



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 12, 2024

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Feb 24, 2024 – Mar 8, 2024

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- We continue to work on housing strategies.
- I was advised we did not receive the tree planting grant we applied for. We will look to use budgeted local funds to start planting trees this year. We also plan to do tree planting for Arbor Day as well.
- Bela's Restaurant building owners have submitted their material plans for the needed brick repairs and have requested a facade grant from the City. The City Council will review the request at the meeting on the 12th. Repairs are scheduled to begin once the weather cooperates.
- Continue to work on Economic Development with potential businesses as well as working to fill empty space in town. Chris Manheim continues to update our LOIS information for investors.
- Continue to work with Chief Knoup and Dep. Chief Kalnins to update our emergency response manuals as they relate to the Nuclear Plant. We will also begin working on updating the City's Emergency Plan next. I appreciate both of them working diligently with me on this endeavor.
- We have several projects we are working on including the Head Works Project for the sewer plant, a well upgrade, preparing for street project bids, new in-car video cameras for the Police Department, a few HR projects for City Hall, and the Washington StreetScape project. Huge thank you to all the Department Heads diligently working on all of these projects.
- 7 ordinance violations have been addressed since January 1st.

- The old Dayton building demo is going well. The ground has been leveled and the project continues. Thanks to Bill Covell for the pictures.



City Hall - City Clerk Cheryl Hilton:

- Republic Services reported community recycling totals for February 2024 as 35,700 lbs.
- 6 Building Permits were issued in the month of February.

MEETING INFORMATION

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting **Mar 11, 2024** at 9:00 a.m. Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting **Mar 19, 2024** at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting **Mar 26, 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:

- Multiple employees completed driver training and took the Illinois Cdl driving exam. Both that went for the driving portion of the test passed. Congrats guys!
- Crew continued with stump grinding, and the crew began cleanup and restoration after stump removal. So far 12 stumps have been removed and the crew plans on trying to do 10 per week.
- Crew finished installing bollards and chains at Sara Phelps plaza
- The Street department Manager continued with supervisor training classes. He has 5 course so far
- One member of street department continued working on IEPA lead line inventory
- Vehicle maintenance completed on three vehicles
- Streets Manager met with contractor for Trestle Ridge to discuss upcoming work

Water / Sewer Departments:

- Daily chores
- Cleaned roto mat daily
- Weather Service Reporting
- Meeting to discuss Trestle ridge development
- Worked on Flow data for Fehr Graham
- Half Testing
- Full Testing
- Washed Influent channels
- Washed and removed debris from Bypass Channel
- Pumped Sludge
- Laboratory Compliance Testing and Calibration
- Assisted Daily with Large amount of Julie Locates (Frontier-Fiber)
- Daily Testing
- Meeting with Frontier contractor for Boring and Locates
- Monthly Reporting to EPA
- Took Monthly Bacteriological Samples for EPA compliance
- Assisted in locating data for influent pump data for Scott(treatment plant project)
- Worked on FOIA Information and submitted to Cheryl
- Finals
- Locates- a lot due to Frontier, Scott assisted me due to the length of some of the locates being 600 to 700 Feet in length. Goes a lot quicker with an extra pair of hands.
- Installed new light bulbs in the wash bay due to most of them being burned out. Scott assisted

Director of Public Works - Bill Covell:

- Worked on sewer alignment and project specification for Trestle Ridge Subdivision. Also met with the contractor and developer to discuss upcoming work. Sewer line should begin next week.
- Reviewed sidewalks in town to plan for projects this summer
- Setup subcontractor work for new Keiser Blowers at the sewage treatment plant.
- Completed CIP reports
- Worked with Frontier on upcoming fiber work.
- Observed debris removal, compaction and CA/6 installation for the demolition project at the street department.
- Reviewed building demo and completed punch list walk through
- Worked with Fehr Graham on 2024 MFT, lead service project plan, lead service inventory. Part of that was helping with paperwork for IEPA and kickstart meeting for headworks project. Headworks project should start late 2025 or early 2026.
- 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





Submitted by Deputy Chief Matthew Kalnins: Police Department:

- **On 03-07-2024 Deputy Chief Kalnins participated in Read Across America by reading a story to the Elementary and Jr. High students of the Chana Education Center. Joining him were members of the Oregon Fire Dept.**



- Please keep in mind Spring is right around the corner. We will all be needing to mow our lawns before we know it. Remember grass/weeds are not to be taller than 6 inches in height and will need to be mowed or cut.

Please don't let your lawn look like this when it gets warmer.



- One complaint we get each year is people blowing grass clippings into the street as they mow their lawn. Per city ordinance you are not allowed to deposit anything into the street, including grass clippings. Even if you mean to go back with a blower to blow them back into your yard, you can not do this. This also creates a safety issue for motorcycles and bicyclists. This also clogs the street drains making it harder for our Public Works Dept to clean the streets.



- With the weather getting nice out, people always have questions about the burning ordinance in Oregon. The following are for Unlawful burning and Recreational Fires.
 - **12.08.010 Unlawful Burning**
 - Only dry branches, leaves and grass clippings can be burned in the city limits. Branches shall not exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter. No burning shall commence prior to 10:00 a.m. nor shall it be allowed later than sunset. All non-recreational fires must be extinguished by sunset. Smoldering is not allowed at any time. Burning permitted no earlier than March 1 and shall end no later than November 30 of each year. No burning shall take

place on any right-of-way, street, or alley in the city limits. All fires and **burning** shall be supervised and attended at all times by an adult. No yard waste shall be transported into the city limits from outside of the city.

- (Code 1970, § 7-2-8; Code 1987, § 5-22; Ord. No. 1161, 4-9-2001)

12.08.020 Recreational Fires

Definitions: The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this paragraph, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

RECREATIONAL FIRE: The noncommercial **burning** of materials for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, or similar purposes in which the total fuel area is not exceeding three feet in diameter and three feet in height. Materials should be of seasoned wood and may not include rubbish, leaves, grass or other substances that will give off substantial smoke or obnoxious odors. Such shall not be used for the disposal of rubbish, trash or other combustible waste material. A recreational fire shall be constantly attended by a competent person with a garden hose or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use until such fire has been extinguished. The fire chief, or a member of the city police department, or designee, may order a recreational fire be extinguished if such does not conform to proper regulations or such that the fumes are obnoxious or the fire and/or smoke pose a health and/or safety hazard to the public.

- Recreational fires shall not be located closer than five feet from any combustible structure or item.
 - Recreational fires shall be contained within a metal or brick fire ring, commercially produced fire pit, or within the ground, no less than 12 inches deep.
 - The pile of material to be **burned** in a recreational fire must be no greater than three feet in diameter and three feet in height.
 - The ground around the material to be **burned** shall be cleared of all combustible material to prevent the fire from spreading.
 - The fire shall not be near tall grass or tree lines.
 - You may not **burn** if winds are greater than 12 miles per hour or if there is an air pollution episode.
 - Fire-extinguishing equipment, including sufficient water, must be readily available on the site.
 - A fire supervisor must be within direct view of the fire at all times.
 - Any person convicted of violating this section shall be fined not less than \$25.00.
 - (Code 1987, § 5-24; Ord. No. 2012-103, 5-22-2012)
- **If you have questions about any ordinance in the City of Oregon or you just aren't sure about something, please contact the Oregon Police Department at [815-732-2803](tel:815-732-2803) or at the 24 hour number of [815-732-2162](tel:815-732-2162).**