

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

DATE: September 27, 2022

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of

**City Business for – Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

City Administrator:

- Congratulations to Chief Shawn Melville on his retirement from the Oregon Police Department. It's hard to put into words my admiration for his honorable law enforcement career over the past two decades. I appreciate his years of dedication to the police department as well as his service to the community. I wish him great success on his next adventure in the private sector.
- Continue to work with the grant team for the ITEP grant for the recreation path. Engineering budget has been completed by Willett Hoffmann & Associates. We have gathered several letters of support. Our grant writer is completing the narrative and preparing for the submission which is due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Things are coming together well.
- Addressed some additional concerns about parking along 1<sup>st</sup> Street. This project has created a great enhancement for visitors to our new Riverfront District businesses.
- The city has joined the Region 1 Planning Council out of Rockford. We were voted onto the Board of Directors for the North Council of Governments which are working on multiple legislative efforts on behalf of communities. I will represent us on the board and will be attending the quarterly meetings.
- We held our first meeting with NIU Center for Governmental Studies to plan for our updated Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for everyone who made the meeting as well as everyone who checked in after due to scheduling conflicts. I think this a great step for our community to envision what is next. We did receive our check from Ogle County ARPA Economic Development Grant for \$17,250 to offset some of the costs of this important project.
- I completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter progress report for the tree inventory grant. I am finalizing the grant paperwork for the Ogle County Solid was grant for our community clean up events.
- I attended the Rural Partners: Small Business Development webinar. Some great information and perspectives that we may be able to implement in our community.
- I worked with various commissioners, discussing potential programs and other visions for future projects. I am always glad to see the energy and dedication our elected officials put in for the betterment of our city and services. Thank you Comm Wilson and Liz Vos for all of the time spent on the Community Clean up event details. I know the weather did not cooperate, but the effort does not go un-noticed.

- Mayor Williams attended the IDOT – Planning for Recovery event in Rockford and he has shared a wealth of information he gained at the event. I look forward to working on new projects, grants, and visions as they relate to the new information.
- I virtually attended The Police Deflection Summit as part of Recover-Con 2022 [www.recover-con.com](http://www.recover-con.com) with Lt. Brooks and Sgt. Kalnins. Sgt. Dominski also attended remotely. This spurred some great conversation and ideas on how we can implement some support programs through our police department in the near future.
- I want to thank Cheryl and Lynn for all of the work they have done to prepare the mailings for the Lead Line Service project. Thank you to Bill, Jeff, Comm Cozzi, and Mayor Williams for your input and guidance as we begin to tackle this daunting task for our city. <https://cityoforegon.org/lead/>

#### Public Works

- Jefferson Street is paved.
- Lots of collaboration with AOP committee in preparation for the festival.

#### Sustainability Committee:

- At our last meeting we discussed Recycling Programs. We are working on suggestions.

#### Tree Board:

- I am still working with Morton Arboretum to complete the tree preservation ordinance then we will hold another Tree Board meeting.

#### Police Department:

- The Police Department is looking to hire a Lateral Officer. See our social media pages for details.
- Training in September: Recover-Con, High Risk traffic stops train the trainer.

#### City Hall:

- Small sprucing up projects have been completed at City Hall. The windows have been sealed and painted. Thank you to Terry Plemmons and the Street Dept for getting the City Hall/PD signs stained and capped.



