



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 14, 2023

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Oct 21, 2023 – Nov 10, 2023

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- I had several meetings with potential new business owners. I'm always glad to see potential new business interests in our community.
- Met with CMAAA to coordinate potential grant efforts.
- I fielded several inquiries on our EV charging station.
- I responded to a few citizen complaints and worked with staff to rectify the issues.
- We met with AOP committee members to debrief on issues and successes identified during AOP weekend. We are working on a new communication plan for next year among other things.
- I joined the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation Board in several meetings and we continue to define the vision of the corporation and how it will play a strategic role in Economic Development in our Region. Huge thank you to Chris Manheim for his expertise and continued guidance on this large endeavor.
- Deputy Chief Kalnins and I attended an Overview of FOIA for Law Enforcement put on by the Attorney General's Office.
- I attended the bid opening for the Old Dayton Superior demolition project. The bids will be presented to the City Council at the November 14th meeting.
- I attended the Fall 2023 Consortium Board of Directors meeting for Project OPEN at KSB.
- Big thank you to Public Works for doing a great job with the Halloween road closure around Koontz subdivision. I had several positive comments on how safe families felt while Trick or Treating in that area. It certainly gets a lot of foot traffic out there each year! Thank you to our police department for working hard to keep everyone safe during Trick or Treating.

- The Lease Grant committee met to review an application from No Stone Unturned. The recommendation will move onto the Economic Development Commission for consideration on 11/07/2023.
- I spent several days with our new IT provider getting programs and hardware setup across the city.
- I met with MCS who developed our economic development website to discuss the future of the site. I have some recommendations that I will share with Mayor Williams for consideration.
- I joined Council Member Mel Cozzi and Chris Manheim for a discussion on Farm to Table/COOP options for our community. Thank you to Kim Ewaldsen from the Small Business Development Center at Sauk Valley Community College for joining us for the discussion and providing great guidance.

City Hall:

- City Hall will be closed November 10th in observance of Veterans Day
- The last yard waste pickup for the year is November 29th, 2023
- The last brush pickup for the year is scheduled for November 27th, 2023

Sustainability Committee:

November 13th meeting has been cancelled, we will be meeting with Region 1 Planning at the December meeting to work on the Sustainability Plan

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

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting 11/28/23 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Economic and Community Development Committee:

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

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- Rehab snowflakes for christmas
- Street Sweeping
- Water Main Break
- Training
- Maintenance on trucks
- Snow plow prep
- Participated in APWA snow plow rodeo



Water / Sewer Departments:

- Julie locates for due to fiber optic installation
- Daily chores and samples
- Pump sludge
- Monthly samples
- Monthly reports
- Mow
- Water main break



Director of Public Works:

- North 3rd Street Project punch list
- Observed and helped with the generator project. .
- 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:

- SRO Brechon was challenged to an arm wrestling tournament by the Oregon Elementary School 6th Grade Class. SRO Brechon went 45-1, with his only loss coming from Mrs. Connolly. SRO Brechon better ice his arm, because I think the 6th graders are ready for a rematch.



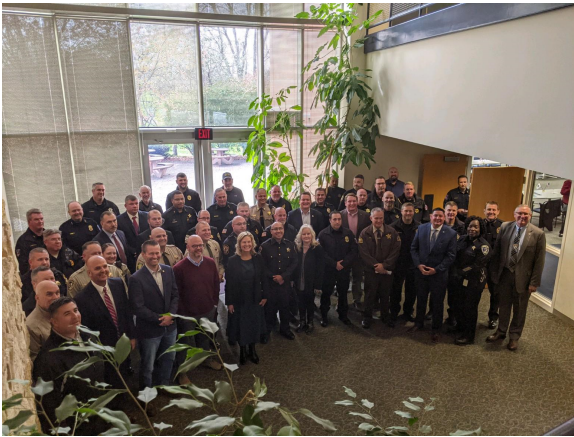
- Halloween was a great day for all, even if we did receive **SNOW**. SRO Brechon and Deputy Chief Kalnins participated in the OES Kindergarten trunk or Treat. They handed out pencils, candy and a special OPD temporary tattoo.



- Due to the snow flakes flying and the wind blowing on Halloween, the Little Explorers daycare postponed their trick or treating until 11-02-2023. One of their stops was the Oregon Police Department. Glow sticks and candy were handed out to all the little ones.



- On November 1, 2023 Deputy Chief Kalnins attended the Northwest Illinois Law Enforcement Legislative Luncheon. This gave Deputy Chief Kalnins a chance to network with other law enforcement executives in the area and a chance to meet state Representatives.



- On 11-6-2023 The Oregon Police Department attended CPR/Narcan and AED training. Thank you to the Oregon Fire Dept and Paramedic Toni Guiffre for instructing the class.