



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: Nov 28, 2023

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Nov 11, 2023 – Nov 24, 2023

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- **HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!**
- I attended a great round table discussion on Tourism for Oregon with the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce and Visit Northwest Illinois. I'm excited for all of the work going on to promote Oregon tourism with all the exciting things we have to offer. Checkout and share their new travel video blogs: www.visitnorthwestillinois.com/blog/
- City Hall was closed in observance of Veteran's day. Thank you to all who have served!
- I attended a webinar on FOIA for public bodies provided by the Office of the Attorney General. We continue to train in this area so we are well equipped to and provide requested information from the City.
- We have begun to work on our annual tax levy as well as our bond abatement ordinance for this year.
- Public Act 103-0510 was adopted and requires certain building codes standards to be adopted or followed effective Jan 1, 2025. I have reached out to find a consulting firm to help us review and adopt the appropriate new building codes to follow the new laws.
- Thank you to our Code Enforcement Officer Randy Cropp for his continued efforts to work with citizens and businesses on health and safety efforts.
- Due to replacement costs we are going to continue to use the snowflakes downtown for our Holiday decorations. I have been asked by a few citizens when we are going to replace the decorations. We will look at this as a potential project in the near future. The Public Works department has been working diligently to update the lights on them as well as painting each snowflake to give them a refreshed look this year.
- Thank you to all of the volunteers who make Candlelight walk such a great event for Oregon.
- I continue to work with the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation board of directors on several initiatives. We have a meeting coming up on the Next Move Group to

look at our candidates for our 1st Executive Director. I look forward to getting a professional in place to help lead this organization forward and to look at innovative ways to spur appropriate economic development projects throughout Ogle County.

- I'm still in the process of budget reviews with department heads. I have completed the review with the police department and will be setting up a meeting with Public Works in the near future.
- Thank you to Cheryl, Mary, Lynn and Lisa for decorating City Hall and bringing a great festive atmosphere for the Holiday Season!
- I attended a webinar presented by the Illinois Extension office on the Digital Equity Capacity Kickstarter program which focuses on supporting digital skill building, broadband adoption and use, and device access.

City Hall:

- The last yard waste pickup for the year is November 29th, 2023
- Water, Sewer, Garbage bills were mailed on November 20th, and are due December 11th.

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting 12/5/23 at 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting 12/11/2023 9:00 a.m.

We will be meeting with Region 1 Planning at the December meeting to work on the Sustainability Plan.

City Council Meeting:

TBD at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting 12/19/2023 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Tree Board:

December 6th 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall.

1. Discuss possible TREE USA designation
2. Strategize on tree planting for next year.
3. Arbor Day Event Planning
4. New Business

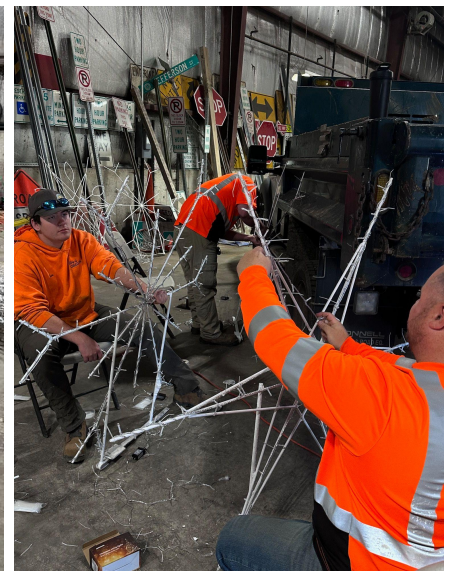
Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- Finished rehab of snowflakes for christmas and got them installed on the poles
- Street Sweeping
- Training
- Maintenance on trucks
- Snow plow prep
- Participated in APWA snow plow rodeo in which Jordan Plock took 8th out of 45 drivers
- Helped with City's Christmas Tree
- Worked on lights at flag pole
- Removed and replaced bench downtown



Water / Sewer Departments:

- Julie locates for due to fiber optic installation
- Daily chores and samples
- Pump sludge

- Monthly samples
- Monthly reports
- Mow around the plant

Director of Public Works:

- North 3rd Street Project punch list
- Observed and helped with the generator start-up
- APWA winter maintenance operator course
- Pay estimate for striping on mill & overlay projects
- Budgets for capital improvement projects
- Processed monthly bills



Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Kalnins:

Police Department:

- The Oregon Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving

