

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

DATE: July 12, 2022

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – June 24th, 2022 – July 8th, 2022

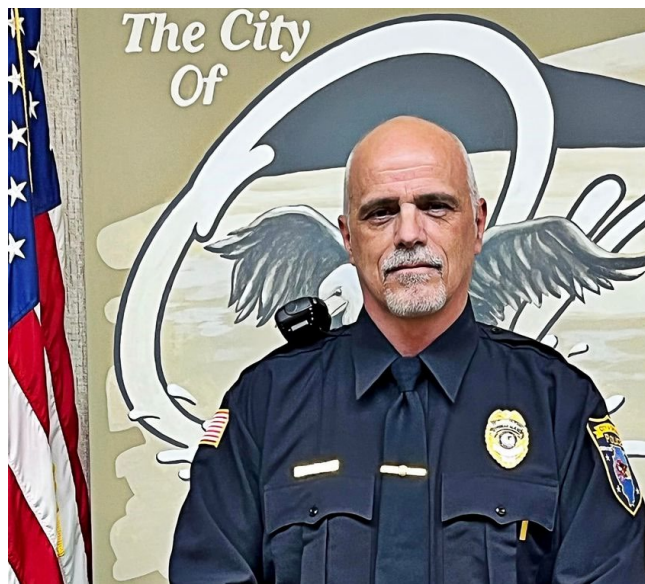
**City Administrator:**

- Completed the Fy23 Budget Review with Comm Schuster and Mayor Williams. Completed some minor adjustments in preparation for Council review.
- Dave Kent's official retirement date was June 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! Dave, for all you have done for our community enjoy your retirement!

Photo taken from Facebook



- Lt. Randy Cropp's last day was July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Congratulations on your retirement Randy. Enjoy whatever comes next!



- I attended the ongoing Illinois Broadband Accelerate virtual meeting. A survey of internet speeds is being circulated throughout the region. We have placed info on the City's social media pages.

**Broadband for All**  
Ogle, Lee, & Putnam Counties

- Creating a network of technology that is affordable, accessible, adaptable, & reliable for everyone.
- Providing services & support for residents, education, businesses, agriculture, & tourism.

The vision behind this survey is to "ensure availability of reliable, high-performing, high-speed, affordable broadband to all residents and entities in the north central Illinois region that promotes educational, economic and information opportunities."

The survey will be open for responses from June 22, 2022 until July 23, 2022.

Your responses to the survey will help the North Central Illinois planning team assess Internet needs in your region and will help inform decision-making about the best ways to address those needs.

Instructions for completing this survey:  
Complete the survey in one sitting and in one location - either at your home or work. If you complete the survey at your home, you may take it again at your work (or vice-versa). Please take the survey only once in each location.  
Do not use a cell phone to take the survey unless it is the only connection you have to the Internet.  
Only take the survey's connection-speed test if you are connected to a local wired or wi-fi connection. Please do NOT include speed-test results if you are using your cell phone to complete the survey.  
You must be 18 years old or older or have the permission of your legal guardian to participate.

<https://go.ocs.illinois.edu/2022-BroadbandforAllSurvey>

- We met with Region 1 Planning Council and a representative of BLINK to discuss EV charging station options. Sustainability Committee will me to provide recommendations to the City Council.
- Terry Plemmons, Bill Covell, Chris Manheim and I met with Greg Gates to discuss the upcoming ITEP grant. Provide details on our vision for the various recreation paths in Oregon.
- Began work on AOP requests and city services for the festival.
- Working with Lt. Brooks and the police department on new in car camera options. We are looking for a system to integrate in car and body cam video. Also looking at options for replacing our existing radar sign. I feel a trailer option give the department more flexibility in placement of the sign. The current sign does not work and requires signposts to mount it to.
- Continue to work on building projects at several city facilities.
- Worked on the continued efforts to move the Silver View rail car to the depot. I received confirmation from the group that they have secured the needed funding for the move and the request has been submitted through Canadian National and BNSF.

#### Sustainability Committee:

- Continue to work on the Sustainability Plan. We discussed the Electric Vehicle program we are looking into as well.

#### Tree Board:

- No update

#### Street Department:

- Sprayed St. Dept. maintained city properties for weeds.
- Sprayed gutter along all city streets for weeds.
- Spent 48 hours sweeping city streets/parking lots.
- Removed 3 trees in house.

- Completed June brush pick up.
- Continued striping crosswalks and parking stalls.
- Installed parking signs at City Hall and on Hawk Drive.
- Installed new stop sign at 10th/Adams.
- Ground lips off sidewalks at 14 locations.
- Rebuild 2 catch basins.
- Removed weeds from flower beds at Coliseum.
- Set up filter room for upcoming fleet maintenance program.
- Inspected 2 police squads to determine remaining useful life.
- Completed all other routine department tasks.

#### Water Department:

- Public Works meeting on Monday and Thursday last week.
- Wastewater treatment process/control/testing daily.
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- Mowing Wastewater treatment plant/dog park/well#4/well#5/Fairgrounds lift station.
- Worked with O'Brien Construction on replacing Water valve box for water main on Third and Adams that was broke below ground.
- Worked with Engel Electric and Layne well company to find out well #3 has a problem with line shaft. Will be pulled in the next couple weeks.
- Notified Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that our Well#3 is down for repairs.
- Meter repairs.
- Worked with customers on water leaks/complaints.
- Installed Rebuilt mixer in Wastewater treatment plant.
- Cleaned out our 1999 Ford Truck for the public works director to use.
- Read Water meters on the first of the month.
- Fixed a sewer cleanout in driveway on Third St. project for O'Brien.
- Bacteriological Samples taken for E.P.A. compliance.
- Water shut offs for non-payment.

#### Police Department:

- No Update

#### City Hall:

- No Update

#### Recreation Paths:

- We received 1 proposal for the path behind the Fire Department from Martins. Once council approves the project the path can be completed within 30 days.

#### Coliseum:

- I met with ED Mike Glenn and they have started on construction. We are working on door access and other issues within the building.