



Mayor Randy Watts
State of the City Address
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Here we go, another year ahead of us and a year behind us to reflect upon. First, we the administration are appreciative of the years of service that Laraine Swenson and Jay Monson have given to the City and we are looking forward to working with the two new council members Tom Jensen and Karl Ward along with Holly, Dean and Herm.

2011 has had many challenges, such as the economy, staying afloat and keeping the City in check and making sure we in no way get over extended. We as an administration feel and hopefully the Council feels the same way that as revenues improve we need to put those dollars into capital improvements and continue using some dollars from CDBG funding for curb and sidewalk enhancement.

We will continue to closely monitor health care costs and look at even better ways to save revenue through even better practices. We will be more aggressive with the trail system within Logan City and Logan Canyon. We will look at the current arrangement of the Recreation Center and with guidance from Russ Akina, evaluate the future financial upgrades needed for the building. We will continue to look at renewable energy opportunities in our power department and continue to improve the infrastructure of our electrical grid system and continue to build our reserves within that department.

We will continue working toward upgrades on 200 East and improvements on the South Main park strips. We will continue to look for new business to locate here in Logan and with Issa Hamud's guidance, work on solid waste and waste water solutions. Reducing the phosphorus from the sewer lagoon is ramping up to be a huge project in the near future and the construction of the transfer facility at the existing landfill will forever change the way we handle solid waste in a very good way. We will continue working at making Logan a desired and safe place to live, making sure through Chief Peterson and Chief Jensen that our Fire and Police Department continue to stay on top of their training and that we the administration stay on top of the proper funding to keep them healthy. Mark Neilsen and the Public Works Department have the longest list of needs and I dedicate a lot of my time and effort to reducing that list and chiseling away at the infrastructure needs.

I would ask citizens that own property in Logan City whether it be residential, rental or commercial to give a more concerted effort in maintaining and taking care of your investment so that all citizens can benefit. Mowing lawns, weeding, painting, clearing sidewalks of snow are just a few things but if we all do our part, we can continue enjoying the quality of life we have here in Logan.

I also ask that citizens of Logan continue to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the police or other authority so we can continue being one of the safest cities in the country.

I appreciate all of our department heads in staying focused and always looking for ways to improve service, save revenue and continue being *United in Service* for an ever increasing demand on our infrastructure.

Along with this State of the City address is a list of accomplishments and goals from each department.

I wish each of you the best in the New Year.

Thank you.

Please see attached list of Goals and Accomplishments from City Departments.

Department of Community Development

Accomplishments

BUILDING – issued 499 building permits, conducted 188 plan reviews and performed 1,255 inspections representing a total construction value of value of \$44,748,608. Significant projects completed and/or initiated in 2011 include the Falls at Riverwood, the Logan City Golf Course, and the Logan Regional Hospital, Conservice, Gossners, Herm's Inn, the Aggie Blue Square Mixed Use project, and numerous residential projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT – continued work on improving Logan's neighborhoods by responding to 300 complaints, initiating another 179 landlord licensing enforcement actions, issuing 1,253 Landlord Licenses representing over 50% of Logan's residential unit count, implementing the Town Center parkstrip reclamation project, issuing over 2,100 business licenses & 1,253 landlord licenses, and administering over \$535,000 of CDBG grant funds.

PLANNING – continued work on improving Logan's neighborhoods by adopting the 2011 Land Development Code, completing the Downtown Specific Plan (adoption 2012), completing the Cache Valley South Corridor Development Plan (adoption 2012), completing the Affordable Housing Plan, initiating the Adams Neighborhood Plan, Initiating the Open Space Plan & Program, completing the 2011 reconnaissance level survey for future historic preservation needs, reviewing almost 80 separate projects, and managing a number of different applications for grandfathering, signs, fences, parking, non-conformities, occupancy restrictions and historical appropriateness.

Departmental Goals for 2012

Work more efficiently and effectively as we respond to changing market and regulatory conditions. Our primary goals are to improve our internal service capabilities; improve our levels of customer service by being more responsive to citizen and client needs; improve our public outreach efforts by developing and fostering better working relationships with the public and our Neighborhood Councils; and working collectively towards ensuring Logan remains a top quality City through the implementation of each specific function within Community Development.

Environmental Department

Responsibilities FY 2011

The City of Logan Environmental Department provides County wide solid waste collection, County wide solid waste disposal, green waste collection, composting and recycling. Department also provides regional wastewater treatment and wastewater pretreatment. Also provide Forestry and mosquito abatement for Logan City.

Accomplishments FY 2011

1. Continued to boost reserves for future improvements for solid waste and for wastewater
2. Obtained zoning change for the proposed Clarkston Landfill Site, and started the permitting process
3. Began ground work for new Administration and Transfer Station Facilities
4. Increased recycling public education
5. Renewed efforts with Box Elder County for possible Landfill opportunities
6. Maintained work load with fewer employees
7. Substantial reduction in accidents
8. Maintained compliance with UPDES permitting
9. Algae research at the Lagoons site in cooperation with USU
10. Proactive investigation of wastewater treatment methods for use at the WWTP
11. Repaved road through the Lagoons
12. Maintained efforts through Pretreatment to keep business' in compliance
13. Public education efforts at Lagoons (WWTP) and pretreatment inspections
14. Operated algae pilot plant including raceway ponds, solid liquid separation, and anaerobic digestion
15. Conducted pilot study with dissolved air flotation (DAF) for solid liquid separation
16. Maintained update of rolling stock creating efficiency in collection
17. Upgraded and/or replaced rolling stock for Department as a whole
18. Finalized bid and contract process for new Administration Building and Transfer Station
19. Established recycling programs for several businesses
20. Continued to improve City forestry activities by trimming trees, planting new trees, and removing dead trees
21. Increased forestry public education
22. Replaced/upgraded 4 pieces of equipment at Landfill
23. Replaced 8 fleet trucks for Collections Division

Goals FY 2012

1. Continue efforts on bids & contracts for phase II (transfer Station Building) at Landfill
2. Start Construction of new Administrative offices and garage, mechanic & truck wash building at the landfill.
3. Create Landfill roads construction plan
4. Maintain the Safety program in all areas of the department
5. Work towards obtaining permits for the development of a new landfill at the North Valley landfill site
6. Create a groundwater monitoring plan and collect data from the groundwater monitoring wells to obtain background water characteristics
7. Stay in compliance with wastewater treatment regulations
8. Successfully renew our UPDES permit/meet compliance milestones
9. Continue compliance with business' through Pretreatment
10. Educate the public about environmental conservation and tools available (website) to help accomplish conservation efforts.

11. Continue research of algae and other wastewater treatment processes to maintain compliance with the UPDES permit
12. Complete wastewater treatment master plan
13. Update software for GIS system
14. Reduce Recycle contamination through public education
15. Continue to cut costs at Hazardous Waste Facility
16. Increase Green waste Facility revenues by 73% over 2011
17. Decrease equipment maintenance costs by 15% over 2011
18. Continue safety efforts as a department
19. Continue Public Relations efforts
20. Continue to support business based recycling programs
21. Replace the last 2 oil heaters in the Environmental garages
22. Maintain inspection of construction progress at the Landfill
23. Maintain contact with Public Works on completion of the sewer line down 200 South
24. Continued new tree inventory

Considerations for the Future

1. Installation of GPS tracking system for collection fleet
2. Evaluate adding CNG vehicles to fleet for emissions and costs efficiency

Legal Department Accomplishments

In 2011, the Legal Department contracted with the Cache County Attorney's Office for the City's criminal prosecution. This resulted in the elimination of an attorney position for an approximate annual savings of \$15,000.00 and freeing up the Legal Department and Risk Management's only clerical position by at least 50%. This has allowed better clerical support for our other responsibilities.

In litigation, the Legal Department had a successful ruling from the District Court on the park strip case and we successfully settled the Canyon Road Landslide lawsuit.

In Risk Management/Safety, we continue to lower the number of claims being filed and the dollar amounts being paid for these claims. The City's safety record also continues to be exemplary resulting in our insurance premiums holding steady while other municipalities are experiencing premium increases. Risk Management in cooperation with Public Works and Light and Power, has implemented a safety audits for City sidewalks and City power poles. The Safety Committee continued to meet and reviewed all accidents and claims, looking for ways to be safer.

In general the Legal Department provided critical support and counsel to nearly every department and division within the City. The Legal Department had a role in many of the accomplishments highlighted by the other departments and divisions. Over 240 specific projects have been completed by our department at the request of other departments within the City during the calendar year.

For 2012, it is the goal of the Legal and Risk Management Department to bid our liability, property and worker's compensation insurance coverages and evaluate the feasibility of becoming self-insured up to \$2,000,000.00. This would result in greater control over the handling of claims and lawsuits while also lowering our liability premiums. These savings would be added to our liability reserves.

Public Works

Goals for next year

- Capital infrastructure projects (1000 West)
- Continue working to get water system PRV's activated
- Replacement of Smithfield lift station
- Keep our city vehicles clean

Accomplishments for this year

- Proactive approach to flooding helped prevent more widespread impacts
- Survived 1000 West utility replacement
- Joint venture with L&P for Dewitt Pipeline microturbine
- Purchased 6 parcels on Canyon Road

Finance Department

2011 Accomplishments

PCI Credit Card Compliance
Upgrade voice mail system
Upgrade IP phones (ongoing)
Payroll software implementation (ongoing)
Utility billing software implementation (ongoing)
Community development software implementation

2012 Goals

Complete integrated software implementation for all divisions with a total estimated one-time savings of \$1,000,000, plus annual savings.

Parks and Recreation

Construction of Majestic Park completed
First phase of Bridger Park completed
1000 West trail design plan approved by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Reconfiguration of load/unload loop at the Recreation Center constructed
ADA signage installed at the Recreation Center
Weight Room modifications completed at the Recreation Center
Curb, gutter, and load/unload area constructed at the trail head on Golf Course Road
Curb and gutter constructed on Golf Course Road
Golf Course Clubhouse renovation completed
Temporary repairs to golf course following riverbank breach completed
Assisted FEMA with proposed plan to restore riverbank
Obtained approved plans for Willow Park Zoo Gift Shop
CDBG funding for 300 South sidewalk project approved
Resurfacing of the Logan River Trail through the Golf Course
Increased attendance and show venue for City Fireworks event (now Freedom Fire)

Received RAPZ funding for:

- Bridger Park restroom
- Logan Canyon Gateway Trail
- Trail connection between Bonneville Shoreline Trail tunnel and Hydro Park
- Merlin Olsen Central Park Picnic Pavilion Replacement
- Aquatic Center Picnic Pavilion Installation

Removed start dates for park and pool reservations making it more convenient for reservations
Established a check-in desk at the Aquatic Center locker room to secure patron valuables
Conducted successful site visit with Forest Service for proposed parking lot at Second Dam/Hydro III
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board assisting staff with 2012 Master Plan Update

2012 Goal

In 2012, the Parks and Recreation Department will increase its efforts towards public trail planning and development. This includes the Canyon Road canal corridor and extension of the Logan River Trail from 1000 West to 1800 South. The department will, with approved funding, address capital improvement projects in this fiscal year as well as riverbank restoration and flood mitigation work at the golf course.

Fire Department

Accomplishments from 2011:

- 1- The implementation of the Image Trend Reporting Software.
- 2- Getting Station 72 designed, bid and the project started.
- 3- The re-organization of the department with the implementation of Battalion Chiefs.

However, a strong argument could be made that:

- 1- Responding to 3,000 emergency calls and
- 2- Transferring 500 patients to out-of-county hospitals in snow storms, fog, wind and many times in the middle of the night, safely with NO accidents
- 3- Providing medical and fire standbys for, football games, rodeos, races, airport and
- 4- 100's of building inspections and
- 5- 100's of Public education events and
- 6- 100's of hours of training were our biggest accomplishments for the past year!

What are our goals for next year? Continue doing everything on this list and:

- 1- Redo all of the Fire Department policies and procedures
- 2- Get Station 72 built and staffed.

Police Department

- Logan City Police started the Logan City Police Department part-time police officer program. This was done to professionalize, train and ultimately give us a ready pool of prospective police officers for hire.
- Logan City Assigned a detective to the Utah State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. We have already made several arrests.
- Logan City Police Department started what we call the “Stop the Main Distraction” Campaign, October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. (See attached statistical information).
 - Education through schools, radio ads and print.
 - 30% increase in enforcement.
 - 5% reduction in traffic accidents.
- 911 Center became Accredited through the Nation Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
 - 911 Center Developed a Cache County Lost/missing child protocol.

Goals for 2012;

- We have been awarded a second year grant for the “Stop the Main Distraction” campaign. We hope to show a greater reduction of traffic accidents on Main Street.
- Logan City Police plans to finish the Utah Chiefs of Police Accreditation process.
- Logan City Police plans to bring parking enforcement back in house with a new program to include new software and convenience payment option.
- 911 Center plans to increase the height of the Newton radio tower. This will increase the capacity of the antenna for better radio coverage. This will directly benefit the Logan City Environmental Department.

Human Resource Department

- ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2011-2012
- Implemented a new on line performance evaluation system for all employees.
- Up dated the Civil Service Rules and Regulations
- Filled three key positions-Fire Chief, Director of Community Development and Director of Logan City Library.
- Implemented the National E-Verify Verification of Work Authorization program
- Did an RFP for our insurance vendor.
- Strengthen Wellness program—Sponsored Weight Watchers—10,000 steps walk about program
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- GOALS FOR 2012-2013
- Implement new Human Resource Information System.
- Continue to promote and improve Wellness Program. Obtain 100% participation.
- Do an RFP for our background check provider.

LIGHT & POWER

Phase One of the 10th West Project started construction on January 7, 2011, building a new 46 Kv Transmission line with a 7.2/12.5 Kv underbuild distribution line. For the most part it was completed in September, with the removal of the old line on the east side of 1000 West. UDOT reimbursed Logan City 100% of the distribution portion of the construction, which allowed our labor costs to cover the expense of the transmission portion. Total reimbursement was \$1,268,000.

A new 600 amp three phase underground loop was installed from 900 South to 1200 South on Hwy 165; \$150,000 of the cost was provided by the RDA fund for the future growth to this area. As soon as time allows in the spring, we will be removing the overhead lines from Firehouse Pizzeria to the Maverik at 1200 South.

The overhead three phase line from Hwy 91 at the intersection of 2500 North to the west belonging to Logan City was removed and placed underground. UDOT paid \$26,000 of the cost.

Logan Light and Power received a grant for \$125,000 for induction street lighting; and currently has installed 75 induction lights in various locations around Logan. By the end of the year we should have 30 additional lights installed along the new 10th West roadway, mounted on 14-foot cobra arms.

We implemented a pole testing and replacement program this year by utilizing a new state of the art pole testing machine. With the assistance of a USU engineering student, several distribution poles that proved to be rotten have been changed out. We continue to test the transmission system throughout the City. Logan City has been asked by the IPSA organization to present this programming to over 70 members from five different states at the annual meeting in February 2012.

Goals 2012

The 10th West Phase II contract with UDOT has been signed for 100% reimbursement to relocate the Transmission and Distribution Line between 200 North and 1400 North. The estimated cost back to Logan City will be \$610,000-plus. We currently have begun work at the 1400 North 1000 West intersection. Additional steel poles are set to arrive by mid-March 2012, with a completion date of mid-June 2012.

By January 3, 2012, we hope to have contracts in place for Cache Valley Electric to complete the Rocky Mountain Power portion of Substation #7; with a completion date of June 30, 2012.

We plan to continue the induction lighting change out. The main target areas to begin with will be Center Street to Cliffside area; Canyon Road to Hwy 89; Main Street from 1800 North to 1200 South; 400 North Main to 1500 East Hwy 89 toward Logan Canyon.

Third Dam, located in Logan Canyon, developed some serious concrete deterioration problems in operating the sloch gate this past fall, which will require some good engineering and reconstruction after spring runoff.

We have maintenance planned for Hydro III this coming year. The turbines need to be overhauled and the conductors leaving the control panel to the outside need to be replaced. There are currently three (3) pole mounted type transformers setting on the ground in a fenced area near the park. We will be replacing them with one (1) pad mount transformer.

The SCADA upgrade for the Hydro Electric Plants is scheduled to begin in January, at an estimated cost of \$95,000. (This is the control system back to SOCC.)

The Transmission system from 300 South on 100 East to SOCC along 300 South has been approved by the Planning Commission for replacement. We are hopeful to complete this in 2012, however, we would like the Planning Commission to reconsider letting us use Galvanized steel over Corten Steel.