



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: Aug 23, 2024

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Jul 20, 2024 – Aug 23, 2024

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- Once again this has been a very busy summer. Several road projects have all started and I want to thank the community for their patience. The streetscape project along Washington looks great and I look forward to adding a few additional downtown parking stalls in those areas once IDOT finishes the 64 project.
- Thank you to the Oregon Police Department Public Works Staff, and Oregon Park District for putting on a great Family Night/National Night Out event. It was very well attended.
- Based on a request from the owner. I have been researching and have prepared an ordinance regulating the use of a Pedal Bus in Oregon. The ordinance will go in front of the Planning Commission on 08/20/24 for first review then will move onto the City Council if they approve.
- I continue to work with our consultant and building inspector to update our building codes as required by law. These amendments should come before the city council soon. Our plan would be to hold a public work session to discuss the changes and allow for public comment.
- We have nearly completed our Sustainability Plan with the Reg 1 Planning Council. We will hold a public presentation at Oregon City Hall on Sept 4th, 2024 from 6p-7p.
- We made several changes to our solicitation ordinance to add more protection for our citizens and provide better tools for enforcement by our police department. Thank you to Cheryl, Lynn, and Lisa for all their work helping put together the new application and other required items to follow the new code. We will now be issuing a lanyard and badge to anyone who has lawfully registered to solicit in Oregon to allow for better identification.

- The City of Oregon attended the Chamber Dinner. Thank you Chance Monroe and all the volunteers who made it a great evening. Congrats to the businesses and citizens who were recognized this year. Oregon is so well represented by all of you! I was grateful to say a few closing words and had fun pulling the raffle tickets for the winners!



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- I continue to work with new businesses as I help to facilitate city incentives. Welcome Jen's Breads and Brook's Jewelers. Very glad you chose Oregon for your business and expansion.
- We held our monthly Ogle County Economic Development Corporation meeting. Our Executive Director continues to diligently work on various projects and focus areas across the county. We continue to work to recruit new membership to the organization.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

- July recycling total weight: 69,340 lbs.
- The next brush pickup is scheduled for September 30th.
- 14 Building Permits were issued for the month of July.
- Nomination Petition Packets for the upcoming Consolidated Election are available for pickup at City Hall.

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting: Sep 9, 2024

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting TBD

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Sep 10, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Sep 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

- Public Hearing for a Short-Term Rental Request - 114 River Road.

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

Tree Board:

Next Meeting TBD

PUBLIC WORKS:

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell:

- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Approve driveway, ROW, and tree permits.
- Help with Arbor Day tree plantings
- Help with storm damage
- Review water main and sanitary sewer work for Trestle Ridge.
- Help with daily scheduling
- Meeting with Fehr Graham for headworks project
- Observation of the Streetscape Project
- Worked on lead inventory
- Review project pay estimates
- Continued training of new employees
- Review submittal information for MFT projects and check on schedule.
- Resolved personnel issues
- Prepared bills for payment
- Helped with SCADA upgrade and blower issues
- Start preliminary work on South 10th Street
- Review budget items
- Help resolve homeowner issues
- Contacted Frontier for low-wire issues
- Call in Julies for stump removals
- Helped with ground sonar at the treatment plant
- Had summer help paint hydrants
- Helped with ditch work on South 10th Street
- Assisted with the demo of the old street garage
- Help schedule cold planer for milling streets



Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:

- TCrew continued mowing for the 2024 season
- Crew continued street sweeping in heavy areas.
- Street Department Foreman continued with his continuing education classes
- Crew did cleanup for storm debris after the thunderstorm
- Crew is continuing with stump removal and restoration of the terrace.
- Crew is in the process of spraying weeds on the curb lines throughout the city.
- Crew is working on trimming low hanging branches and brush throughout the city.
- Crew has been working on updates to the street garage to keep it up to date and within compliance.
- Crew completed the monthly brush pickup.
- Street foreman worked on oversight of the chip and seal project.
- Crew demoed the old street garage in house.
- Crew diagnosed sinking curb issues on North 5th St.





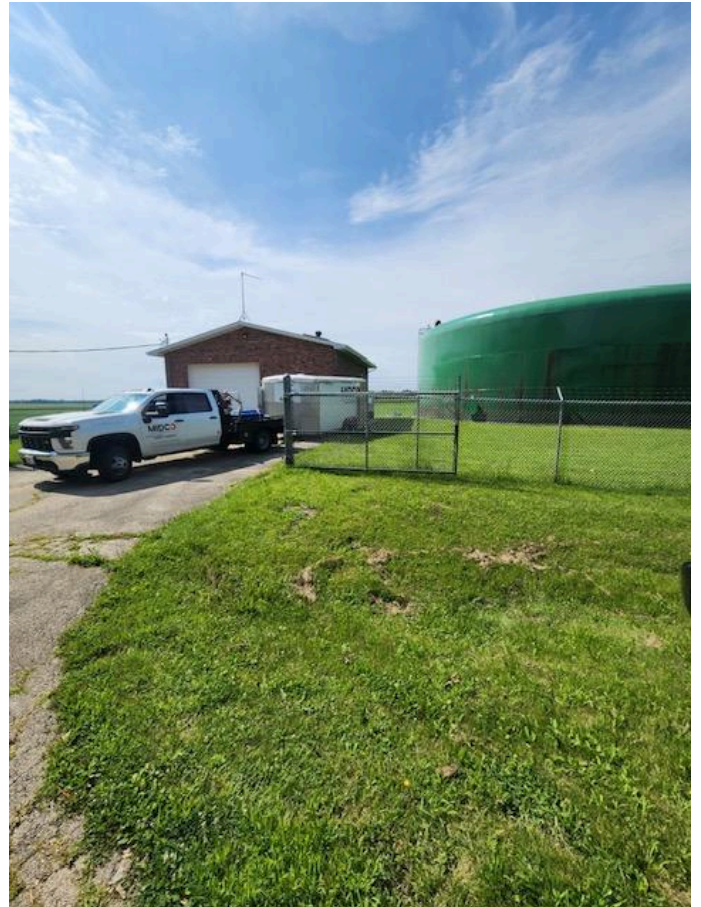
Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace:

- Daily chores
- Full testing (process control/EPA Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned Rotomat daily- Multiple times a day due to rain
- Daily netting of Tanks
- Daily reporting of National weather service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted Water department when needed
- Cleaned clarifiers (weirs, and channels)
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues(leaks, sewer backups)
- Monthly reports to EPA
- Chemical Delivery
- Training of new employee
- Worked on Management classes
- Cleaned Fence row and drying beds of branches and debris.
- Trimmed Trees ahead of fall issues
- Repaired Clarifier weir plate- installed new bolts
- Worked on Correcting Sludge permit with IEPA

Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington:

- Daily water chores
- Bac-t samples were taken on August 13th for EPA compliance

- Fluoride samples were taken on August 13th for EPA/Health Department compliance
- SOC Samples for Well#5 were taken on August 13th for EPA compliance
- UCMR 5 Sampling was taken on August 14th for Wells 2,3,4,and 5 for EPA compliance
- KnowBe4 Training was completed
- Daily water testing
- Repair and Replacement of Chemical feed pump issues as needed
- Julie Locates
- Submitted monthly EPA compliance paperwork August 14th
- Worked on monthly paperwork
- Assisted Sewer department when needed
- Water shutoffs for delinquent bills
- Water turn-ons
- Final reads
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)
- OSHA compliance
- Generator/ Well checks
- Continued working on meter replacement program
- Worked on Management classes
- Training of new employee



Submitted by Interim Chief Matthew Kalnins: Police Department:

- Each year the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) conducts an annual DUI survey of over 700 Illinois Police agencies. They then acknowledge the exceptional DUI enforcement of several officers throughout the State. This past week they sent Certificates of Appreciation to 4 Oregon Police Officers. Thank you Officer Higby, Detective Crawford, Officer Lester and Officer McKean for all of the hard work you are doing to keep the Oregon community safe.