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## **CITY OF OREGON**

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager

**DATE: Feb 25, 2025**

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Feb 8, 2025 – Feb 21, 2025**

**Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:**

- I attended the virtual meeting for the Ogle Co. Health Department’s ACTion Grant Y2Q2 Meeting which included an update on the mini-food centers as well as other homegrown healthy programs.
- I attended a webinar on The Role of Downtown Development in Attracting and Retaining Young Talent.
- Big thank you to Public Works for all their work keeping up with the snow storms.
- Terry Shuster and I finished our preparation for the Young Adult Discussion Group. We have approximately 15 RSVP’s and look forward to the discussion on the 24th.
- Continue to work with Fehr Graham and Public Works on our upcoming road projects.
- The mount for the LED message sign for Sarah Phelps Plaza has been shipped. I’m waiting to hear when the installation will be completed.

**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**

**Economic and Community Development Committee:**

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

**Sustainability Committee:**

Lunch and Learn hosted by the Oregon Chamber of Commerce **Mar 10, 2025** at 12 CMAAA

**City Council Meeting:**

Next meeting **Mar 11, 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

**Planning & Zoning:**

Next meeting Mar 18, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

**Sustainability Committee:**

Next meeting: Apr 14, 2025 at 9am Oregon City Hall Conference Room

**Public Art Commission:**

Next Meeting TBD

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell:**

- Tree Board
  - Planning to start tree plantings in early March
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Frontier Communications
- Trestle Ridge
  - Discuss the South 2nd Street road project with the developer
- Daily Scheduling
- Headworks Project
  - Meeting to review 90% of plans submitted by Fehr Graham
  - Work with Fehr Graham on the Energy Survey
- Lead Service Inventory
  - Updated list for IEPA
- Lead & Copper Samples
  - Review finalized report
- 2025
  - Work on 2025 MFT work with Fehr Graham
  - Help prepare quantities for RBI-funded areas
- Pedestrian Crossings
  - Nothing new
- Prepared bills for payment
- SCADA Upgrades
  - New cellular connections in two lift stations and both new generators
- I worked with Helm Electric to finalize the electrical design for the new sign at SPP.
- Participated in department head meetings
- Helped coordinate flag pole adjustments

- Helped plow operations





**Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:**

- Street Department Foreman continued his education classes.
- The crew worked on maintenance and repairs of snow removal equipment.
- Crew working on sign replacement inventory.
- The crew did a cleanup after several snow storms.
- Crew is continuing to work on improvements to the Street Garage.



- Several members of the crew helped with the lead line program.
- The mechanic worked on general vehicle maintenance.
- Worked on getting an inventory for the sidewalk replacement program.
- Crew worked on repairing some potholes from the previous plows.
- The crew worked on preparing some items to be auctioned off.
- Crew completed and updated their OSHA training



**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 to rags, debris
- 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
- Training of new employee on testing and process control
- Blower maintenance

- Pulled RAS pump due to rags
- Worked with SCADA on issues @ lift station

**Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington:**

- Daily water chores
- Daily water testing
- Took Monthly Bac-t Samples for EPA compliance
- Repair and Replacement of Chemical feed pump issues as needed
- Chemical Delivery
- Julie Locates
- Submitted Monthly reports
- 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, frozen pipes, frozen meters)
- Generator/ Well checks
- Working on EPA updating of multiple monitoring programs and New regulations for EPA compliance.
- Worked on Lead and copper sampling site plan with Public Works Director
- Worked on lead line inventory updates
- Training of new employee
- Worked on the Meter Replacement Program
- Worked with contractors for quotes on necessary improvements to well-houses
- Worked with contractors for quotes on necessary improvements to the West Reservoir overflow pipe
- Department head meeting with city manager to discuss city operations
- Installed new safety equipment at all well houses

**Oregon Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnin**

- The Oregon Police Department would also like to give a few safety tips for anyone that is going to be out and about in the snow/cold temperatures.
  - Dress in Layers and wear a hat and gloves when outside
  - Wear outer garments that are water-repellent
  - Wear sturdy boots and will protect your feet.
  - Watch for frostbite and hypothermia

- Carry a winter kit in your car, one that includes a shovel, windshield scraper, jumper cables, flashlight, warning devices and a blanket.
- Don't crowd snowplows and be careful approaching intersections, ramps and bridges.

