



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 Manager

Re: Bi-monthly Report

DATE: July 25th, 2023

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

City Business for – Jul 8, 2023 – Jul 21, 2023

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- We are finishing up the pay/benefit review process with GovHR. I hope to have the analysis completed by August 1.
- I attended a Illinois Broadband webinar as we continue to strive toward our goal of becoming a Gig City.
- I completed the work on the new Mural ordinance as well as the grant application process for the ARPA grants.
- Cheryl and I have been working on a variance for a local business.
- Chief Brooks and I received a letter of resignation for Sgt. Josh Lee who has accepted a position with the Ogle County Sheriff's Dept. Josh was an exemplary employee over the last four years and will be missed. We wish him luck with his new position and I know he will become an integral part of the Ogle County team.
- We continue to work on the Sarah Phelps Plaza project. The exterior furniture has been delivered which includes tables and benches. Two of the benches will be donated by the Lions Club and Rotary. The following things remain to be done.
 - Roof and gutters
 - Seal coating
 - Dumpster corral fencing
 - Pergolas
 - Landscaping
 - Set Furniture
 - Chain Fencing installed around the plaza.
- I continue to work on the City budget with Council Member Schuster.

- We launched the new tourism micro-grant program for local businesses and nonprofits. I approved the 1st application submitted by the Ganymedes baseball team. Their games are great events for our community. I have had one other inquiry that I am working on.
- DEMO information for the old Dayton Superior Buildings has been promised for the 1st week in August. That remains a work in progress.
- PW is completing final cement work as preparation for the EV Charging equipment. The equipment has been delivered and should be installed soon.

Economic Development:

- We received two proposals for an executive director search firm for the Ogle County EDC which will be presented to the EDC board for final approval.

City Hall:

- 18 Building Permits were issued for the month of July
- Lynn and Cheryl attended a Webinar for LOCiS training

Planning and Zoning:

Next meeting 08/15//23 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Room

Sustainability Committee:

Monday August 14th, 2023 9:00a.m. City Hall Conference room

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD:

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting 09/05/2023 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- Paint stripping on Jefferson Street
- Tree Trimming
- Serviced fleet vehicles
- Brush pick-up and storm damage removal

- Replace columns at Sara Phelps
- Training
- Mowing

Water / Sewer Departments:

- Julie locates for utility work
- Daily chores and samples
- Worked clarifier issues

Public Works:

- Trained crew for spraying license
- Review budget items
- Oversaw roof replacements
- Observation on N 3rd Street project
- Update GIS Maps
- Review applications for Street Forman Position
- Schedule work for generator, EV and streetscape projects

Submitted by Chief Joe Brooks:

Police Department:

- Sgt Dominski and Detective Crawford completed Breath Analysis Operator Training.
- Chief Brooks and Detective Crawford completed Emergency Medical Response Training.
- All Officers completed legal update training, Hazmat, and Bloodborne Pathogen Training.
- Officer Spencer has returned from his 6 month military tour in Qatar.
- Officer Spencer completed training in Constitution Authority, Cultural Competency, Civil Rights and Civil Liabilities, Illinois Human Rights, Procedural Justice, Trauma Informed

Response to Sexual Assault, Mental Health Awareness, Firearms Restraining Order Act, and KnowBeFor training.

- Sgt Lee's last day of employment with the Oregon Police Department will be July 30th. We wish him well in his new position at Ogle County Deputy.
- We continue our search for a lateral applicant to fill Sgt Lee's vacancy.