



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

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Re: Bi-monthly Report

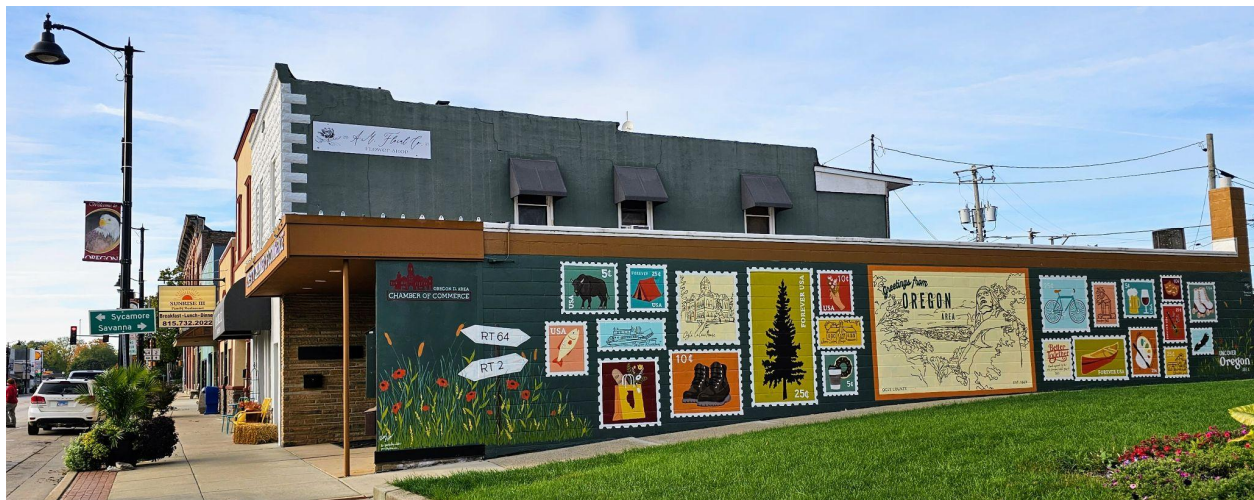
DATE: Oct 24, 2023

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Oct 7, 2023 – Oct 20, 2023

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- I continue to work with PW Dir. Bill Covell on our upcoming sewer plant headworks project. We are in the process of looking at a needed update to our sewer plant. Some initial engineering has been done and we continue to look at estimated costs. More information will be available soon.
- I presented the position of the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation to the Ogle County Board Finance Committee. I enjoyed sharing my passion for this new economic development engine for Oregon and all of Ogle County.
- I joined Mayor Williams and Council member Terry Shuster as well as other community leaders across Ogle County for a discussion about Rural Economic Development with Professor White White with the University of Illinois. Thank you to Mike Delany with the University of Illinois Extension Office for inviting us and hosting the great discussion.
- I met with public works and Cheryl to continue to strategize on our lead line survey work. We are hopeful that we will receive a grant for the survey portion of the requirements.
- I had several discussions with potential new businesses looking for locations for rent. I'm always excited to discuss business ideas with entrepreneurs.
- We held an AOP debriefing with Public Works and the Police Department. We discussed minor adjustments that we need to make to our plan which will be discussed with the AOP board next week. We look forward to their perspectives and insights going forward.
- I have hired SUND OG IT solutions out of Dekalb as our new IT provider. They will provide a full audit of our cybersecurity initiatives and will be deploying new cloud based applications for the city departments.

- Our first ARPA payment for mural grants was issued this week for the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce Mural. We are working with the other mural applicants to provide the funding they were awarded.
- Chris Manheim and I met with a riverfront property owner and continue to work with them to strategize on the sale of their riverfront property as well as help with envisioning potential commercial development of that space.
- Bid opening for the demo of the old Dayton Superior space is slated for Monday Oct. 30th at 1:00 p.m. So far 6 bid packets have been accessed.
- I would like to publicly thank Council Member Terry Schuster for his work to get updated photographs of Oregon showing our Fall beauty. I needed some pictures for an upcoming article on Oregon, for the OCEDC Executive Director hiring brochure as well as social media and website use. Thank you Terry!





City Hall:

- Brush pickup is scheduled for October 30th, 2023
- September water/sewer/garbage bills were mailed on October 18th and will be due on November 10th

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 have contracted with [Region 1 Planning Council \(r1planning.org\)](http://r1planning.org) to complete a sustainability plan for the City of Oregon. This plan will look at steps we can take as a local government to integrate environmentally friendly initiatives to preserve our natural resources.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting 11/14/23 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting 11/21/2023 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

- Public Hearing for variance request of storm water detention at the Trestle Ridge Subdivision

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- Tree Trimming
- AOP prep & clean-up
- Asphalt patching
- Training
- Mowing

Water / Sewer Departments:

- Julie locates for due to fiber optic installation
- Daily chores and samples
- Pump sludge
- Monthly samples
- Monthly reports
- Mow
- Seminar for training

Director of Public Works:

- North 3rd Street Project punch list
- North 2nd Street, Franklin Street and Monroe Street projects striping
- Observed and helped with the generator project. .
- Observed / helped with EV project.



- AOP prep work including updating AOP map & clean-up
- Update GIS Maps
- Safety meeting
- Organized CDL training for employees and finalized making Oregon an authorized training facility.
- Began working on capital improvement budgets
- Seminar



Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Kalnins:

Police Department:

- The Oregon Police Department would like to thank everyone at AOP, The Oregon Public Works, Ogle County Sheriff's Department and Oregon Fire Dept for their dedication and hard work during the AOP festival. Without each of these organizations we could not have such an amazing event in our town. Thank you!
- We would like to remind everyone to have a safe and fun Halloween. Trick or Treat Hours are October 31st from 5pm to 8pm. Please remember to only visit houses that have porch lights on, wear bright clothing if out in the dark, and cross the street at crosswalks or the intersections.

