

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

Date: September 28, 2021

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – September 6<sup>th</sup> – September 23<sup>rd</sup> , 2021.**

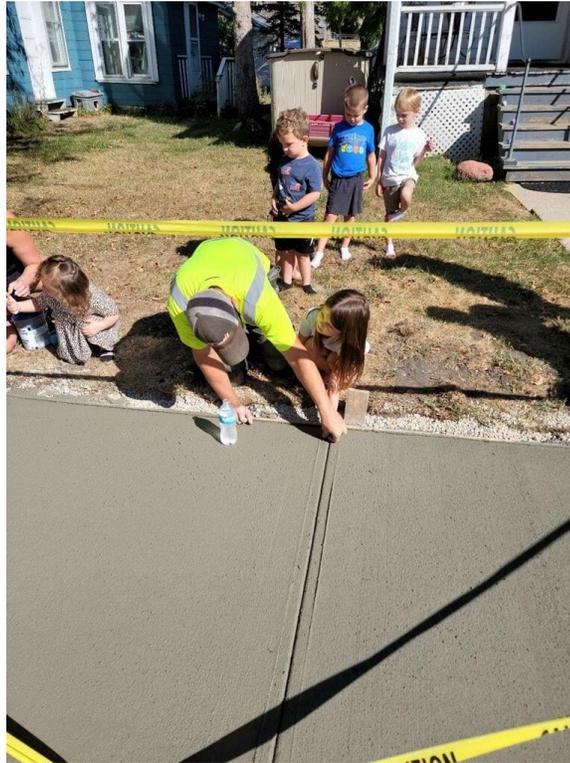
City Administrator:

- I met with Thomas Richter Ogle County Emergency Management Coordinator to discuss a new FEMA grant. The focus of the conversation was Lake Mistake Flooding mitigation. We had asked Ogle Co to put the project in their All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Tom referred me to Jeremy Ciesiel with Ogle County Highway. I am currently working with Jeremy to gather data for the Pre-Application.
- I continue to work with area business owners as well as potential business owners to help facilitate their business objectives.
- I met with Commissioner Cozzi to narrow our focus for Sustainability Objectives for our community. We have formed a small advisory group to help facilitate her vision.
- Worked with Cheryl Hilton and Jeff Pennington to address some questions and Ogle County had with water billing and some other questions. Thanks to both for helping provide successful resolutions to this.
- Met with the Water Dept and Matt Hansen to discuss several potential projects as well as update myself on the planning and progress that has been completed so far.
- We had an informal TAC meeting with Coilcraft to help facilitate their potential expansion. Thank you to the entire crew, Corey Buck, Water Dept, Street Dept and Casper Manheim for working through their questions.
- I continue the progress with the Feral Cat program with Dr. Champley. I met with him, and we looked at the old Street garage as a temporary housing location for the cats. He was agreeable and we will move forward with the program in October. Thank you Comm Cozzi, Willson and Krug for your input and support.
- On September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the Illinois City Managers Association Summer conference. Though we were followed strict Covid safety protocol it gave me a great opportunity to network with great leadership from other Illinois communities. They provided great educational breakout sessions. As a first-time attendee I was able to take advantage of a reduced tuition. I also drove to Galea each day so saved the City housing costs.

## Street Department

- The Street Department has been working hard replacing sidewalks on East West Roads.

They have completed over 1000 Square feet of sidewalk replacement as of 09/23/21. Supt. Plemmons estimates the total savings to our citizens of \$32,784 when the complete all the scheduled replacements.



## Water Department:

- Civil has completed installing water main on Jefferson this morning. They are in the process of filling the main then will pressure test early this afternoon. They will be finishing the day on Rhoads Place doing the abandonment of the existing water main.
- 9-21-2021. Tuesday, 1st sample of the water main on Jefferson.
- 9-22-2021. Wednesday, 2nd sample.
- 9-23-2021. Thursday, WH&A should receive results of water samples and as long as they are both passing, will submit for the operating permit to the IEPA. Civil will be at another project in Sterling during the sampling process. If all goes well there, they could be back on Friday, 9-24-2021 to start services; more likely on Monday, 9-27-2021.
- Reminder the water department will be flushing hydrants the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October.

## Recreation Paths:

- The Oregon Fire District Board has signed the easements for the Riverside Path behind the Fire Department. I plan on meeting with Benesh next week to discuss the project.

## Coliseum:

- The companies have received the new bid documents for the ADA ramp.

- Public notice: 9-17-21
- Clarification's deadline: 10-1-21
- Clarifications provided: 10-5-21
- Bid opening: 10-8-21 10:00 a.m.

City Hall:

Reminder that City Hall will be closed Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> for Columbus Day.

Depot:

- We finally got over all of the hurdles with JLL for the land lease and siding issues. The Depot can now work with BNSF to get the rail car brought into the sight.