

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

DATE: August 23, 2022

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of  
City Business for – July 24th, 2022 – Aug 19th, 2022**

City Administrator:

- Commissioner Cozzi and I attended our second-year class for the Community Development Institute. Great courses on TIF, community development, and economic development for the week.
- Congratulations to Mary Elliott for her 25<sup>th</sup> work anniversary with the City of Oregon. I appreciate all she does to keep the Police Department running smoothly and providing great customer service to our citizens!
- I continue to work the AOP committee as they plan for this years Autumn on Parade.
- Attended the ad-hoc meeting for the Ogle County Economic Development group. We continue to work out the vision for this county wide initiative under Chris Manheim's leadership.
- Continue to work on some economic development projects.
- I am working with Greg Gates our grant writer to submit an ITEP grant for the "Bridge to Bridge" recreation path.
- Follow up with Dir. Bill Covell on several public works projects including Jefferson Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Street and others.
- We are working on several TIF projects with our TIF consultants. We should have some agreements for Council review soon.
- I completed the conversion of our city handbook to our new LEXIPOL software. This allows us easier updates to Federal and State policies as the laws change. This also give staff access to the policies via an app or via the website. I am requesting council approval at the 8/23/22 meeting.

2021 Street Project

- Final grading on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Paving should start early next week. Please watch out for fresh oil on the gravel.
- Nicor fixed the gas main that was installed through a storm manhole on Madison & 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

2022 Street Project

- Core out and base replacement on Jefferson & 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Contractor is asking the public to obey the traffic control to prevent accidents.

Water / Sewer Departments

- Layne onsite 8-15-22 and televised the well.

- New blower filters had to be ordered for the blowers at the sewer treatment plant.
- Special congrats to Scott on passing his Illinois Wastewater Class 1 test.
- Special congrats to Dustin on the new addition to his family.
- Wastewater treatment process/control daily
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- Locates
- Water shutoffs for delinquent customers
- Monthly Sampling/Testing for both Water and Wastewater for EPA compliance.
- Well 3 was televised and well replacement parts have been ordered.
- Repaired Hydrant by well 3
- Pulled pump at Jefferson St lift station and replaced impeller and reinstalled
- Final reads and working with customers due to leaks and other issues.

#### Street Department

- Pavement patches complete by high school,
- New 2-post car lift was delivered and is being installed
- Mowing and other general maintenance.

#### Public Works

- Traffic light at Rt 2 & Rt 64 should be fixed the first week in September.

#### Sustainability Committee:

- No update.

#### Tree Board:

- No update

#### Police Department:

- No Update

#### City Hall:

- City hall will be closed September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.
- ECDC September 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.
- City Council Meetings; September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. – City Hall
- Planning Committee September 20<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. The roof leaks have been patched and repaired.
- I continue to work with ED Mike Glenn on CMAAA's progress at the coliseum. The ADA door openers have been installed. The next phase will be adjusting the door fobs for security.