Safeguarding Taxpayer Dollars
Nicole Martin, Councilmember

The most important responsibility of city councilmembers is to safeguard taxpayer dollars and ensure they are used wisely and frugally. The most important vote we make is approving the budget. The most important goal we have as a council is to earn your trust as we advocate on your behalf. As such, we scrutinize the spending of every dollar and work for balance between our competing needs as a growing city.

Key components of earning trust are communication and transparency, and this City Council is dedicated to improving both. With these as guiding principles, we were all dismayed to learn of Mayor David Watts’ inappropriate use of his City-issued credit card and were quick to address the issue once we were notified of the irregularities by City staff.

While we have already addressed this issue in two public meetings, with a third planned on December 12, the recent media attention may have left some citizens with questions regarding this issue.

- After having been notified by City staff of Mayor Watts’ violation of the procurement policy, City Council scheduled a meeting to discuss the credit card charges in an open meeting on July 11
- During the July 11 City Council meeting, Alan Rae, our City Finance Director, outlined the Procurement Policy violations as follows:
  o Mayor Watts’ credit card report was turned in with only two acceptable receipts from the 20 charges. Receipts are required for all purchases, with the reason for the purchase, and the individuals present/involved;
  o A charge to a hotel in Denver that was double the allowed per diem rate. The City uses an industry standard for hospitality per diem rates to ensure when trips are required, reasonably-priced hotels are chosen;
  o An unapproved flight was purchased to attend a City Council meeting the Mayor had said he was not attending due to his conflict in Washington D.C. We knew the Mayor would not be attending, had a quorum to move forward, and had made arrangements for him to call in, making his flight unnecessary and unexpected;
  o An unapproved Uber ride to and from the airport to a meeting.
- The charges that violated the City’s policy total $946.31

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New Bike Lanes

Herriman is always looking for opportunities to provide alternative transportation options. This process includes looking at travel paths that have high volumes and significant destinations. Currently the focus is to provide access along major arterial roads to transit destinations; such as the TRAX station in Daybreak. As funding becomes available for projects to address the alternative transportation needs, the projects are completed. 

During the summer of 2018, a joint effort was set forth with Herriman City, South Jordan City, Salt Lake County, and the Utah Transit Authority (UTA). This effort was to provide a “last mile” connection along 11800 South from 6000 West to the Daybreak TRAX station. UTA received funding from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant program. This grant required a percentage of the funds be matched locally. Salt Lake County had funding available to fund the required match amount and thus, the project was kicked off at no cost to either South Jordan or Herriman City. 

As part of the project, Granite Construction installed signage and striping for over 6,000 feet of new bike lanes along 11800 South-Daybreak Parkway from 6000 West to the Daybreak TRAX station. With this project, all on-street parking along 11800 South was eliminated for the safety of bike lane users. The goal is to provide complete connections between transit stations and destinations, while enhancing safety for cyclists, transit riders, and pedestrians. Please remain vigilant and alert when driving near or using the new bike lanes. We welcome you to contact us with any concerns or suggestions, please send them to engineering@herriman.org.

HAPPY PAWLIDAYS

The temperatures are dropping and snow is in the air! Keep your pets safe during the cold weather with the following tips:

- **Gr**ab your pup a **coat** and some **boots** to protect their paws. Check for snow clumps when they come inside
- **Snow melt** is dangerous if ingested. Wipe their paws when coming inside from a walk. Animal-safe ice melt is available for purchase at hardware stores
- **If your dog stays outside during the day**, be sure they have access to shelter and unfrozen water. Bring them inside at night and in freezing temperatures. *If you’re cold, your dog is cold.*
- **If you have a community cat colony at your residence**, make sure they have adequate shelter

HELP PETS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Each year we care for 10,000 lost and stray pets. The pets at the shelter always love donated treats!

**Dogs**
- Canned food
- Soft treats
- Canned pumpkin
- Applesauce
- Durable squeak toys

**Cats**
- Canned cat pate
- Soft treats
- Scratching posts
- Cat toys

Visit AdoptUtahPets.com

*Drop off donations at:
511 W 3900 S, Salt Lake City • Mon-Sat 10a-6p*
Recently Approved Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2018-36
An ordinance approving a text change to the Land Development Code to consolidate and modify Home Occupation regulations.

ORDINANCE 2018-37
An ordinance approving a text change to the Land Development Code to add several Alcohol Licenses.

ORDINANCE 2018-38
An ordinance repealing Chapter 3, Article A “Alcohol and Beer”, and replacing it with a new Article A “Alcoholic Beverages Licenses”.

To view the ordinances in full detail, please visit https://www.herriman.org/public-notices/

Best Dressed Holiday House Contest

Post a picture or video of your holiday decorations and/or light display, including your address, on the Herriman Arts Council’s Facebook Event page using #HACBestDressedHouse for your chance to be one of three winners announced December 21st.

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- Nearly six months later, Mayor Watts had not reimbursed the City or made any arrangements to do so, prompting the City Council to bring the issue back to our November 14 meeting.

During our noticed November 14 meeting, that Mayor Watts chose not to attend, the City Council discussed our next steps to resolve the issue, with our conclusions as follows:

1. The City Council will draft a letter to Mayor Watts asking the funds to be repaid to the City by December 12;
2. The City Council will publicly read the letter during our December 12 meeting allowing for public comment from citizens;
3. All City Council members, with the exception of Mayor Watts due to his absence, agreed to not have City-issued credit cards moving forward;
4. The City policies will be strengthened and improved for both employees and elected officials to lessen the chances of this situation reoccurring.

This is a distraction that none of the City Council wish we had to deal with, given the much-greater priorities we have in controlling density, managing growth, maintaining quality of life, establishing an economic development base, running a new police department…and so on. The point is, we are dedicated to continually earning your trust to effectively and honestly running the City. And just as you expect actions to back up our words, we will demand the same from Mayor Watts in resolving this issue quickly so we can move forward.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

We invite you to attend our December 12 meeting to participate in this agenda item if you are so inclined.
Herriman City, in coordination with the Herriman Hills Trails Committee, is excited to announce the construction of a new segment of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, the “Wide Hollow Trail”. The Wide Hollow Trail will extend from a future trailhead, located at approximately 6600 West and 14800 South, to the existing Diamondback Trail. The Wide Hollow Trail will follow stipulations and guidelines established by the Bonneville Shoreline Trails Committee, which requires the trail to be less than 10% grade and dedicated for non-motorized use. Funding for the construction of the trail has been allocated by Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. The Wide Hollow Trail is scheduled to be completed, weather permitting, in early 2019.

We appreciate and value our partnerships with the Herriman Hills Trails Committee and Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. These partnerships assist us in providing outstanding outdoor public recreational assets for our residents and guests.

To view a larger image of the map below, please visit: https://www.herriman.org/city-departments/gis/

Congratulation to our new Herriman royalty:

Jade Hansen - Miss Herriman
Montana Wood - 1st Attendant
Sahviena Ballard - 2nd Attendant
Yeti Hunt 2018
December 3-19

It’s like Where’s Waldo with prizes!
Watch Herriman social media channels for more details.

Special City Council Update

The City Council held a Special Meeting, November 9th, to discuss the purchase of 54.454 acres of property located at 12120 S S100 W in Herriman (near Mountain View Corridor). The City intends to rezone this property to a commercial zone, which would replace the current residential zoning of 10 units per acre.

Herriman City Snow Plows
During the wintertime, remember...

in order to facilitate snow removal progress, City ordinance prohibits parking on the street when it is snowing, or when there is snow on the street, between Nov. 1st and April 1st.

you are responsible for clearing snow around the fire hydrant if you have one located on your property.

As long as the snow falls, the City’s first goal is to keep the main roads open. Once these streets are clear, plows will continue on to residential streets, and finally cul-de-sacs.

when clearing snow from your driveway, the snow should be placed in your yard, or on the side of your driveway or park strip, and not in the street or your neighbor’s yard.

We appreciate your willingness to help keep our city safe, and helping our snow plows to clear the streets efficiently.
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Rivalry Food Drive
Just like the game on the field, the Utah fans rallied in the 4th quarter to fill their food donation bin. Thank you to all that participated!

Free Ice Skating
w/ purchase of a skate rental
Valid Sundays, Mondays & Thursdays only
Must present coupon at time of purchase.
Not valid with any other offers
Expires end of 2018-2019 skate season
Visit Herriman.org for more info including prices, open dates, and hours

Open November 28th - February 28th
(WEATHER PERMITTING)
M-F: 5:30 - 9 PM • Sat: 12 - 9 PM • Sun: 12 - 4 PM
- Adults - $3
- Children - $2
- Skate Rental - $3

A variety of punch pass options available

For more details visit Herriman.org/ice-ribbon

Season’s Greetings
Happy Holidays from all of us at City Hall!

City Hall will be closed on:
- December 24th - 25th
- January 1st

Mayor: David Watts • City Council: Jared Henderson, Nicole Martin, Sherrie Ohrn, Clint Smith
City Manager: Brett Wood • Asst. City Manager: Gordon Haight