



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: Mar 26, 2024

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Mar 9, 2024 – Mar 22, 2024

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- We had a great sustainability meeting this month. We delved into the new planning process and began to set a strong vision for the plan with Region 1 Planning. One of the next steps will be to engage other area organizations, businesses and citizens for input. I am working on a date to pull these groups together.
- I have been in discussion with the Illinois Commerce Commission about the railroad crossing on South 2nd Street. This will be an ongoing discussion.
- Cheryl and I met with a health insurance broker and will begin the process of looking at employee health insurance benefits for this year's renewal.
- We held our first Ogle County Bike Path committee meeting. This is a group of volunteers from Polo, Mt. Morris and Oregon who are looking to connect our communities with bike and recreation access.
- I'm working with a group to look into Oregon/Ogle County needs for individuals with Substance Use Disorders.
- I attended the Exec Committee meeting for the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation. Our ED Char Coulumbe provided some great guidance for the organization going forward.
- Happy Saint Patrick's Day. I heard Oregon was busy with people enjoying all of the great things our downtown has to offer!
- I participated in the Police Applicant interviews with DC Kalnins and Sgt. Dominski. They are working to establish an eligibility list for the department.
- I participated in the applicant interviews for the Director position with the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to working with their new director once the position is filled.

- I attended the CDC ACTION Grant meeting where they discussed Food access as well as other great programs that are being established out of this grant. Huge shoutout to the Ogle County Health Dept for leading this and all of the people involved.
- I had a few meetings as it relates to Economic Development in Oregon and look forward to trying to connect with some developers.
- Attend the OCEDC full board meeting which was very well attended.
- We are beginning to work with our auditors for the annual audit.
- Continuing our discussion with Fehr Graham on the sewer plant headworks project.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

- IEPA required Cross Connection Surveys have been mailed out to all residential and commercial accounts connected to the city water supply. Completed surveys should be returned to City Hall before May 1st.
- Fehr Graham employees continue to work on the Lead Line inventory with City Public Works employees. Fehr Graham employees may be going door to door to obtain information regarding the Lead Line Inventory.
- As Garage Sale season approaches, we would like to remind all residents that a garage sale license is required for any garage sale within city limits. The garage sale license application can be found on the city website, there are no fees for a garage sale license.

MEETING INFORMATION

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Apr 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Apr 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Apr 9, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting Apr 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Submitted by Bill Covell - Director of Public Works:

Street Department:

- One employee from the street department is continuing door to door with Fehr Graham to compile our IEPA lead line inventory.
- Crew started work on removing stumps with our new stump grinder attachment.
- Crew worked on tree removal at the sewage treatment plant for the Trestle Ridge sanitary project.
- Crew cleaned and prepped planters for the Sara Phelps Plaza and the Farmers Market.
- Crew worked on removal of the old def tank and installation of a new def system.
- Aaron & Skyler took and passed their CDL driving exam. Congrats Aaron and Skyler!
- Two crew members worked on their training for their Illinois pesticide license.
- Street Department Foreman did continuing education classes in management and supervising.
- Entire crew took and updated the required NIMS training.
- Crew helped take delivery of the new blowers at the sewage treatment plant.
- Street Foreman helped with oversight on the Trestle Ridge sanitary project.
- Crew is excited for the upcoming spring months. Projects are starting to pick up and they are excited for the challenge.
- Crew finished cutting bolts off posts at Sarah Phelps.
- Crew began working on installing new street name signs & stop signs.



Water / Sewer Departments:

Sewer

- Daily Chores
- Full Testing
- Half Testing
- Settle meters every other day for process/ Control
- Meeting with Helm for blower install
- Pumped sludge
- Blower removal
- Took Delivery of Blowers
- Meeting with Mark Kelsey for blower install and piping
- Concrete Pad installed by O'brien Construction for blowers
- Rotomat Cleaning Daily-at least once a day if not twice
- Netting of Debris in tanks-Daily
- Nims Training
- Trestle Ridge project started- oversee project and assist at wwtp
- Worked with various contractors for placement of materials
- Worked with O'brien construction for bypass pumping into wwtp
- Worked with O'brien construction on manhole repair at wwtp(remove debris and Ladder rungs)
- Replaced padlock on entry gate at wwtp and 10th St. Lift station
- Blower install, meeting with Kaeser compressors for blower
- Blower start up and training

Water

- Daily Water chores
- Daily Water testing
- Monthly reports to EPA
- Multiple Final meter reads
- Multiple Julie Locates
- Monthly Bac-t sampling for EPA compliance
- Water main exploratory dig with O'brien excavating at wwtp
- Nims training
- Repaired Chemical feed pump at Well's 2 and #4
- Replace Ground Fault outlet in phosphate room at well #2
- Water meter rereads for City hall
- Replaced chemical injection hose at Well #3
- Received chemical delivery from Hawkins
- Received chemical delivery from Water solutions

- Assisted customer with curb box at church on east Oregon
- Meeting with Bill and Tj Rodebaugh of Ferguson Waterworks on the Water meter project and future work with capital improvements.
- Assisted with Sewer treatment plant Monday March 18 – Thursday March 21st while Scott was at Conference in Peoria for Continuing Education Units to retain his Licensing



Director of Public Works - Bill Covell:

- Helped out with Door to door lead service inventory. Fehr Graham will have two employees continuing this work for the next few weeks.
- Worked on sewer alignment and project specification for Trestle Ridge Subdivision. Also met with the contractor and developer to discuss upcoming work. Provided oversight on project in order to make sure it's constructed according to the approved drawings
- Reviewed sidewalks in town to plan for projects this summer and began budgeting for them
- Setup subcontractor work for new Keiser Blowers at the sewage treatment plant, help unload compressors, Requested rental unit for emergency back-up. Help with mechanical and electrical issues. .
- Worked with Frontier on upcoming fiber work.
- Observed debris removal, fence installation, compaction and CA/6 installation for the demolition project at the street department. Project is 90 percent complete. Site was walked with WH.
- Reviewed building demo and completed punch list walk through
- Reviewed 2 excavation permits, 2 water sewer permits and 1 new home permit.
- Worked with Fehr Graham on 2024 MFT, lead service project plan, lead service inventory. Part of that was helping with paperwork for IEPA.
- Requested information from Willett & Hofmann on utility bills in order to complete lead service project plan
- Worked with Ogle County GIS in order to get lead line information on ArcGIS system
- Helped identify IEPA lead lines for IEPA lead line inventory
- Received CEU's for Class 3 Sewer License at seminar in Peoria.
- Helped with sewer treatment issues due to low air.



Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Kalnins: Police Department:

- On 03/05/2022 Detective Crawford attended the 15th Annual 2024 Champions of Children Conference.
- On 03-20-2024 Detective Crawford and Deputy Chief Kalnins gave a presentation on safety with the members of the Village of Progress. We would like to thank everyone at the Village of Progress for having us. It is always a great time when we get to meet everyone and answer questions.

There has been a rise in discarded furniture being placed out in the yard or on the terrace of residential properties

Please remember that per the Oregon City Ordinance 12.16 Nuisances (12.16.0404 (A)(9) Prohibited; Abatement):



“The storage, placing, keeping or leaving furniture outside a dwelling or accessory building on residential lots so as to impair the residential character and/or property value of the surrounding lots or neighborhood is prohibited.”

If you have furniture that is being discarded you will need to make arrangements with your garbage removal provider or contact an

independent company to schedule a day and time to have it removed. Once arrangements are made, you may then place the furniture out by the curb the night before the arranged pick up time. If for any reason the furniture can not be picked up at that arranged time, the furniture must be removed from the curb or yard until arrangements can be made again.

If you have any questions about this ordinance please contact the Oregon Police Department and speak with an officer. They will be able to answer any questions you may have. 815-732-2803.

From the desk of Detective Crawford:



There are two phone and text scams that are becoming more common and are projected to stay for a majority of the year:

Text Scams: These scams can take many forms, but the scammers often impersonate a well-known company, such as a bank, online retailer, delivery company or government agency. They might say there was suspicious activity in your account, your bill is past due, your item couldn't be delivered or that you were selected for a job interview.

Phone Scams: One scam that is popular in our area is the "warrant" scam. This is where the scammers impersonate a local municipality and get the victim to believe they have a warrant out for their arrest, usually for an unpaid fine. They then get the victim to pay the bond over the phone, often with gift cards.

No well-known company will text you to get a bill cleared up, and no law enforcement agency will call you to take care of a warrant over the phone.



Detective Maison Crawford
Oregon Police Department.

If you or anyone you know feel you have been a victim of a scam please contact the Oregon Police Department (815-732-2803) or Ogle County Dispatch (815-732-2136) for your local jurisdiction.