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**City of Oregon Council Agenda,
Tuesday October 10th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
115 N 3rd Street**

Public Option: Join Meeting via Zoom

Meeting ID: 891 3544 4184 Passcode: 729676 One tap mobile +13092053325

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS - None**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 7. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS AND PAYROLL**
- 8. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. Approve new Public Art Commission members Chloe Gale, Shirley Battin, and Randee Mennenga**
 - b. Accept Resignation of Darin DeHaan and Terry Schuster from the Public Art Commission**
 - c. Approve Community Art ARPA Grant of \$5,000 to the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce for the mural to be located at 122 N. 4th Street**
 - d. Approve Community Art ARPA Grant of \$5,000 to Merlin Hageman for the mural to be located at 301 Mix Street**
 - e. Approve Community Art ARPA Grant of \$5,000 to Nora Balayti & Liz Hiemstra for the mural to be located at 101 N. 3rd Street**

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9. PROCLAMATIONS, COMMENDATIONS, ETC

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Update and discuss Bad Ash Cigars mural and elements of advertising

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. PLANNING
- b. ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- c. FINANCE
- d. SUSTAINABILITY
- e. TREE BOARD
- f. PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
- g. OTHER

12. DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER REPORTS

- a. POLICE
- b. PUBLIC WORKS
- c. CITY CLERK
- d. CITY ATTORNEY
- e. CITY MANAGER

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. MEMBER WILSON
- b. MEMBER SCHUSTER
- c. MEMBER COZZI
- d. MEMBER KRUG
- e. MAYOR WILLIAMS

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT

A portion of the meeting maybe closed to the Public, immediately as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City of Oregon, and as permitted by 5 ILCS 102/2 (c)(11) to discuss litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City which has been filed and is pending in a court or administrative tribunal of which is imminent and as permitted by 5 ILCS (c)(21) to review and approve closed session minutes and as permitted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 2 Collective negotiating matters. **Possible action after executive session**

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 26th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers
115 N 3rd Street

The Council of the City of Oregon met Tuesday September 26th, 2023, at 5:30 P.M.

The meeting was held at the City Hall Council Chambers and on Zoom.

Present: Mayor Ken Williams
Council Member Melanie Cozzi
Council Member Tim Krug
Council Member Kurt Wilson
City Manager Darin DeHaan
Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins
City Attorney Paul Chadwick
City Clerk Cheryl Hilton
Absent: Council Member Terry Schuster
Also Present: Bill Covell, E.D. Etnyre Representatives, and Roger Howe.
Present via Zoom: Corey Buck, and Earleen Hinton.

Mayor Ken Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Council Member Kurt Wilson started the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, and Williams answered roll call.

Absent: Schuster.

Presentations

Mayor Ken Williams presented E.D. Etnyre and Company with a plaque and read a proclamation for the company's 125th Anniversary.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve the September 12th, 2023, minutes.
Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Approval of Warrants & Payroll

Council Member Melanie Cozzi moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$56,020.30 and the current warrants as listed:

Altorfer, Inc	\$12.50
Autumn on Parade	\$2,000.00
Carreno Landscaping	\$700.00
Caspers Home Inspection LLC	\$1,500.00
Cassandra Hawkins	\$350.00
Cintas	\$105.94
City of Oregon	\$5,000.00

City of Oregon	\$13,389.44
City of Oregon	\$50,400.00
Comcast	\$844.53
ComEd	\$469.87
Constellation	\$4,477.47
Dan Flanagan	\$5,444.00
Ehmen	\$471.44
Euclid Managers	\$1,305.70
Fehr Graham	\$1,352.00
Frontier	\$75.35
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$2,300.00
Hawkins, Inc	\$2,002.25
Hometown Auto Repair, LLC	\$88.93
Hometown Trophies	\$100.00
Ken Williams	\$50.00
Kurtis Wilson	\$50.00
Liz Hiemstra	\$312.50
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Mark Miller	\$200.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$600.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$13,565.31
Marques Morel	\$200.00
Martin and Company	\$17,931.42
Melanie Cozzi	\$25.00
Menards	\$63.92
Menards	\$577.84
Plum Electric, Inc	\$3,000.00
Postmaster	\$8.56
Postmaster	\$310.00
Postmaster	\$330.00
Postmaster	\$832.32
Republic Services #721	\$20,344.80
Share Corp	\$715.65
State of Illinois Treasurer	\$660.00
Stillman BancCorp	\$2,036.03
Sun Life Financial	\$364.08
Terry Schuster	\$25.00
Tonya Hardy	\$600.00
Verizon	\$466.78
Village Bakery	\$21.44
Village of Progress	\$960.00
Visa	\$427.74
Walker Process Equipment	\$14,036.17
White Pines Mercantile, LLC	\$395.00
Willetts Hofmann & Associates	\$7,676.60
Willetts Hofmann & Associates	\$9,554.75
Wipfli	\$1,000.00
	\$192,322.33

Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Business Items

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve a Short-Term Rental request for Kimber's Edge Properties for the property located at 207 S. 1st Street, parcel #16-03-183-005, Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the property is located to the south of River's Edge Experience. Planning voted unanimously to recommend this to the City Council. He will be meeting with the owner on Friday to discuss the storage building in the front of the property. Mayor Ken Williams said the Short-Term Rental use fits the zoning requirements.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Council Member Tim Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2023-016 Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Oregon, Matthew Pendergrass, and Hunt Club Oregon LLC, Seconded by Council Member Kurt Wilson.

Discussion: City Manager Darin DeHaan stated the request was originally submitted as a façade grant. The Economic Development Committee thought a TIF agreement was more appropriate since the project was to create an outdoor seating area. He said it was a huge enhancement to the property.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Proclamations, Commendations, etc.

None

Discussion Items

Allowing Overnight Parking of Restricted Vehicles: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the code enforcement officer received a request to allow a construction trailer to sit on the street overnight. An ordinance was passed several years ago restricting overnight parking and has been strictly enforced since. Mayor Ken Williams said the Planning Commission discussed allowing construction trailers but not allowing boats and RV's. City Manager Darin DeHaan said if it is allowed, it would need to be attached to an active building permit with no extra fee. Council Member Melanie Cozzi asked if there are locations within city limits that allow RV parking for people visiting the area or residents. City Manager Darin DeHaan stated personal arrangements have been made with people who have large parking lots. There is nowhere in particular to direct people to. Council Member Kurt Wilson said the city is a recreational community. Mayor Ken Williams said there are two needs, one is for businesses coming to town to service residents and the other is servicing the needs of citizens who do want to leave early with their boat or RV. These are needs of the community and how do we balance that. Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins stated one potential issue is with large RV's as they take up a lot of space. He would also like to see safety cones, reflectors, and a visible permit for trailers. Mayor Ken Williams asked City Manager Darin DeHaan to make changes to allow temporary

permits for construction trailers and recreational trailers to the ordinance and present it to the City Council for review.

Committee Reports

Planning: Short-Term Rental Recommendation.

Economic and Community Development: Mayor Ken Williams said the property located at 125 S. 4th Street is in the process of being rehabbed. He also stated Rock River Studios is filming in the area again and are looking for film locations. Rock River Studios stated to Mayor Williams they appreciated all the help they received during filming and felt very welcome in the community.

Finance: None

Sustainability: Council Member Melanie Cozzi stated they are working on strategy for the Sustainability Plan before they meet with Region One Planning in October.

Tree Board: City Manager Darin DeHaan has started the Tree City USA application and is waiting for figures from Cheryl and Bill.

Public Arts Commission: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the committee is meeting on Thursday to review submitted murals. He also stated another member will be joining the committee.

Department Reports

Deputy Chief of Police Matt Kalnins: Last week he attended a four-day conference for Police Chiefs. The police department is preparing for AOP.

Public Works Director Bill Covell: Work on 3rd Street, North 2nd, and Monroe Street are wrapping up. The department is also working on sinkholes that were discovered. They plan to focus on AOP projects next week.

City Manager Darin DeHaan: Thanked Bill Covell for working diligently to get the EV Charging project completed. Painting and the installation of bollards and signage will be completed soon. The grand opening for the Sarah Phelps Community Plaza is Saturday at 11:30 am. Beising Welding is working on completing the fencing.

Council Reports

Council Member Kurt Wilson: Remembered Tom Miller and said he will be missed.

Council Member Melanie Cozzi: The last farmers market is being held Thursday. Mike Guzman with Country Financial is sponsoring Hoo Haven.

Council Member Tim Krug: Martin's are doing a great job: the streets look great.

Mayor Ken Williams: Said he worked many years with Tom Miller on the council and he will be missed. Tom Miller did a lot for the city for many years. He also stated the vision for the community plaza is coming to fruition and is very exciting.

Executive Session

Mayor Ken Williams said the City Council will be going into Executive Session to discuss potential legal suits. there will be no vote after.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to approve entering Executive Session at 5:58 pm.
Seconded by Council Member Melanie Cozzi.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Council Member Kurt Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Council Member Tim Krug.

Roll Call: Cozzi, Krug, Wilson, Williams. No Nays. Absent: Schuster.

Adjourn: 6:13 P.M.

Ken Williams, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

October 10, 2023

Payroll in amount \$57,600.12

Ace Hardware & Outdoor Center	\$267.99
AEP Energy	\$3,495.44
Bill Covell	\$100.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$14,149.43
Comcast	\$1,028.20
Dixon Glass Co	\$557.09
Ehmen	\$1,355.77
Envision Healthcare	\$210.00
Ferguson Waterworks	\$335.93
Fidelity Securty Life Insurance	\$158.82
Fischer's	\$355.60
Frontier	\$117.36
Hagemann Horticulture LLC	\$2,300.00
Hometown Autp Repair, LLC	\$163.76
Illinois EPA	\$58,374.60
Iwater	\$1,666.67
James Taylor	\$480.00
Liz Hiemstra	\$312.50
Maison Crawford	\$47.02
Manheim Solutions	\$2,592.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$600.00
Mark Nehrkorn	\$2,065.54
Mark Nehrkorn	\$13,565.31
Martin and Company	\$525.28
Menards	\$136.56
NAPA	\$193.45
Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce	\$140.00
Oregon Rotary Club	\$115.00
Oregon SuperValu	\$21.04
Pace Analytical Services	\$2,088.10
Polo Cooperative Association	\$5,776.10
Postmaster	\$11.11
Postmaster	\$51.36
Quill	\$242.49
Republic Services #721	\$68.00
Roger's Ready Mix	\$1,120.50

Shaw Media/Sauk Valley Media	\$218.40
SynConn Solutions Inc	\$1,125.00
Uniform Den	\$171.00
Verdin Company	\$4,355.00
Visa	\$1,222.68
White Pines Mercantile, LLC	\$395.00
Willett Hofmann & Associates	\$7,885.20
Zarnoth Brush Works	\$418.70
Zoro Tools, Inc	\$305.24
	\$130,884.24

_____ City Manager

To: The Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
Of the City of Oregon

In compliance with Chapter 65 Section 5/3.1-35-65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, and in my capacity as City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Oregon; I, Cheryl Hilton, hereby state that the foregoing is a complete report to the best of my knowledge of all monies collected and disbursed by my office on behalf of the City of Oregon during the fiscal year May 1, 2022, ending April 30, 2023.

Cheryl Hilton
City Clerk/Treasurer

Annual Treasurer's Report

For the City of Oregon

For the fiscal year 5/1/22 – 4/30/23

Revenue Summary:

Property Taxes \$1,026,518.40; Telecommunication \$41,281.87; Liquor License \$26,475.00; Business License \$870.00; Video Gaming \$290,468.39; Other Licenses \$1,380.00; State Income Tax \$582,329.30; Replacement Tax \$253,551.93; Sales Tax \$764,759.18; Local Use Tax \$146,755.92; Cannabis Tax \$5,674.29; ARPA Funds \$95,574.87; Utility Tax-Com Ed \$43,577.29; Utility Tax-Nicor \$37,028.98; Building Permits \$10,945.20; Variance Applications \$2,000.00; Garbage Charges \$300,848.92; School Resource Officer \$57,449.80; Mass Gatherings \$100.00; Admin. Towing Fees \$21,655.02; Court Fines \$35,697.05; Parking Fines \$6,840.00; DUI Equipment \$3,999.00; Police Vehicle Fund-Circuit Clerk \$40.00; Police Reports \$355.00; Other Fines \$8,001.50; Motor Fuel Tax Allotment \$148,376.84; Rebuild Illinois \$40,871.42; Street Closure Permits \$300.00; Street Ex Bonds \$1,215.00; 1% Sales Tax Capital Fund \$448,464.14; Water Sales \$781,234.51; Turn On Fees \$3,610.00; Water Meters \$2,350.00; Industrial Waste Fee \$13,410.00; Unmetered Water \$47.38; Sewer Sales \$857,733.03; NSF Check Charge \$10.00; Rental Income \$120.00; Retiree Insurance \$11,457.54; Employee Flex Spending \$15,485.74; Franchise Licenses \$51,942.58; Interest Income \$37,363.85; Miscellaneous Income \$139,669.91.

Total Revenues: \$6,317,838.85

Compensation Summary:

Under \$25,000.00: Skyler Bethel, Melanie Cozzi, Luke Ellis, Dave Kent, Tim Krug, Terry Lester, Nikolas Manthei, James Morris, Jordan Plock, Brayden Schlaf, Terry Schuster, Cullen White, Ken Williams, and Kurtis Wilson.

\$25,000.00 to \$49,000.00: Lynn Baylor-Zies, Randy Cropp, Devin DeHaan, Mary Elliott, Josiah Flanagan, Jayce Gusloff, Cheryl Hilton, Shawn Melville, and Gregory Spencer.

\$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00: Timothy Brechon, Bill Covell, Maison Crawford, Tad Dominski, Matt Kalnins, Josh Lee, Zachary McKean, Jeff Pennington, Terry Plemmons, Jr., Dustin Runyon, and Scott Wallace.

Over \$100,000.00: Joe Brooks and Darin DeHaan.

Total Compensation: \$1,552,866.65

Expenditure Summary:

Advanced Automation & Controls \$4,205.00; AED Essentials \$3,298.60; Aegis Construction Inc. \$50,483.00; AEP Energy \$69,139.15; Autumn on Parade \$6,845.00; Bergy's Automotive \$3,256.68; Blue Cross Blue Shield \$186,445.03; BNSF Railroad \$3,605.00; Bonnell Industries \$4,273.18; Butitta Brothers Automotive \$5,110.79; Byron Bank \$44,167.23; Cady Aquastore Inc. 16,850.00; Casper's Home Inspection, LLC \$17,400.00; CDW Government \$8,830.38; Central Bank Illinois \$15,485.74; Central Square \$4,878.30; Chamber of Commerce \$10,500.00; Cassandra Chapman \$5,400.00; City of Oregon \$1,177,191.99; City of Oregon Utility Deposits \$3,378.20; Coilcraft \$4,000.00; Coliseum Museum of Arts, Antiques, and Americana \$11,100.84; Comcast \$14,208.51; ComEd \$5,944.64; Conference Technologies, Inc. \$6,143.69; Constellation New Energy Inc. \$47,592.03; Randy Cropp \$39,796.63; Dixon Paint Company \$2,873.04; Dynamic Horizon's Computer Service \$5,901.25; John Ebens \$5,000.00; Ehmen's \$16,189.00; Eligios Landscaping \$3,000.00; Engel Electric Company \$66,865.28; Envision Healthcare \$2,951.00; Engelhart Motorsports Co. \$22,592.87; Euclid Managers \$17,799.38; James Evans \$6,000.00; FCS LLC \$5,020.00; Fearer, Nye & Chadwick \$4,462.33; Federal Tax Deposit \$297,666.94; Fehr Graham \$4,200.00; Ferguson Enterprises LLC \$14,377.96; Ferguson Waterworks \$23,156.65; Fischer's \$28,405.50; Dan Flanagan \$17,220.10; Frontier \$4,036.53; GovHR USA LLC \$6,612.00; Graf Tree Care \$7,250.00; Grainger \$3,270.74; Gruen Gruen & Associates \$18,091.60; GSC \$4,369.16; Hach Company \$10,413.03; Merlin Hagemann \$56,673.37; Hagemann Horticulture, LLC \$37,666.50; Timothy Hall \$3,740.00; Hawkins Inc. \$14,127.31; Rebecca Hazzard \$4,425.00; Helm Civil \$3,787.20; Wes Hughes \$23,450.00; Illinois Department of Revenue \$70,501.98; Illinois Fraternal Order Police Labor Council \$4,344.00; Illinois EPA \$11,000.00; Illinois Municipal League Risk Management \$88,142.22; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$176,272.72; IMRF Voluntary Contribution \$18,404.84; Integrated Supply Network LLC \$8,436.06; IP Communications Inc. \$6,352.81; Kaleel's Clothing \$5,375.00; Kaufman \$16,800.00; Kiesler's Police Supply, Inc. \$8,092.65; Kunes Country Auto Group \$41,574.84; Layne \$20,410.50; Terry Lester \$3,160.00; Lexipol LLC \$8,582.70; LOCiS \$4,250.00; M & M Equipment Auto Sales Inc. \$23,510.00; Manheim Solutions, Inc. \$30,426.00; Jasman Martin \$4,800.00; Martin & Company \$401,763.30; Shawn Melville \$80,369.86; Menards \$9,057.09; Metropolitan Industries Inc. \$9,129.77; Moring Disposal \$241,307.20; Morton Salt, Inc. \$16,432.82; NAPA \$11,709.43; Nationwide Retirement Solutions \$34,056.02; Mark Nehr Korn \$12,655.47; Nicor \$6,954.15; Northern Illinois University \$23,360.00; O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. \$580,471.85; Ogle County Brewery LLC \$97,900.00; Ogle County Sheriff's Department \$11,663.80; Old National Bank \$5,776.80; Oregon Chamber of Commerce \$6,000.00; Oregon Community School District #220 \$39,482.13; Oregon Snyder \$4,480.80; Pace Analytical Services \$5,375.46; Patchwork Inn \$5,000.00; Polo Cooperative Association \$69,865.72; Postmaster \$12,497.40; Ray O'Herron Co. Inc. \$9,457.60; Rockford Tech

Systems Inc. \$4,598.45; Rogers Ready Mix \$7,319.50; Steve Benesh & Sons \$15,201.34; Stillman BancCorp \$29,398.08; Sun Life Financial \$4,644.15; SynConn Solutions Inc. \$3,225.00; James Taylor \$4,355.00; The Economic Development Group LTD \$7,887.20; Uniform Den East, Inc. \$2,690.81; Utilly LLC \$2,999.00; Verizon \$6,133.63; Village of Progress \$11,381.40; Waste Water Management of Northern Illinois \$50,575.00; Water Solutions Unlimited Inc. \$5,010.00; Wiggale LLC \$3,106.29; Willett Hoffman & Associates \$145,190.56; Wipfli \$41,000.00; Zions Bank \$169,626.00; all other disbursements in amounts less than \$2,500.00, \$121,339.39.

Total Vendors: \$5,392,007.14

I, Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Oregon, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the year ending April 30th, 2023.

Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk/Treasurer



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CITY OF OREGON

115 N. 3rd Street, Oregon, IL 61061

Phn: 815-732-6321/ website: cityoforegon.org

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

DATE: Oct 10, 2023

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Sep 23, 2023 – Oct 6, 2023

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- First and foremost I want to commend City Staff for all of their hard work helping to make Autumn on Parade a successful event in Oregon. From Public Works, City Hall Office Staff and the Police. Everyone is working together to make this a safe and successful event. Thank you to all of the AOP volunteers who dedicate hours of service to bring a fantastic community event to fruition each year. Thank you!
- We held the Sarah Phelps Plaza Grand Opening Saturday September 30th at 11:30am. Thank you to the [Lions Club of Oregon, IL](#), Oregon Together, [Oregon IL Rotary Club](#), Oregon Public Works Department, [Hagemann Horticulture](#), Aegis Construction, [County Line Designs LLC](#), and all of the individuals who helped make this happen. We have a few more things to complete, including the droop chain fence by [Beesing Welding LLC](#) coming soon. The Lions Club Bench was donated in memory of Dave Stenger. The Rotary bench was donated in honor of their 85th anniversary as a club. What a beautiful day to show off this great new space for our community to use!

The estimated project cost for Sarah Phelps Community Plaza is \$81,181. We received \$25,397 in donations and \$7,500 in grants. We budgeted \$60,000 in ARPA funds for this project and will have spent \$48,283 after the chain fence is installed. Next year we will look at two pergolas for shade and a fence to hide the dumpsters in the back. No other City funds have been used at this time.



- I was able to submit the safe routes to schools grant. Thank you for the collaboration between the City, School District and Oregon Park District. We hope we will receive the good news that the project is chosen for funding.
- I continue to work on the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation with the help of Chris Manheim and the Board of Directors. Some great things are being worked on and I look forward to getting our Executive Director in place soon.
- I had some great conversations over the past few months with Council Member Tim Krug and he has shared an interest in creating a bike path system in Oregon. This led to other conversations with other communities. I was able to get a great group of individuals willing to look at the potential of connecting Oregon, Polo, and Mt. Morris all together. Polo has connectivity to Dixon and Oregon is connected to Byron with the wide shoulder of Rt. 2 so making these middle connections would be awesome. Kim Krug will take over bringing these interested parties together and I will help anyway I can.
- We held our first Public Art Commission meeting and reviewed the ARPA mural grants. This group already has great energy and ideas to continue the art legacy of Oregon. I look forward to the new members and helping to facilitate their vision going forward.

- An overview draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan update should be available for review at the October 17th Planning Commission meeting. Any comments would be helpful and I will provide them to NIU to include in the full draft we are expected to receive in early November.
- The University of Illinois Extension office is hosting Mark White, a University of Illinois professor who works in the area of rural economic development and is currently engaged in work on a “Rural Vitality” project. They have put together a question and answer event next week. I look forward to attending this and gaining insight and perspectives from Professor White. Thank you Mike Delaney for putting this opportunity together.
- We are finishing up the bid process for the old Dayton Property demolition.
- I’m working with Liz Vos Marketing on the Fall Newsletter. I hope to get this out to the public very soon.
- I continue to work through some technical issues with the U.S. Solar Project.

City Hall:

- Welcomes Lisa Payne to our city hall staff
- Brush pickup is scheduled for October 30th, 2023

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting 10/17/2023 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

- Public Hearing for Sally Moring Short-Term Rental request

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting 10/24/23 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting 11/7/23 at 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting 11/13/23 at 9:00 a.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room - We will be meeting with Reg 1 Planning Staff to start working out details of the plan.

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

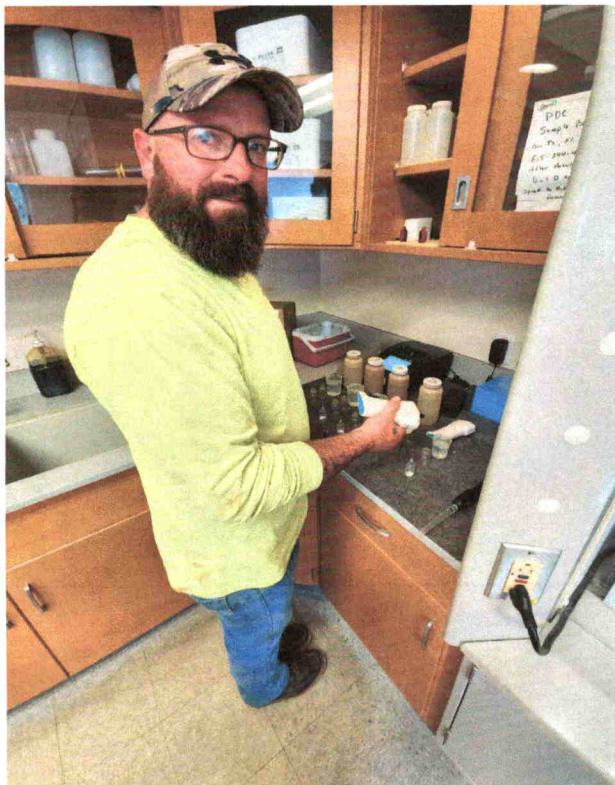
- Tree Trimming
- Brush pick-up
- Asphalt patching
- Training
- Mowing
- Painted flower planters and set in place for Sarah Phelps Plaza
- AOP prep work
- Help with utility pole replacement on Jefferson Street





Water / Sewer Departments:

- Triple the normal julie locates for due to fiber optic installation
- Daily chores and samples
- Pump sludge
- Monthly samples
- Monthly reports
- Mow
- Clean clarifier



Public Works:

- Observed projects on North 3rd Street Project
- Observed North 2nd Street, Franklin Street and Monroe Street projects.
- Observed and helped with the generator project. .
- Observed / helped with EV project.
- AOP prep work including updating AOP map
- Update GIS Maps
- Safety meeting
- Organized CDL training for employees and finalized making Oregon an authorized training facility.
- Began working on capital improvement budgets

Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Kalnins:

Police Department:

- From September 12th through September 15th Deputy Chief Kalnins attended the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board “New Chiefs of Police Orientation” conference in East Peoria. During this training Deputy Chief Kalnins learned about officer wellness, managing departments and working with the community. This was also a great opportunity for Deputy Chief Kalnins to network with other Chiefs of Police throughout the state of Illinois.



- September 18th through the 24th the Oregon Police Department worked with the Oregon School District to make sure Homecoming activities were safe and enjoyable for everyone. During the week officers helped with the pep rally, homecoming parade, football game and ended the week with having a great time at the homecoming dance.



- During the month of September Mr. Martens Hawk Huddle has been bringing sweet treats to the Oregon Police Department. We would like to thank them for thinking about us and appreciate the delicious treats.

