



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: Jan 23, 2024

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Jan 6, 2024 – Jan 19, 2024

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

SNOW, COLD, SNOW and some More COLD!

- Huge Thank You to staff for getting us through these major weather events. Public Works Street Division who spent numerous hours battling snowfall and low temperatures, working to keep equipment running and get snow removed. They had to fluctuate their work hours to accommodate downtown clean up and other issues that came up. Thank you water and sewer employees who responded to issues at the plant as well as responding to citizen's needs to keep our utilities up and running and serve our businesses and citizens. Thank you to our police officers who helped clear the streets of vehicles as well as responding to various emergency needs of our community. Last but not least City Hall staff who fielded complaints and requests for services courteously and professionally each day. I also want to recognize everyone who volunteered to help other citizens in need, that shows the true character of our wonderful community. Thanks all! Stay Warm!
- Huge shoutout to Liz Vos - Vos Marketing for her work to help educate the public on how our odd/even parking regulations work. She made a concerted effort to get the information out to the public before and during this storm. Great Job!
- I had the pleasure of addressing the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador group to discuss some ways we can continue to support our local businesses. I look forward to continued discussions on how the city can continue to work closely with them.
- I continue to provide support for the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation. I was honored to present to the Ogle County Board a request for financial support. They unanimously voted to pledge \$100,000 support for this fiscal year.
- I attended several meetings related to legal matters on behalf of the City.
- We held our first pre-audit meeting with WIPFLI in preparation for this year's audit requirements.
- Our EV Charger activity for December was: 2 charges for 200.698 Kilowatt/hours

- I attended the Financial Forecast Forum presented by the Illinois City Managers Association.
- Mayor Williams and I had a great meeting with a new business that is poised to come to Oregon. I'm hopeful everything works out and they can get up and running very soon.
- I met with several citizens who presented various requests of the City. I will work through the details that they shared with me and will follow up with the proper response.
- We replaced the heaters in the Coliseum basement which has created a much more comfortable space as well as added energy efficiency to the building.
- I continue to work through our new Capital Improvement Plan. Currently working on planning for City Hall and other Public Buildings and spaces.
- Mayor Williams, Planning Commission Chairman Mark Herman, Planning Commission Member Jeff Hallock and I attended a training session hosted by Ogle County Board featuring Ancel Glink and Teska and Associates on Planning and Zoning.
- Thanks to the work of our Public Works Department and Director Bill Covell working with Fehr Graham I am happy to announce that we received a \$40,000 grant from the Illinois EPA to help us meet the requirements of the Lead Service Line Inventory.

REMINDERS

Comprehensive Plan Review: CMAAA Tuesday January 30th 5:00 p.m.

City Sponsored Shop Hop Event:



City Hall:

- Unfortunately our drinking fountain at City Hall failed and caused a water leak into the Oregon City Council. Thank you for everyone's patience while ServePro got the mess

cleaned up. We have made a decision to remove the fountain from the lobby since this is the second leak.



MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Feb 12, 2024 9:00 a.m.

- Continue working with Region 1 Planning at the January meeting to work on the Sustainability Plan.

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting Feb 6, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Feb 13, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Feb 20, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- Stump Grinding
- Plow / snow removal
- Maintenance on trucks

Water / Sewer Departments:

- Julie locates for due to fiber optic installation
- Daily chores and samples
- Pump sludge
- Monthly samples
- Monthly reports
- IML Regional Training

Director of Public Works:

- Budget justifications
- Resolve generator issues
- Trestle Ridge off-site sewer
- Capital improvement plan
- Pay estimate for striping on mill & overlay projects

Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Kalnins: Police Department:

- Detective Crawford and SRO Brechon completed controlled tactic Instructor training. This class was put on by Controlled F.O.R.C.E. By obtaining this certification it will allow officers more training opportunities to be physically prepared.
- During the schools Winter Break SRO Brechon put on Active Threat training. In this training the police and fire Departments worked together to practice rapid deployment strategies. Officers worked on clearing rooms, and rapidly responding to threats. The Oregon Fire Department also worked on rapid deployment and victim assessments.

- The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the Oregon Community for the safe and happy holiday season.
- With the possibility of snow coming this week, The Oregon Police Department would like to remind everyone of the snow parking ordinance for parking on the streets and in the municipal city lots.

1. Municipal lots:

All rows in city municipal parking lots are numerically marked with signs.

Odd/Even parking will be in effect after 1” (inch) of snowfall from 7:00 p.m.- 7:00 a.m. to accommodate snow removal.

2. Along city streets

After a snowfall of one inch or more has accumulated on the public streets the following rules will apply:

Vehicles must be parked on the side of the street where the even-numbered building or house would be located between the hours of 7:00 a.m. on that day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on even calendar days.

Vehicles must be parked on that side of the street where odd-numbered building or house would be located between the hours of 7:00 a.m. that day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day on odd calendar days.

This needs to be followed each day until the streets are cleared by the Oregon Street Department.

If you need to be out on the roads while it is snowing please use caution and take extra time to make sure you arrive at your destination safely.

If you have any questions on the ordinance please contact the Oregon Police Department at 815-732-2803.