

To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council
From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Administrator
Re: Bi-monthly Report

Date: February 9th, 2021

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – January 22nd – February 9th, 2021.

City Administrator –

Continue working on our Economic Development website with Chris Manheim and Comm Schuster. We made the decision to bring the ED site within the existing City site. This gives us the opportunity to work on content as needed and we can make immediate updates and changes. I have notified MDS that we will not be continuing with their service.

Received confirmation from the DCEO that all three of our awarded grants have been approved and we should receive the funds to distribute soon. Thank you to Cheryl for coordinating the payments with the comptroller's office.

The Covid-19 upgrades at City Facilities are 100% completed. Public and staff bathrooms are now 100% touch free; all the air quality measures have been installed and are working. The construction crews had a few issues to deal with but were great to work with and they have rectified those concerns.

I held the first few meetings looking at the parking regulations in our municipal lots. We feel we have a solution for many concerns and will be presenting this to key stakeholders soon for input.

I have discussed some training programs for employees with Comm Cozzi and I am working to implement the first training session soon.

Met with several small business owners this week and discussed how the City can continue to support them and pledged to look at new ways to work with them.

I attended my first Illinois City County Manager Association Winter Conference. There were over 160 virtual attendees. I provided some links for great material to review to the council. This conference spurred many ideas that I will be working on over the next few months.

We continue our conversations in city leadership as it relates to Covid-19. I was able to edit the council meeting zoom video from last meeting and provided a copy of Kyle Auman, Ogle County Health Administrator's presentation to our social media and other outlets.

Coliseum:

Working to finalize plans for the ADA ramp. We are preparing the project for bid. I hope to have that ready for Council soon.

CITY HALL –

New signs for in front of City Hall are completed and installed on 02/3/21. Lynn and Cheryl suggest a flower box below with Black-eyed Susans. We will paint the posts and top them this spring. This was a great project with Comm Cozzi to bring help new residents and visitors identify City Hall and the Police Department.



*Reminder City Hall will be closed on February 15th in observance of President's Day.