

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

Date: August 24, 2021

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – August 7<sup>th</sup> – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

#### City Administrator:

- Commissioner Cozzi and I attended the Midwest Community Development Institute presented by Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs in Moline 08-09-21 – 08-12-21. Topics included:
  - Facilitation Principals
  - Personality Types and Communication
  - Asset – Mapping
  - Community & Economic Development Practices
  - Community & Economic Development Assessments
  - Strategic Visioning and Planning
  - Crisis Communication
  - Community Economies
  - Conflict Management
  - Creating an Attractive Place for Tourist Residents
  - Case study – LaClaire, IA
  - Age Matters – Generations
- Mayor Williams and I met with a potential new business owner for our community. I continue to work with them to provide information and collaboration.
- Mayor Williams, Chris Manheim and I met and began to strategize on ARPA funding projects. We created an extensive list of potential projects. Our next step is to meet with area stakeholders like the schools, park district and library to see if there is anything that could become a collaborative effort. Once we complete that meeting, we will bring a list of ideas to planning and the council for open meetings with community input.
- Continue working on the Trestle Ridge Planned Unit Development.

#### Street Department

- Continued work with Terry Plemmons to deploy the new parking regulations for our municipal lots. Terry hopes to have the signs all converted on Monday 08/23/21 working in teams in each of the lots. This has been a long process. I want to thank the local businesses, Terry Plemmons, Mayor Williams, and Chief Melville for their input and work on this project. I really feel the new system is equitable for the city, Building Owners, Residents and Businesses in our downtown.



### Police Department:

- The police department has received their body cameras, staff have been trained, and the cameras were deployed as of 08/18/21.



### Water Department:

- The water department has stayed very busy. They did 15-meter change outs with new registers and invalid meters, maintained the chemical feed pumps at wells 2,3,4. They completed numerous locates, jetted a sewer line on Madison in front of Mc Donalds to try and help them with a sewer issue. They completed water finals and turn-ons.
- Civil/Helm is starting to move equipment in for the next phase of water main replacement and should be starting Monday.

### Recreation Paths:

- We have received the easements for the Riverside Rec Path behind the Fire Department. Once approved by the council those will be forwarded to the Fire Board for consideration. I would like to commend Fire Chief Knoup and the board of trustees for their willingness to partner with the city for this public enhancement for our citizens and visitors.

### Coliseum:

- Continued renewed efforts to come up with an ADA ramp solution for the Coliseum. We are looking for some new strategies to bring the project to fruition within the allotted budget.

### City Hall:

Reminder that City Hall will be closed Monday September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

### Depot:

- Still working with the Silver View group for the rail car. I received a letter supporting the lease from the Rail Car owner Mike Abernathy. He has requested that I forward that letter to BNSF for consideration.