



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

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I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Jun 9, 2025 – Jul 4, 2025

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager:

- HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! I hope everyone had a safe and happy celebration!
- We continue to move forward on several potential development projects. The City Council will be making some decisions on possible property purchases through our TIF redevelopment funds. These are strategic purchases for long range re-development plans.
- Completed the appropriations for the City. Keep in mind these are the max amounts the City is allowed to spend during the fiscal year and are grossly inflated to make sure everything is covered. We work within the budget that is created and passed by the council which is truer numbers for income and expense projections. We are within \$50,000 of a balanced budget this year. The shortfall is directly related to the decision to purchase the leaf vac to provide the new leaf pick up service for the community so I feel the slight overage is warranted this year.
- I want to give a big shoutout thank you to all of the volunteers who sit on our various city committees. Tree Board, Sustainability, Planning, Public Art Committee and the Economic and Community Development Committee. Each of you make a huge impact on setting the vision for our community and it does not go unnoticed.
- I joined the interview team for Public Works Employee and a Lateral Police Officer. I look forward to filling a few empty staff positions soon.
- I continue to help facilitate our marketing efforts with a5. We have some radio spots going out over WGN as WROK. Our next big project is WGN's Best of the Midwest and the On the Map segments.
- I have been working with staff to coordinate several mass gathering events that are in the planning phases right now.
- We held a meeting with the Fire Department as they continue their building addition project.

- The Ogle County Economic Development Corporation continues to move ahead. We had 7 applicants for the Director of Economic Development position and offered interviews to the top four candidates. We hope to make an offer of employment soon.
- We continue to discuss and plan for several projects including the Bridge to Bridge Path, the East Washington Sidewalk and the Safe Routes to Schools project.
- Quick reminder that road construction projects will be starting soon. We have notified the public via social media as well as via the SPP LED sign.
- I'm working with the Chamber to coordinate their move to the SPP building.
- We continue our analysis of traffic safety initiatives.
- The bathroom rehab projects are completed at City Hall. Thank you Aegis Construction for the great work you all did!
- We've made some updates to our City website. The tourism link now takes you to the new All Trails Lead to Oregon, IL webpage. The complaint form has been added to the government service dropdown menu. We pushed the video tour lower on the page to make it more user friendly for mobile devices.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk:

- Brush will be picked up on Monday July 28th.
- 17 building permits were issued in the month of June.

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

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

Planning & Zoning:

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

Tree Board:

Next meeting Jul 15, 2025 at 4:30pm at Oregon City Hall Conference Room

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Jul 22, 2025 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

Economic and Community Development Committee:

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

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD

PUBLIC WORKS:

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell:

- a. Help Schedule
- b. Approve Bills
- c. Purchased supplies
- d. Monthly Fuel Reports
- e. Safety Training
- f. Train Summer Help

2. Projects

- a. I Fiber
 - i. Nothing new
- b. Headworks Project
 - i. Nothing new
- c. Lead Service Inventory
 - i. Nothing new
- d. 2025 Local Road Project
 - i. Review Streets
 - ii. Review the concrete work/restoration work
 - iii. Review the ADA work
- e. 2025 MFT Project
 - i. Preconstruction meeting.
 - ii. Look at job limits/ road conditions
- f. 2025 East Side Sidewalk
 - i. Nothing new
- g. Dog Park
 - i. A new sign was installed, and a new sign for the road was ordered
- h. Pedestrian Crossing
 - i. Work with Fehr Graham to get exhibits for IDOT
 - ii. Send information to the IDOT traffic supervisor

3. Meetings

- a. Department Head
- b. Safety Meeting

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Review and score applicants
- b. Interviews

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. Upgraded existing downtown flag poles.
- b. Crew, along with Martin and Co. hydro excavated two areas of concern along the 2025 road projects. Those areas were fixed and restored in time for the project to start.
- c. The crew worked with Etnyre Co on demoing a piece of equipment that is in the testing stage of production. It was used to fill in some needed repairs on potholes.
- d. Worked with outside contractors on the upfitting of a new city plow truck
- e. Installed new sign at the City Dog Park

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. The crew removed and restored 4 stumps in the city terrace.
- b. Street Foreman attended the department head meeting, as well as the kickoff meeting for the fire department addition.



Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace:

Daily tasks

1. Daily chores
2. Full testing (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
3. Half testing (process control)
4. Pumped Sludge (slightly down from last month as a result of less inflow)
5. Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks multiple times daily due to rags, debris
6. Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
7. Lift Station usage recording
8. Assisted the Water Department when needed
9. Monthly reports to the EPA
10. Generator/ Well checks
11. Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)
12. Completed Biosolids Monitoring Report
13. Chemical Delivers

Head Works

1. No new updates

Training

1. No New Training at this time

General

1. Haulings from Constellation byron
2. Cleaned and maintained clarifiers
3. Washed clarifiers and tanks
4. Completed blower maintenance on Digester Blowers
5. Took Delivery of New Wastewater Truck
6. Meeting with Metropolitan Industries (pumps/mixers)



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
- 3.) Gasvoda came and disassembled and cleaned air relief valve in Well#3

Meter Replacement Program

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

EPA compliance

- 1.) Worked on Monthly Reports for EPA compliance
- 2.) Finished collecting Lead and Copper Sampling for EPA compliance
- 3.) Completed CCR report and emailed EPA Completed certification form along with sending Certified mailing of the completed report and certification form.
- 4.) Completed recertification for Class C Water license.
- 5.) Delivered annual information sheet on Lead in drinking water to all schools and daycare facilities per EPA compliance.

Training

- 1.) Trained on Curb Stop repair and replacement of frozen lids with Aidan
- 2.) Trained on correct sampling techniques with Aidan for Bacteriological Sampling for EPA compliance.

General

- 1.) Worked on cleaning of vehicles and storage space in the WWTP building
- 2.) Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- 3.) Worked with customers on water leaks and sewer issues at numerous locations.

Oregon Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- The 2025 Illinois Speed Awareness Day is set for **Wednesday, July 23**. By combining efforts, a common goal can be achieved: reduce crashes, prevent injuries and more importantly – save lives through proactive enforcement and public awareness