

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

DATE: July 26, 2022

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – July 9th, 2022 – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

City Administrator:

- Dustin Runyon with our Water/Wastewater department has successfully completed his second certification and now has his Class C – Public Water Supply Operator as well as his Class 4 Wastewater Treatment Works Operator licenses. – Great job Dustin!
- Continue to work on the Trestle Ridge PUD.
- I attended the Ogle County Finance Committee meeting to present answers as it relates to our Economic Development grant application. They indicated that they would provide \$17,250.00 toward our Comprehensive Plan Update. It will go to the Ogle County Board for Approval next.
- Met with Mayor Williams and Comm Schuster to discuss EV plans, as well as discuss ARPA funding options.
- Worked with Commissioner Cozzi on the City Event at the Farmer's Market on 07/21/22. This is a great way to interact with the public in a fun setting.
- Met with Public Works to create a new vision for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street parking green spaces. We will present the final vision soon. PW Director Covell will be working with ComEd to see what we can and can't do around their equipment.
- Worked with our City Clerk on several issues. I have also had some great conversations with Commissioner Schuster on possible projects for the future.
- Communicated with a few citizens who expressed some concerns. Those concerns were turned over the Public Works to find resolutions.
- I attended the Public Works Department Head meeting. Great to see the coordination of the departments and all the big projects they are all working on. We continue to set vision for the PW departments.
- Working with Commissioner Cozzi to develop some topics for a Council Work Group meeting. We will start coordinating a good date to hold the next one.
- Worked with Commissioner Wilson on a few projects to present to Planning Commission.
- Worked with Supt Terry Plemmons to finalize the Tree Preservation Ordinance to present to Planning Commission. \*Thank you, Tree Board and Terry, for your time on this project.

**Sustainability Committee:**

- Due to scheduling conflicts the August Meeting has been cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for 09/12/2022 at 10:00 a.m. – City Hall Conference Room.

**Tree Board:**

- Completed the Tree Preservation Ordinance which was forwarded to the Planning Committee for approval.

**Street Department:**

**Third Street Project**

200 block

- Sidewalks are about all poured
- Road core out is underway
- No soft spots yet

300-400 Block

- Road is just about graded
- All curb is installed
- Hardly any unsuitable material
- Will be paved when the 200 block is paved



- City crews continue sidewalk replacement.

## Water Department:

- Layne is onsite pulling the well in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street lot. The well had a separation in the column pipe due to erosion of the threaded pipe joint. Will be coming to council with costs in the future.



- Weekly department head meeting
- Daily process and control testing
- Water shutoffs
- Meter repairs
- Locates
- Chemical delivery chlorine for water treatment
- Water service repair on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Repaired multiple curb stops to residents along the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street project to meet grade for sidewalk and driveways

## Sanitary Sewer Department

- Weekly department head meeting
- Process and control testing daily
- Manhole replaced at Rt 2 and Jackson Street
- Investigating line between manhole on Rt 2 and Jackson Street/Rt 2 and Monroe for possible other problems with flow
- Chemical delivery of chlorine and bisulfite for treatment process
- Pull RAS pump due to rags in treatment plant and changed oil
- Daily netting of rags throughout the treatment plant due to needing headworks upgrade
- Met with Nicor regarding a gas line that was bored through our storm sewer manhole. O'Brien is to repair and send bill to Nicor

#### Police Department:

- No Update

#### City Hall:

- Upcoming meeting dates:
- ECDC August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 p.m.
- City Council Meetings; August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 p.m. – City Hall
- Planning Committee August 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. – City Hall

#### Recreation Paths:

- Waiting on a start date for the recreation path behind the Fire Department. There have been some initial announcements for the upcoming ITEP Grant I am working with our grant writer to be prepared for this grant period.

#### Coliseum:

- I was informed there is a leak in the roof at the coliseum. I have asked PW Director Covell to contact some contractors to look at the project. I'm also working to finish the ADA door access as well and some other minor maintenance issues.