

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

Date: October 26, 2021

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – October 11th – October 22nd, 2021.

City Administrator:

- I was honored to join Dixon City Manager Danny Langloss Jr. on [Project Open's](#) Tuesday Talk Series hosted by KSB Hospital's Aaqil Khan. The video is available here: [Link](#) We discussed How Addiction Impacts Local Governments from our perspectives at former Chief's of Police and now from City Management perspectives. This is part of my ongoing commitment to Project Open as we continue to tackle addiction in our communities. I followed up with a discussion with Chief Melville on current drug abuse trends in Oregon and looking at any programs we can implement to help.
- Mayor Williams and I met with Rep. Andrew Chesney. We had a great conversation introduced him to all the great things Oregon has going and has to offer. He shared his perspectives on the future Illinois from his representative perspective.



- I attended a portion of the [I-39 Logistics Corridor Association](#) meeting virtually. We recently decided to join this association as we review our economic development outlook for Oregon.
- I attended the 2nd Ogle County Econ. Development meeting to discuss the creation of a “county-wide” economic development partnership. This is an ongoing exploratory process at this point.
- Dave Kent, Jeff Pennington, Terry Plemmons, and Shawn Melville, all joined me for the presentation of Reversing the Exodus. It was a great discussion on how to retain and attract the new generation to our community. It was a good opportunity to discuss our own recruitment strategies for new employees.
- I attended a discussion on a County Wide UTV ordinance. Representation from Ogle County board, States Attorney, Sheriff and Ogle County Highway Dept attended. We talked about some of the complexities of this type of ordinance but will continue to explore options. I still feel it's appropriate to work on this from a county level before we adopt any city ordinances.

- Chris Manheim and I continue to work on Marketing information for Oregon. We met with Liz Vos to discuss collecting visitor data to our major festivals and events.
- I am in the final phase working with Emily Lauderdale with Blackhawk Hills Regional Council on our US Forestry Grant for a Tree Inventory. I have received 2 of 3 quotes for the inventory and management software for the grant. We will finalize the grant next Tuesday for submission.
- We held our public discussion of ARPA Fund expenditure ideas at the Oregon Coliseum. The citizens that attended were very engaged in the discussion and I look forward to the next phase in planning projects for these funds.
- The Feral Cat program will kick off October 23rd. Everything is in place. Volunteers handed out information to all surrounding residents. I should have some numbers for our next meeting.
- Comm Schuster, Cheryl and I are starting to work on the Tax Levy for next year.

Street Department

- The Street Department continues to work on the sidewalk replacement projects. They have made huge headway in updating several sidewalks.



Water Department:

- Blacktop has been finished for the Jefferson Street Project. Rhodes Place will be finished soon. The North 3rd Street watermain project is moving ahead well.

Recreation Paths:

- Nothing new to report. I am still working on the River Path behind the Fire Dept. I gave the park district the layout and asked for feedback on their future visions for Kiwanis Park.

Coliseum:

- I have been working with Sjoström this week to get the ADA ramp project started. I completed a contract with Paul so they can get started. I hope to have everything signed and the project started by next week.
- Working with CMAAA on the Executive Director Positions. I have provided some salary scenarios for them to consider.
- I am meeting with ComEd energy consultants on 10/22/21 to look at an energy assessment for the coliseum. Looking at lighting rebates and other programs they have.