



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: May 27, 2025

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – May 10, 2025 – May 23, 2025

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- I continue to work on several TIF projects for developers..
- I had a great meeting with our newest City Council Member Josiah Flanagan to discuss his vision for the city over the next four years. I'm always thankful for our engaged leadership who help set the vision for the community.
- We held our most recent sustainability meeting to work on our next projects based on our Sustainability Plan. We have added a comment section to the website for better communication with the public.
- I continue to work with a5 on a daily basis. We are excited to launch our marketing plan with WGN. They will be in town filming next week as part of their summer get away segments. We have also lined up a photographer to capture the unique businesses and natural resources we have which will be used in the marketing campaign.
- I continue working on labor negotiations as well as preparing the next Fiscal Year Budget for the City.
- I want to give a big shout out to our Public Works Department for the work they did getting the dog park open and providing some great enhancement from trees, to creating a small dog play area. Great Job Team!

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

MEETING INFORMATION

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Next meeting: Jun 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room

Sustainability Committee:

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

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Jun 10, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Jun 17, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

- Public hearing for a variance request submitted by Eric Kingery for the property located at 100 S. 7th Street Parcel #16-04-296-04. The request is to install an eight-foot fence around the residence to reduce traffic noise and increase privacy.
- Public hearing for a zoning change to the Eastern portion of the parcel for the properties located at 307 S. 2nd Street Parcel #16-03-185-007, 309 S. 2nd Street Parcel #16-03-185-008, and 311 S. 2nd Street Parcel #16-03-185-009 from Industrial to Residential.

Tree Board:

Next meeting Jul 15, 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:

1. Daily Tasks

- a. Help Schedule
 - i. Approve Bills
 - ii. Purchased supplies
 - iii. Monthly Fuel Reports
 - iv. Safety Training

2. Projects

- a. Frontier Communications
- b. Work to finalize the punch list
- c. I Fiber
 1. Resolve restoration issues
- ii. Trestle Ridge
 1. Resolve the berm issue
- iii. Headworks Project
 1. Review specifications, plans, and equipment for the upgrade
 2. Ask for up update on pumps

- 3. Review plans
- iv. Lead Service Inventory
 - 1. Start planning out projects for the IEPA grant money to be used on
- v. 2025 Road Project
 - 1. Bid Opening
 - 2. Review streets and areas that need to be repaired before work
 - 3. Find a contractor to do the curb replacement on S 10th Street
 - 4. Begin looking for a buried manhole on South 2nd Street
- vi. Dog Park
 - 1. Help purchase materials
 - 2. Observe the crew's work on the fence
 - 3. Purchased new waste containers
 - 4. Look into having signs made
- d. Pedestrian Crossings
 - i. Request an update from the Engineer
- e. SCADA Upgrades
 - i. Review MetroCloud info
- f. Flag pole adjustments
 - i. Purchased a welder to make adjustments to the pole
 - ii. Purchase materials

3. Meetings

- a. Department head meeting
- b. Safety meetings
- c. Tree Board
 - i. Planted 20 terrace trees so far and received permits for more
 - ii. Planted 15 Arborvitae at WWTP

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Attended conference in Peoria
- b. Finalize the purchase of new public works vehicles



Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock:

1. Daily Tasks

- a. Street sweeping on the rotation of city streets
- b. Watering of trees planted by the city
- c. Trash pickup of city trash cans
- d. City mechanic working on daily maintenance tasks
- e. Mowing and maintenance of city-owned property.

2. Projects

- a. One section of the fence was completed at the dog park. Poles were set for the remaining new section of the fence.
- b. The crew replaced a section of fence that was taken down for the Trestle Ridge sewer project.
- c. Worked with outside contractors on the upfitting of a new city plow truck
- d. Revised modifications for the City Hall flag pole to be reinstalled.

3. Training

- a. Worked on Illinois Extension training for pesticide applicator license.
- b. Worked on weekly safety training
- c. Foreman worked on continuing education classes

4. General

- a. Completed end-of-month city-wide brush cleanup.
- b. Ordered and picked up materials for the fence at the city dog park
- c. Crew removed five large stumps on Rt 64
- d. Striped no parking zone on S 2nd St.
- e. Street Foreman attended the department head meeting to work on the City of Oregon's vision statement.



Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace:

1. Daily tasks

- a. Daily chores
- b. Complete testing (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- c. Half testing (process control)
- d. Pumped Sludge
- e. Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- f. Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- g. Lift Station usage recording
- h. Assist the Water department when needed
- i. Monthly reports to the EPA
- j. Generator/ Well checks
- k. Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)



2. Head Works

- a. No new updates

3. Treatment plant chemical room

- a. Finished Chlorine and Sodium Bisulfate room and new equipment
- b. Chlorination and dechlorination started on May 1st for EPA compliance

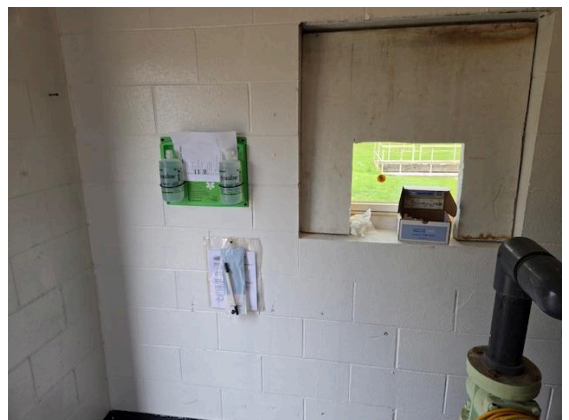


4. Training

- a. I attended training at Ferguson Waterworks for continuing education on May 6th.
- b. I attended Cyber Security training at Metropolitan Pump on April 30th.

5. General

- a. Backflow telescopic valves due to rags, leaves, pine needles from heavy winds
- b. Cleaned and maintained clarifiers
- c. Washed clarifiers and tanks
- d. Assisted and oversaw Aerzen with blower maintenance.



Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington

Daily Tasks

- 1.) Chores
- 2.) Daily Testing
- 3.) Julie Locates
- 4.) Final reads
- 5.) Water turn-ons
- 6.) Water shut-offs
- 7.) Generator checks

Wells

- 1.) Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- 2.) Took Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process/control

Lead Line Inventory

- 1.) Continue to work on the inventory of unknown services for the Lead line inventory

Meter Replacement Program

- 1.) Been scheduling and replacing meters as time allows

EPA compliance

- 1.) Worked on Monthly Reports for EPA compliance
- 2.) Continue to collect Lead and Copper Sampling for EPA compliance

Training

- 1.) Aidan and I Attended the Annual Training at Ferguson Waterworks for Continuing Education Units on May 7th.

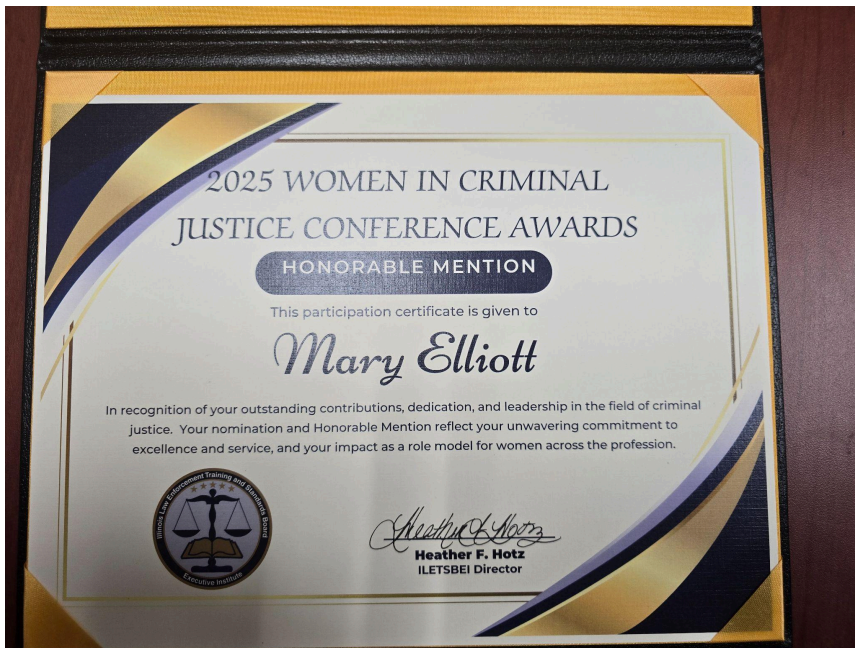
General

- 1.) Hydrant flushing will start on Monday, May 12th
- 2.) Attended Department head meeting on April 30th to discuss and finalize vision statement for Public Works



Oregon Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On April 24, 2024 Officer Joshua Cofield graduated from the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy. We are excited to have him back at the PD. Officer Cofield is currently in FTO with Sgt. Higby.



- The Oregon Police Department would like to recognize our Administrative Assistant Mary Elliot for receiving Honorable Mention from the 2025 Women In Criminal Justice Conference Awards. Mary has been with the department for over 25 years working tirelessly making sure the department is the best that it can be. Mary has stepped up the past couple of years taking on many jobs to make sure all mandates, paperwork and officers are taken care of. "Without Mary at the PD I am not sure where we

would be. With the many years of transition, she has not missed a beat and continues to serve with pride. This is a well deserved recognition" - Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On May 7, 2025 First responders that included members of the Oregon Police Department, Mount Morris Police Department, Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Oregon Fire Department were challenged to a game of kickball against the Oregon Elementary School Staff during the schools Family Fun Night. The first responders came out on top and were crowned Champions!!! We look forward to participating again next year.
- The Oregon Police Department, the Oregon Fire Department and the Oregon School District participated in a ride your bike to school day where it was encouraged to ride your bike, roller skate and walk to school. It was a fun event with donuts provided for participants, and trophies for best decorated bike and longest ride. We look forward to having this event again next year.

