



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: Jan 14, 2025

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Dec 7, 2024 – Jan 10, 2025

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- Thank you to Chief Kalnins for joining me while we sat in for Coffee with the Mayor on December 6th at the Village Bakery.



- I attend the CMAAA annual board meeting. I am always impressed with the hard work and dedication making all of the exciting things happen at the Coliseum Museum.
- I joined a panel of area Police Chiefs in the interview process for the next Lieutenant for the Oregon Police Department. Chief Kalnins is doing a great job rebuilding the department over the past several months.
- I continue to work on Economic Development initiatives for the City of Oregon as well as in my role as Vice President of the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation. I have been in contact with a potential new business for the City of Oregon and we are working to coordinate a space that would work out for them. There are a lot of exciting things happening around Ogle County and I look forward to seeing them come to fruition over the next few years.

- I am working with our TIF consultants to create some projections of the funds over the life of the TIF. This will help us strategically plan for the future and set a vision for use of the fund for development projects.
- I was honored to attend the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy graduation ceremony. I can't say enough how proud I am of the individuals who have chosen to serve their communities as police officers. January 9th was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and I certainly appreciate all of our Oregon Police Officers and all they do for our community. Great job Officer Taylor Buckwalter and Officer Breanna Wakeland



- As we start to move deeper into the winter season please keep in mind that when you follow our winter parking rules it helps our Public Works Department get our streets cleaned up and safe for travel. The crew works very hard to clear snow and ice, but when vehicles are in the way they are forced to go around them leaving piles of snow and ice on our streets. Tickets are not the answer, we would rather see clear access to clean up the streets.
- I had a great meeting with the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce Exec. Dir. Chance Monroe. We had a good discussion on how the City can help promote our local businesses over the next year and support the Chambers as well.
- I am working with the FOP Union on the last two years of salary scales for our Police Department. Those years were left open during our last contract so we could study the current cost of living index. This will ultimately go to the city council for approval after negotiations.
- I met with Fire Chief Knoup to discuss the upcoming building code updates and will work with him to review the fire codes as they relate to existing and new buildings.

- I attended the Ogle Co. Soil and Water Conservation District board meeting as an Associate Director. Staff is working diligently to handle multiple requests for solar farm projects throughout the county. If you have a high school student interested in Agriculture contact their office for information on available scholarships.
- I've been working on a few citizen complaints for ordinance violations. Staff is working diligently to address those issues.
- I want to give City Hall staff a shout out again for how well they have handled the garbage contract transition. I also want our community members to understand all of the complex work they do behind the scenes coordinating online payments, paying bills, fielding questions and directing resources for our community. Thank you Cheryl, Mary, Lynn and Lisa we can't do it without you!

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.

MEETING INFORMATION

Planning & Zoning:

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

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Jan 28, 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

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting: Feb 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting: Feb 10, 2025 at 9am Oregon City Hall Conference Room - We will be working on a Lunch and Learn for Energy Conservation and Sustainable Practices for Businesses

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

- On December 19th Officer Buckwalter and Officer Wakeland both graduated from the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy. We are very proud of both officers and are happy to have them both starting their FTO training.



- Please remember that we are currently in the months that could experience snow and a lot of it. I would like to remind everyone of the snow ordinance.

Parking On Street After Snowstorm:

- 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 buildings or houses 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.
- Any person who violates this paragraph shall be fined per the fine schedule.

The police departments, and all members thereof assigned to traffic duty, are hereby authorized to remove and tow away by a towing service, any vehicle that is parked except in conformity with the above schedule. Vehicles so towed for illegal parking shall be restored to the owner or operator of such vehicle after the original ticket is paid in full, plus all towing, storage and related costs if such payment is made within 48 hours after the vehicle was removed. For any payment made subsequent to the first 48-hour period, there shall be paid an additional sum established by the city for each additional 48-hour period. Vehicles not restored to their owners within 15 days shall be considered abandoned vehicles.

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