

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

DATE: MARCH 22, 2022

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

#### City Administrator:

- ARPA – Our 1<sup>st</sup> reports are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. We now have full access in the Treasury portal to upload that required report.
- I am happy to report that we received the \$2,000.00 grant for the community cleanup dates from the Ogle County Solid Waste. Reminder the dates of the clean ups are as follows:
  - April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1p-4:30p
  - September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 1p-4:30p
- I hope to hold our first Commercial Lease grant review in the next week. We have one new business that has applied. I look forward to seeing her business plan presented to the committee.
- Continue to work on strategies for the theater. Mayor Williams has led the discussion as we look at every option to try and make that property viable for the future.
- We continue to work with Coilcraft on their expansion. We now have plans for review, and I will meet with department heads to prepare for that project.
- Chief Melville and SRO Kalnins joined me for an online seminar on Mental Health response for communities. We had a great discussion on some programs that we will begin to explore. We want to provide appropriate resources for anyone in crisis. I look forward to continuing these discussions.
- We held a productive meeting for downtown beautification planning. Thank you everyone who took a seat at the table for the discussion. I will start to work with Comm Schuster on budgeting options.
- Wet met with Matt Hansen with Willett Hoffman and the generator projects for 10<sup>th</sup> Street and City Hall are ready for bid.
- I have begun to coordinate the hotel feasibility study with Gruen & Gruen Associates. We hope to have the study completed in a few months. This will give us good direction for future potential development.
- I continue to hold my 1 on 1 meetings with staff. This has giving me a great perspective from each employee and each department overall.
- I attended a couple of economic development webinars and will provide notes and suggestions at our next ECDC meeting.
- I am sad to report that Rick McCause has resigned from the ECDC committee. I expressed our gratitude for his humble and honorable service to the city over the years. I have started the process of looking for a new member for that committee.

#### Sustainability Committee:

- At our last meeting we began working through the creation of our sustainability plan.

#### Tree Board:

- I held our first Tree Board meeting last week. I am excited to work with this newly created board comprised of:  
Mark Herman – Chair  
Rachel Brunner – Secretary

Kayse Rushford  
Grant Afflerbaugh  
Tyler Hagemann

#### Street Department:

- Started working on catch basin clean outs and repairs. They have cleaned/inspected 127 catch basins so far. Finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets and the eastside of 4<sup>th</sup> Street (not including the highway).

#### Water Department:

- Daily process/control of water and sewer processes.
- Locates, meter repairs, final reads.
- Water shutoffs
- Working on GIS mapping of infrastructure of utilizes and upgrades from projects.

#### Police Department:

- Reminder of the unlawful burning Ordinance:
- **12.08.010 Unlawful Burning**
- Only dry branches, leaves and grass clippings can be burned in the city limits. Branches shall not exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter. No burning shall commence prior to 10:00 a.m. nor shall it be allowed later than sunset. All non-recreational fires must be extinguished by sunset. Smoldering is not allowed at any time. Burning permitted no earlier than March 1 and shall end no later than November 30 of each year. No burning shall take place on any right-of-way, street, or alley in the city limits. All fires and burning shall be supervised and attended at all times by an adult. No yard waste shall be transported into the city limits from outside of the city.

#### City Hall:

- Finalizing updates to our Liquor License Application.

#### Recreation Paths:

- No updates

#### Coliseum:

- Met with Mike Glenn the new Executive Director for CMAAA. He has been provided with a key Fob and I will start working closely with him on the rest of the build out for the Coliseum.  
\*News release attached.



Michael T. Glenn Named CMAAA Executive Director Oregon, IL  
Former Next Picture Show Director Michael Glenn Aims to Create Cultural Center as new CMAAA Executive Director.

Former Executive Director at The Next Picture Show in Dixon, Michael Glenn has a new role in Ogle County's Seat in Oregon. The Coliseum Museum of Art, Antiques & Americana (CMAAA) is a recently formed not-for-profit focused on renovating and repurposing the historic Coliseum building in downtown Oregon to create a new cultural center for the area.

A native of the area, Mr. Glenn's background includes roles as Executive Director of Hopegivers International in Columbus, GA and Executive Vice President of the National Religious Broadcasters Association in Washington, DC. Most recently, he served as Executive Director of the Next Picture Show, a community fine arts center in downtown Dixon.

"Mike is an exciting addition to our team. His background and skillset are what we need to guide the building renovation, develop partnerships with businesses and organizations, and create the programs and events in order to foster a creative environment for Oregon and the surrounding area," says Ron Bry, CMAAA Board Vice President.

Opened in 1922, the art deco facility at 124 N. 4th Street was once a center of activity for the community. Sitting on the edge of the Oregon Commercial Historic District renovation has already started with plans for a south entrance ramp, new lighting, construction of permanent display cases, and the addition of a Digital Media Studio on the second floor.

CMAAA's mission is the acquisition and display of art, antiques, Americana, and history, including both permanent and rotating exhibits, and provide a venue for artists representing all facets of art an opportunity to host exhibitions and offer their creations for sale through a museum store.

"Oregon and the county offer tremendous cultural resources. The Coliseum will be an integral part of the community and reflect the values and quality of life. In conjunction with some of the other area attractions, we expect to help draw local and long-distance visitors. In addition, when you look to relocate it can be more than a good job and quality of schools that can make the difference," said Glenn.

CMAAA will collaborate with the City of Oregon, Oregon School District, Park District, Library, Serenity Hospice & Home, Village of Progress, Ogle County Historical Society, Depot Museum, Chana School Museum and others to help create a gathering place for our community, a showcase for the rich historic and artistic heritage of the region, and a place for schoolchildren and future generations, to learn about our roots in Midwestern values.

Progress reports will be posted on the CMAAA website and soon to be launched Facebook page with plans for an official opening in late 2022 or early 2023. For more information, please go to [www.cmaaa.org](http://www.cmaaa.org) or contact [info@cmaaa.org](mailto:info@cmaaa.org).