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## **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: Apr 11, 2023**

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

**City Business for – Mar 25, 2023 – Apr 7, 2023**

**Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Administrator:**

First and foremost I want to thank all of our City Staff for their excellent response to the recent storms that came through Oregon. Police, City Hall Staff, and Public Works employees for their response to emergencies keeping roads open, sewer and water running, removing trees and debris and responding to community and city needs. Also a big shout out to the Sheriff's department and Ogle County ESDA for keeping me updated with weather information to help with planning and response. **JOB WELL DONE TEAM!**

We did have some vehicles and roofs that were damaged during the hail event. Staff is providing Cheryl with that information and she will coordinate with our insurance company.

I finalized our labor negotiations for the Fraternal Order of Police contract which will be presented to the City Council for final approval. I met with each commissioner to discuss the negotiations. Thank you Mayor Williams and Chief Brooks for the help through the process. Thank you to Cheryl Hilton and Mary Elliott for going over the document for edit. (Another great team effort).

I met with Fire Chief Knoup to discuss possible solar ordinance and requirements under the International Fire Code.

Working on an overall plan for new landscaping around the Oregon Coliseum.

Continue to work on the new welcome video for Oregon with CGI.

I've begun the budget process with Comm Schuster and have asked department heads to provide budget justification sheets for any significant budget requests for FY24.

Comm Schuster and I are working on new concepts to update our city website.

Cheryl and I are working through the extensive city code and policy manual updates that are required for the upcoming change in government.

I attended an ILCMA webinar on Alternative Compensation and Benefits which had some very modern and innovative ways of employee benefits.

Freeport roofing has started replacing the roof on the coliseum. This is not storm related, it was a schedule replacement.



**City Hall:**

City Hall will be closed on Friday April 7th, for observance of Good Friday.

**Economic and Community Development Committee:**

Next meeting 05/02/23 at 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

**Sustainability Committee:**

No update

**Tree Board:**

March 15th 5:00 p.m. The Tree board met and developed some recommendations for tree plantings at the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza. They are also recommending that Oregon becomes a Tree USA City. Details will be provided to the City Council. Lastly they are looking over the Tree Inventory for planting recommendations in the future.

Next Meeting TBD:

**Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:**

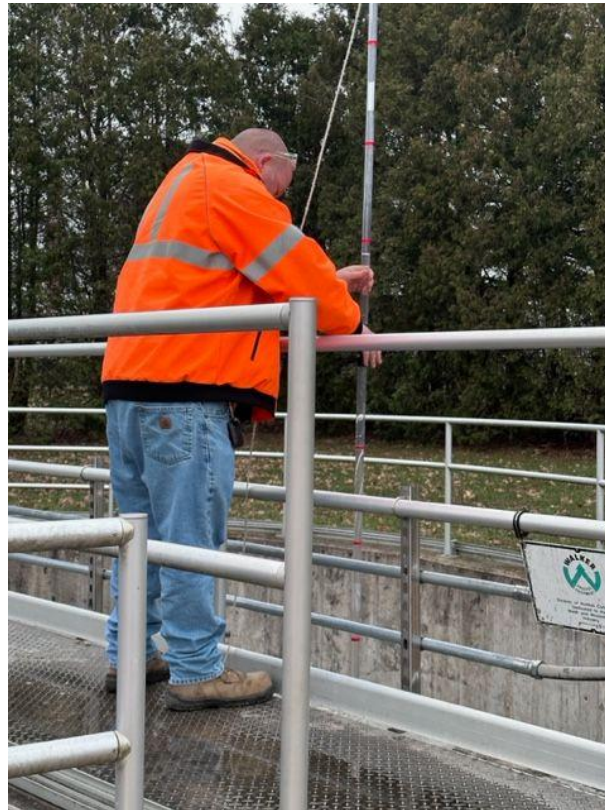
**Street Department:**

- Clean-up after storm events
- Installed footings for Coliseum deck
- Serviced fleet vehicles and plow equipment
- Training
- Brush pick-up after ice storm



**Water / Sewer Departments:**

- Julie locates for utility work
- Daily chores and samples
- Worked on lead service inventory
- Maintained sewer plant after storm events
- Training



**Public Works:**

- Review lead service inventory changes
- Help with storm clean-up
- Review equipment for head works project
- Provide training
- Review & observe clean-up from chip & seal project
- Provide pricing and recommendation on new blowers

**submitted by Chief Joe Brooks:**

**Police Department:**

- Chief Brooks, DC Kalnins, Sgt Dominski, and Officer Lester completed a 14 hour Illinois Vehicle Code Update class.
- Hail damage to 2 squad cars. Thank you to Bill Covell for letting us place the other squad cars in the Public Works garage, saving them from damage.
- Flashlight Egg Hunt at Oregon Park West. No issues
- DC Kalnins and Mary Elliott worked extra to get us up to date on NIBRS compliance.
- Det Crawford completed Child Abuse and Neglect training.
- Det Crawford completed Human Trafficking training.
- Det Crawford completed Animal Fighting and Humane Response training.