
April 9-May 7, 2013
Tooele City Hall
7-9 pm
Phone: 435.843.2185
Email: stacys@tooelec.org
Website: tooelec.org
(click on the CTC logo)

Tooele City is excited to introduce the 2013 Miss Tooele City Pageant as a kick-off event to the 4th of July festivities. This program is for girls ages 16-24. See our website www.tooelec.org for more information!

The Tooele City Police Department needs you to build a safer community!
We are working with residents to rollout NextDoor in neighborhoods across Tooele City.
To learn more, go to http://www.nextdoor.com/ and watch the video. If you are interested in being the Founding Member of your NextDoor Neighborhood email us at crimeprevention@tooelec.org with your address.
Call (435) 882-8900 for more information.
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additional park improvements, make upgrades to the Golf Course and continue to support the best Library ever. We are very fortunate to have exceptional police officers and firefighters—support for them will continue to be a priority.

I believe it is very important for each of you to know your City is financially sound. My philosophy is now, and will always be, to carefully protect how and when we spend your tax dollars. I pledge to each of you, I will continue to plan projects and complete projects within the available funding. I am not asking for additional money, each of you should not be required to pay additional taxes. I take very seriously that I was elected to manage the City; I’ll do it with the funding that is available. The recession continues to play a significant role in decisions that concern finances. Recovery is still slowly moving forward, but we are not standing still.

The future holds exciting wonderful opportunities to make our beautiful city a better, more vibrant, safe place to raise our families and find jobs. We will continue our successful efforts to create new employment opportunities, and continue to recruit new businesses. As part of that effort, we are working extremely hard to secure a new retail center. We have been working with a retail developer to accomplish this very important and exciting project. I know there are a lot of questions concerning this project: Who’s coming? When will it be open? What will it look like? I promise you, when everything comes together, we’ll answer all those questions.

I am very grateful to each of you for your support and input. This is your city. I’m proud to live and work here. Tooele City is no longer an afterthought of the Wasatch Front cities. We are a proud strong voice of the County Commissioners and Grantsville City Mayor Marshall – working together we can accomplish much.

I love my family—my wife Pam, my daughters Lisa and Kenzie, my sons Patrick and Kasey and their beautiful families. They are my personal foundation. Their support and encouragement strengthens my resolve so much. I am so very proud of who they are and what they’ve become.

I am very grateful to my staff. They are wonderful people who are dedicated to their work. Their knowledge and experience is second to none. I trust them and rely on them to make sure we accomplish the responsibilities of managing this special City. I’m so very proud of the expertise, knowledge and dedication of the finest police officers and firefighters who serve our community—there are none better anywhere.

I thank the employees of Tooele City. I thank them for the sacrifices they make and the great job they do. To the members of the City Council, I sincerely express my gratitude. They are honest caring people, with character, knowledge and experience, who truly are invested in the City and committed to their responsibilities. I am fortunate, as I say often, to be their partner in leading our great city.

It is truly a privilege and honor to serve you as your Mayor. I believe we’ve accomplished exceptional things for our City. I’m extremely happy as I look to the future. I’m also very grateful you’ve allowed me this wonderful opportunity to serve. I have a tremendous love for this city, a passion for the work and a commitment to make it better every day. I’m committed also to further the working relationships with the County Commissioners and Grantsville City Mayor Marshall – working together we can accomplish much.

I’m very grateful to each of you for your support and input. This is your city. I’m proud to live and work here. Tooele City is no longer an afterthought of the Wasatch Front cities. We are a proud strong voice and an example for other cities to follow. The work is challenging, but the challenges are being met. Decisions that we make are decisions that better our city, strengthen us financially, and move us forward. Thank you so much for the honor of being your Mayor.

To contact Mayor Dunlavy, please call his office at (435) 843-2104 or email him at patrickd@tooelecity.org