



Our Mission: To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.

CITY OF OREGON

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Administrator

Re: Bi-monthly Report

DATE: Nov 22, 2022

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

City Business for – Nov 5, 2022 – Nov 18, 2022

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Administrator:

The “Riverside” recreation path behind the Oregon Fire Protection District has a good start. Thank you to Chief Knoup and the Oregon Fire Board for continuing to work with us as there were small adjustments to the path. The path now connects with the existing sidewalk in the northern part of the parcel. Thank you Bill Covell for continuing to monitor progress. Martin & Co. expect to blacktop the path next week.



I was interviewed by several new sources in reference to the change in local government and the referendum results after the election. With the referendum passing there are a few steps we need to take with this seated council to start putting things in place. I have had some great conversations with Mayor Williams and we formulate a plan and timing for the next steps. I will prepare a timeline for the council soon.

I met with Laura Dinderman from the Ogle County Health Department and discussed a new grant that they have received to help identify the social determinants of health. Oregon was one of 4 communities that were chosen to participate in the data collection. I will be working with them over the next several months to collect and provide the information they need for the grant. This is a vitally important endeavor for our community.

I met with Greg Gates out grant writer and we went over several grants that are available. We may pursue a \$33,000 grant for our lead line survey work. I will touch base with Bill and Jeff and see if this grant can help expedite the process of the survey. We also discussed some tourism grants that are available. I am going to touch base with some key partners to see if we can make an application on behalf of a region.

Chris Manheim and I attended the Sauk Valley Community College SBDC (Small Business Development Center) meeting virtually. SBDC is working to provide more job skills development for our labor market. I spoke with Don Griffin and plan to invite a representative to one of our upcoming Economic and Community Development Committee Meetings.

Mayor William and I attended the Ogle County Economic Development Retreat held at Nash. This has been a five-year progress to develop a county-wide ED position. It was a great retreat attended by representatives of all of the Ogle county municipalities as well as Ogle County and key private industry partners that have interest in joining a County ED.

Met with Chief Knoup as well as representative from CMAAA to finalize some of the fire safety and other construction projects the the Oregon Coliseum.

City Hall:

We are interviewing for the part-time clerical position for City Hall on 11/21/22. We received around 21 applications with many very qualified applicants.

City Hall will be closed November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

Remember the final brush pick up is November 28th.

Sustainability Committee:

Eco Oregon Logos have been developed by Comm Cozzi and will be presented to the Oregon City Council for review. We will be developing criteria for this designation soon.



Tree Board:

No update. A new meeting date is being worked out.

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- Made repairs to plow trucks
- Cleaned and organized building
- Started working on Coliseum deck
- Helped with Aeration repair at sewer treatment plant
- CDL training
- Brush clean-up
- Street Sweeping



Water / Sewer Departments:

- Daily samples and chores
- Completed aeration repair at treatment plant. Crew worked hard to save residents money.
- Continued working on lead service inventory and meeting with homeowners
- Skylight replaced on digester





Public Works:

- Review road conditions and ranked on condition
- Observed work on bike path by fire station
- Worked to get trees removed for bike path project
- Helped with repair at sewage treatment plant
- Start deck project at Coliseum
- Reviewed new driveway permits
- Met with homeowners with tree issues





Submitted by Chief Joe Brooks:

Police Department:

- Attended AOP Planning meeting.
- New firearms have been received for the firearms upgrade program. Training will have to be completed before they can be put into service.
- Sgt Kalnins attended the ILEAS mobile field force training