

# Community & Economic Development Weekly Brief



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Weekly at-a-glance report from Ogden City's Community & Economic Development Department. Previous reports available on the [Community & Economic Development webpage](#).

## Airport

- The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the new terminal expansion will be held at 10:00 am on November 14, celebrating this milestone with partners and the community.
- The new terminal building signage and yard fence are complete, enhancing facility appearance.
- Xeriscaping around the terminal expansion is now finished, creating a welcoming front entry.
- Work continues on the West Apron runway project, which remains on schedule.
- Air passengers were welcomed on Halloween by airport staff in *Star Wars* costumes, creating a festive atmosphere and fun photo opportunities for travelers (photos right). [[FlyOgden Facebook](#)]
- CED Exec. Director Jared Johnson presented "Ogden Airport – Strategic Updates for Regional Impact" to the Northern Utah Economic Alliance (NUEA) Advisory Board last week (photo below).



L-R: airport deputy director Adam Nelson (as Darth Vader), CED exec. director Jared Johnson (as?) and airport director Brian Condie (as Obi Wan Kenobi) at new airport terminal – Oct. 31



## Building Services (building permits/inspections – business licensing – code services)

- The Plan Review Team focused on commercial development and business license reviews.
  - A highlight included the review of a 20,444 sq. ft. warehouse at 1224 W 2550 S in the Ogden Commercial Industrial Park, featuring durable CMU (concrete masonry unit) construction.
- Several building permits were issued last week, reflecting a range of project types and continued investment, including
  - Tenant improvement permit for Precision Hermetics (801 Depot Drive) – now under construction
  - Remodel permit for the Recreation Office (1875 Monroe Boulevard) for ballistic glass system installation
  - Tenant improvement permit for YaYa Foods wastewater treatment addition, supporting operations expansion.
- 201 building inspections were completed across residential and commercial job sites last week. The most frequent inspection types included:
  - Residential 4-way inspections (31); residential power-to-panel/service upgrades (28); and residential final simple inspections (23)
- Code Services removed illegally posted signs along historic 25th Street to support visual standards and public safety in the downtown core.
- Business Licensing processed 80 licenses last week, including 68 renewals and 12 new. New licenses include:
  - The House Cat – a cafe offering beverages/refreshments with the option to interact with cats available for adoption (341 27th Street)
  - Black Collar Tattoo – a new tattoo shop (309 W 12th Street)
  - Alpha Moving-N-Storage – a moving, storage, and truck rental business (3150 Wall Avenue)
  - Dia De Los Muertos Special Event – featuring displays, tents/booths, food, and dancing (230 N Monroe Boulevard)



Mayor Nadolski (left) and CED exec. director Jared Johnson (right) presenting an update about the Ogden Airport improvements at the NUEA meeting – Oct. 30



Our Building Services Team and other city staff adopted a "Where's Waldo" theme for Halloween this year – Oct. 31



New home being constructed at 866 Cahoon

- The demolition contract for the facility at 2325 Madison Avenue has been awarded, and demolition is to begin shortly.
- [Own in Ogden](#) Down-Payment Assistance: Since July; 21 loans funded, 30 applications received.
  - Program is currently on hold until approval of AAP FY26 Amendment #1, which authorizes additional funding.
- [Emergency Home Repair Loan Program](#): Five applications have been approved, with two projects now complete and one project underway. Two new applications have been received and are now under review.
- [Home Exterior Loan Program](#): Since July, 20 loans have been funded.
- [Volunteer Partnership Grants](#): Since July, 14 volunteer projects have been approved and are underway.
- The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program currently supports 84 formerly homeless individuals. 24 households (65 individuals) receive rental assistance, and 19 participants receive supportive services – including job training and therapy to promote long-term housing stability. 18 households (52 people) have successfully maintained housing for one year through the program.
- Annual Action Plan FY26 Amendment #1 has been transmitted to City Council with a work session discussion scheduled for November 18.

## Cultural Services (arts – events – museums – Union Station)

- Announced the future of Denver & Rio Grande Western #223 Locomotive, which will be restored to operation by the [223 Locomotive Foundation](#) in Colorado and eventually housed at the Colorado Railroad Museum – a project over two years in the making, shaped by public input and broad collaboration (*photo right*).
  - Standard Examiner Article: [... historic locomotive to be restored...in Colorado](#)
  - [Railfan Magazine](#) article: [Rio Grande C-16 2-8-0 to be Restored to Operation](#)
  - Posts on Facebook received 800+ responses
- The annual Mayor's Awards in the Arts event is coming up this Thursday (Nov. 6) in the Browning Theater at Union Station.
- The next First Friday Art Stroll will be this Friday (Nov. 7).
- Working on logistics/planning to support the Nov. 14 new airport terminal opening.
- "Patterns" Community Art Show will open Nov. 21 and run through the end of Dec.
- Working on logistics/planning for the Electric Light Parade to be held Nov. 29.
  - Volunteers are needed! <https://ogdencity.gov/2615/Volunteer-Information>
- The FY26-27 Arts Grants cycle opened Oct. 31. Applications are due Dec. 12, with grant workshops scheduled for Nov. 12 at 12:00 and 6:00 pm.
- Continuing progress on new exhibit materials and signage for the Browning Museum.
- The RFP for the construction of the cover for the restored Merci Car closed last week, with four responses received.



Denver & Rio Grande Western #223 locomotive hand-off for restoration from Ogden City to the 223 Locomotive Foundation. Pictured L-R: Hope Eggert (city museum administrator), Mayor Ben Nadolski, Jimmy Booth (president of 223 Locomotive Foundation), and Ray Bjerrum (secretary of 223 Locomotive Foundation)

## Economic Development (business support/development – redevelopment)

- *Ogden Eats Local* is happening now through November 15. Please get out and enjoy our local dining, experience unique specials, and support local businesses. [Facebook post](#)
- Our next *Elevate Ogden Speaker Series* event, "Financial Foundations for Your Small Business," is this Thursday (November 6), from 6:00-8:00 pm at Union Station Gallery 51. [RSVP Link](#) [Facebook Post](#)
- Promoted shop local communications, such as this [Facebook Post](#).
- Promoted our city's [Utility Bill Deferral Relief Program](#) for furloughed federal workers.
- Promoted the upcoming [Utah Workforce Services Job Fair](#) (Nov. 6).
- Promoted the Goal Foundation's Ogden Marathon being voted the [Best Marathon in Utah for 2025](#).
- Worked on the installation of our Olympic Exhibit display cases at the Ogden Airport to showcase our local athletic legacy.
- Collaborated with our special events team on additional marketing support for the Ogden Airport new terminal grand opening on Nov. 14.
- Met with our redevelopment team to evaluate several development support proposals.
- Updated our Economic Development Division strategic plan and related key performance indicators.
- Sales tax received for October (generated in August) was up 7% over October '24. We are up about 2% year-over-year to date (calendar year).
- Working with an existing nearby company to consider expansion sites in Ogden.
- Participated in the Chamber Legislative Committee meeting.
  - State Representative Jake Sawyer discussed upcoming legislation he intends to sponsor, including a funding request to support Union Station area redevelopment, supported by Ogden City, Union Pacific, and UTA.
  - UDOT provided updates on several transportation projects for our area. When asked why the 24th Street Interchange was not included on the current project list, the UDOT representative noted the issue would be reviewed.
- An article was in the *Standard Examiner* last week that summarized the recent interview with Mayor Nadolski and Taylor Nielsen (Deputy Chief Administrative Officer) about the Union Station area redevelopment activities – ["Union Station Neighborhood concept entering important planning stage"](#)



## Planning

- General Plan Open House
  - Planning an Open House to showcase and celebrate our progress on the General Plan on November 20 at 5:30 pm at Union Station.
    - The event will feature an immersive visual experience of "Ogden in 2050" and provide an opportunity for the public to engage with the city's long-range vision.