



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 & Staff

DATE: Mar 25, 2025

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

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- Thank you to the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce for putting together the City's sponsored Lunch & Learn. Huge shout out to Executive Director Chance Monroe, Mike Glenn and the staff at CMAAA for providing the great space. Also thank you to NICOR and ComEd for their presentations on sustainability. Lastly, thank you to everyone who attended the event.



- I continue to work with several individuals on potential economic development projects.
- I attended the Safe Streets Virtual meeting and have looked over the plan and information they provided on the City of Oregon.
- We held our first kick off meeting with the marketing firm a5. I've been working to gather a group of individuals to lead the steering committee as well as the executive

committee as we begin the great marketing campaign. The team from a5 have been phenomenal to work with thus far.

- I held a meeting to discuss our downtown beautification projects for this year.
- I am reviewing needed upgrades to the Oregon Coliseum. We are going to concentrate on the bathrooms on the main floor and downstairs to meet the needs of the building going forward. Other projects we are considering are fixing some ceiling areas in the basement as well as some type of floor refinish to take out the bumps and cracks in the old floor downstairs.
- I continue to work on projects that relate to work being done by the Ogle County Economic Development Corporation. We will have an exec and full board meeting the week of the 20th to continue to move the corporation forward. We also have a strategic planning session scheduled and facilitated by Mike Delany of the Illinois Extension office.
- Cheryl and I had our annual Pre-Audit meeting with our auditors at Wipfli.
- Our executive team met and continued discussing strategies to provide attainable housing for Oregon. This has been an ongoing project and I hope to see some positive results soon, but the housing market continues to be a difficult thing.
- I had a meeting with the schools to plan for the 2nd annual Bike, Ride, Roll and Walk event which is planned for May 7th. The city is co-sponsoring this event with the Schools and we are providing trophies again for best bike decoration and longest travel this year. The fire department, and police department will be involved as well.
- I continue to discuss potential private interest in a multi-sports facility for Oregon.
- I developed a policy for messages for our new LED message sign at Sarah Phelps which will be presented to the City Council for adoption.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

- Utility bills were mailed on March 17th, 2025 and are due April 10th, 2025.
- March 31st will be the first brush pickup.

MEETING INFORMATION

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting: Apr 1, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Apr 8, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Sustainability Committee:

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

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Apr 15, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

Next meeting May 20, 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:

- Daily Tasks
 - Help Schedule
 - Approve Bills
 - Purchased supplies
 - Monthly Fuel Reports
- Projects
 - Frontier Communications
 - Nothing
 - Trestle Ridge
 - Discuss Comcast permit and review
 - Headworks Project
 - Review specifications, plans, and equipment for upgrade
 - Lead Service Inventory
 - Updated list for IEPA
 - Started planning project to identify unknown services
 - 2025 Road Project
 - Review ADA ramps for the project
 - Review FG cost estimates
 - Review and locate curb repairs on South 10th Street
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 - Pedestrian Crossings
 - Nothing new
 - SCADA Upgrades
 - Nothing new
 - SPP LED Sign
 - Observed installation of the sign
 - Flag pole adjustments

- Spoke with Beesing about modifications that are needed
- Meetings
 - Department head meeting
 - Safety meetings
 - Tree Board
 - Planted 20 terrace trees so far and received permits for more
 - Planted 15 Arbovitae at WWTP
- Miscellaneous
 - Attended conference in Peoria

Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:

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
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)
- Monthly reports to EPA
- Training of new employees on testing and process control
- Pulled RAS pump due to rags
- Department head meetings with the Public Works Director
- Worked to schedule upcoming work, hauling sludge from digester and cleaning/ vector of RAS Station
- Prepared for upcoming sampling for EPA
- Spring cleaning of clarifiers and contact basins
- Changed RAS pump due to impeller bolt breaking
- Took RAS pump to Metropolitan Pump for repair and overhaul

- Updated procedures for Ammonia testing
- Updated sample protocols to coincide with recent limit changes
- Department head meeting with City Manager to discuss city operations

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
- Submitted Monthly reports
- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Water shutoffs
- Water turn-ons
- Jet Sewer lines
- Camera Sewer line
- Final reads
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups, frozen pipes, frozen meters)
- Generator/ Well checks
- Department head meetings with the 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 for wells
- Department head meeting with City Manager to discuss city operations
- Cleaned well houses
- Finished removing old water heater units for eyewash stations at wells 2,3,4 for updated units.
- Started installation of Double wall tanks and new scale at well #5
- Pulled RAS pump at treatment plant due to rags
- Pulled Jefferson St. Lift station pump due to rags in the pump

Oregon Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnin

- In the past couple of weeks Chief Kalnins and Lt. Brechon completed mandated training through ILETSB in Lead Homicide Investigator. This was a week-long training in Freeport.

- We are about a month away from Officer Joshua Cofield graduating from the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy. He has completed classes in law, OC Spray and DUI detection. In speaking with Officer Cofield he is excited for graduation and ready to serve the citizens of Oregon.
- We would like to give the **OREGON STREET DEPARTMENT** a shout out on the amazing job they do to keep our streets clear, especially after strong winds and recent storms.