



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

DATE: Dec 10, 2024

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – **Nov 23, 2024 – Dec 6, 2024**

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- Thank you to Public Works for their quick response in dealing with the 10th Street water main break, working in very cold conditions.
- Cheryl and I have been working on a variance request that will go to public hearing on 01/16/25 for the Oregon Fire Protection District.
- Thank you to all the volunteers, vendors, Police Officers, Public Works employees and of course the visitors that made Candlelight Walk a great event for Oregon again. The Oregon area Chamber of Commerce does a great job with this each year.
- I've spent quite a bit of time working on several ordinances and other city projects which will be coming to the City Council soon.
- We continue to work with Republic Services and Northern Illinois Disposal on the transition process. Thank you to Cheryl, Lynn, and Lisa for helping citizens with questions, coordinating cart deliveries, and explaining the new schedule to callers. You all make City Hall run so well!



City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

- Please contact City Hall if you would like to start direct debit or email billing for your water/sewer/garbage bill.
- City Hall staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MEETING INFORMATION

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting: Jan 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting: Jan 13, 2025 at 9am Oregon City Hall Conference Room

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Jan 14, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Jan 21, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

Next meeting Mar 18, 2025 at 4:30pm at Oregon City Hall Conference Room

Public Art Commission:

Next Meeting TBD

PUBLIC WORKS:

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell:

- Tree Board
 - Working with homeowners to select trees
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Approve sewer permit
- Frontier Communications
 - Reported line issues
- Trestle Ridge
 - Review new as-built information
- Daily Scheduling
- Headworks Project
 - Reviewed 30% of plans submitted by Fehr Graham

- Work with Fehr Graham on the Energy Survey
- Streetscape Project
 - Review the final pay estimate
- Lead Service Inventory
 - Updated list for IEPA
- MFT
 - Work on 2025 MFT
- Pedestrian Crossings
 - I received an email back from IDOT, and I am now setting up a meeting to keep moving forward
- Prepared bills for payment
- SCADA Upgrades
 - New cellular connections in two lift stations and both new generators
- 2025 Street Projects
 - Rough quantities completed, adding the projects to CIP
- Call in Julies for tree plantings and sign installation
- Helped Josh complete CDL training
- Reviewed applications and had an interview for the open position
- Help clean clarifier at WWTP
- Drove all alleyways and looked for possible plowing hazards
- Worked with Helm Electric to get faulty GFCI outlets replaced on light poles downtown
- Began updating snow plow maps

Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:

- Street Department Foreman continued with his continuing education classes
- Crew is continuing with stump removal and restoration of the terrace.
- Crew is working on trimming low-hanging branches and brush throughout the city.
- Crew completed the monthly brush pickup.
- Crew prepped equipment for the upcoming snow season.
- Crew installed new stop signs and street signs in a few areas.
- The crew cleaned downtown from leaf debris after various windstorms.
- Crew installed the winter snowflakes and banners in the downtown area.
- The crew helped with the preparation and cleanup of the Candlelight Walk.
- The crew is continuing to work on improvements to the Street Garage. .

Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace:

- Daily chores
- Full testing (process control/EPA Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens multiple times a day due
- Daily netting of Tanks
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the 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
- Worked on Management classes
- Hauled sludge with Wastewater management
- End-of-season tasks
- Prepared buildings for the winter season
- Temporary Lab protocol for equipment
- Assisted Scada installation at Woods lift station
- Assisted Scada installation at Stonegate subdivision
- Worked with EPA on CSO reporting

Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington:

- Daily water chores
- Daily water testing
- Repair and Replacement of Chemical feed pump issues as needed
- Chemical Delivery
- Julie Locates
- Worked on Monthly paperwork for EPA compliance
- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Water shutoffs
- Water turn-ons
- Final reads
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)
- Generator/ Well checks

- Worked on Management classes
- Working on EPA updating of multiple monitoring programs and New regulations for EPA compliance.
- Repaired water main break on Webster Street
- EPA inspection
- Worked on Lead and copper sampling site plan with Director of Public Works

Oregon Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- We are just about 2 weeks away from Officer Buckwalter graduating from the Sauk Valley Police Academy.
- We have been very fortunate and have been able to fill the 2 remaining spots in the police department roster. We will be bringing Officer Breanna Wakeland on board and she will be joining Officer Buckwalter in FTO in December. Officer Wakeland comes to us from the Aledo Police Department. Our final roster spot will go to Joshua Cofield. Joshua tested with the police department in October and will attend the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy in January.
- We would like to thank the volunteers and everyone that came out to the Candle Light Walk on 11-30-2024. It was once again a great event