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## **CITY OF OREGON**

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager & Staff

**DATE: Feb 10, 2026**

**I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Jan 24, 2026 – Feb 6, 2026**

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

- I held the 1st meeting of the Hometown Consultants in reference to our SCI Grant. Worked with Chris Manheim and Council Member Terry Schuster to prepare and provide comments related to the project- More information on this soon.
- Held various meetings and discussions with city council members on projects, policy and operations.
- Met with Public works to discuss potential new services for next year. Analyzed staffing, equipment, capacity, and costs. Discussed some areas that needed some attention. Discussed options to replace downtown Christmas lights.
- Completed research and work related to City Council agenda items.
- Coordinated IT upgrades.
- Held our bi-monthly leadership team meeting. Reviewed the results of our stay interviews with staff. Discussed a few areas of potential focus or improvement. We are looking at some continued education and development training in the next few months.
- I attended a meeting on updates on 811 Laws (JULIE Locates) with public works. Quick review of how we complete these requirements and we discussed if there were any needs to change our operations. I appreciate our staff's quick and professional responses to JULIE requests in Oregon.
- Continue work with several potential small businesses. Coordinating city resources as well and providing guidance on how to get started and coordinating with Liz Hiemstra with OCEDC. I'm excited with potential new business development.
- Continue to work on some parking issues with Bill.
- I attended a Federal Legislative Update webinar.
- I attended an Illinois Funds Investor Update meeting. Great analysis of current economic trends and their local impact.
- Worked on several TIF related projects.
- Worked with several realtors on zoning and building regulation.
- Worked with our attorney on several legal matters.

- Helped coordinate city responses to several organizations.
- Worked on several potential business inquiries.
- Worked on several council member requests.
- Coordinated agendas with Cheryl for upcoming meetings.
- Continue work on Christmas lights, Veteran Banners, and spring beautification projects with staff and vendors.

“As always I want to remind the community that I am always open to hearing your perspectives if there are things you feel need addressed. I’m available via phone, email, or you can always message me via facebook messenger from the City page. We work for you and your input and communication is vital for our success.” - Darin DeHaan

### *City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk*

- Garbage and recycling schedules for 2026 are available on the city website and City Hall.
- City Hall will be closed on February 16th in observance of President’s Day.
- 3 Building Permits were issued for the month of January.

## **MEETING INFORMATION**

### **Planning & Zoning:**

Next meeting Feb 17, 2026 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers

### **City Council Meeting:**

Next meeting Feb 24, 2026 at 5:30pm Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

### **Sustainability Committee:**

Next meeting: Mar 9, 2026 at 9am Oregon City Hall Conference Room

### **Tree Board:**

Next meeting Mar 18, 2026 at 5:30pm at Oregon City Hall Conference Room

### **Economic and Community Development Committee:**

Oregon has joined Mainstreet and Darin is in the process of viewing resources and other materials to see how we can utilize the concepts/program in Oregon.

### **Public Art Commission:**

Next meeting TBD - Waiting for the weather to improve to continue the work on the City welcome sign re-design.

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## **PUBLIC WORKS**

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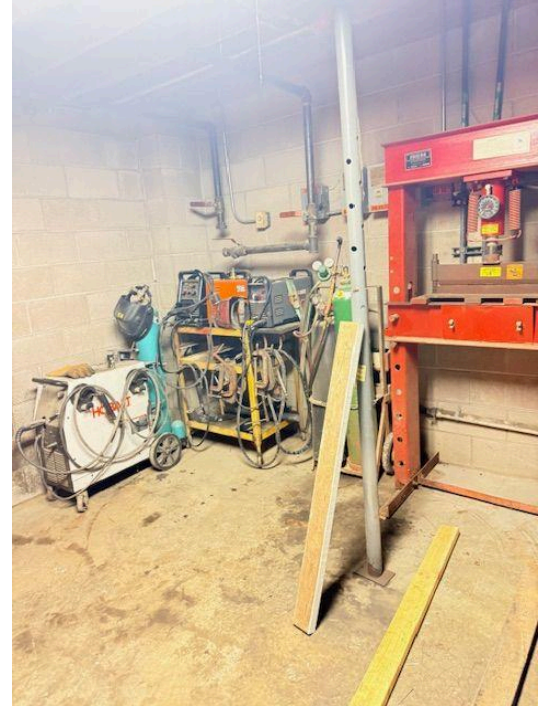
### ***Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell***

#### **Daily Tasks**

- Help Schedule
- Approve Bills
- Purchased supplies
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Safety Training

#### **Projects**

- Headworks
  - Project–nothing new
- Lead Service Inventory
  - Updated Lead Line Inventory
- 2026 Local Road Projects
  - Review curb and pavement conditions in Century Hill Subdivision
- 2026 MFT Project
  - Reviewed engineers cost estimate
  - City Hall Parking Lot
    - Review pavement conditions for patching
  - Street Garage Parking Lot
    - Review site drainage
  - Adams Street
    - Double checked measurements
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
  - Followed up with Fehr Graham
- Pedestrian Crossing
  - Nothing new
- FY2026 Budget Requests
- Start the auctions for city property disposal auction



## Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- Meeting with Fehr Graham

## Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum reports

## *Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock*

### Daily Tasks

- a. Trash pickup of city trash cans
- b. City mechanic working on daily maintenance tasks

### Projects

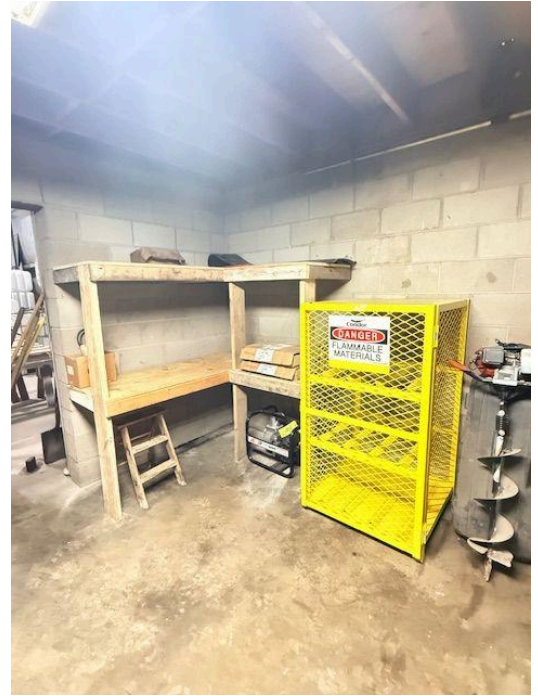
- a. Crew is working on sign replacement program to replace old and worn out signs within the city.
- b. Crew worked on some winter maintenance items to update the City garage.
- c. Crew is updating osha related items at the Street Department garage.
- d. Crew is working on updating handicapped parking stalls at farmers market.

### Training

- a. Street Foreman led safety classes on Respirator safety.
- b. Worked on weekly safety training
- c. Foreman worked on continuing education classes
- d. Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.
- e. Foreman attended training on new Julie regulations.

### General

- a. Street Foreman attended the department head meeting.
- b. Street Foreman worked on gathering information on the possibility of replacing the old worn out Christmas decorations. We continue to work to beautify the City.
- c. Street Foreman worked with Water Operator on cross training of some of the daily tasks for the Water Department.
- d. Worked on ideas and solutions for the upcoming season of downtown beautification.





### *Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace*

#### **Daily tasks**

- a. Daily chores
- b. Testing full set (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. Assisted the Water Department
- i. Monthly reports to the EPA
- j. Generator/ Well checks
- k. Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

#### **Head Works**

- a. No new updates at this time

#### **Training**

- a. Still working to schedule/plan for upcoming wastewater spring conference
- b. Weekly safety training

#### **General**

- a. WEATHER RELATED ISSUES (frozen lines and valves)
- b. Metro Cloud scheduled for end of this week
- c. Blower maintenance to begin next week
- d. Fire hosed and cleaned clarifiers ahead of cold snap (perfect timing)
- e. Water main break on Oregon Trail rd
- f. Pulled RAS pump due to rags/rubber gloves

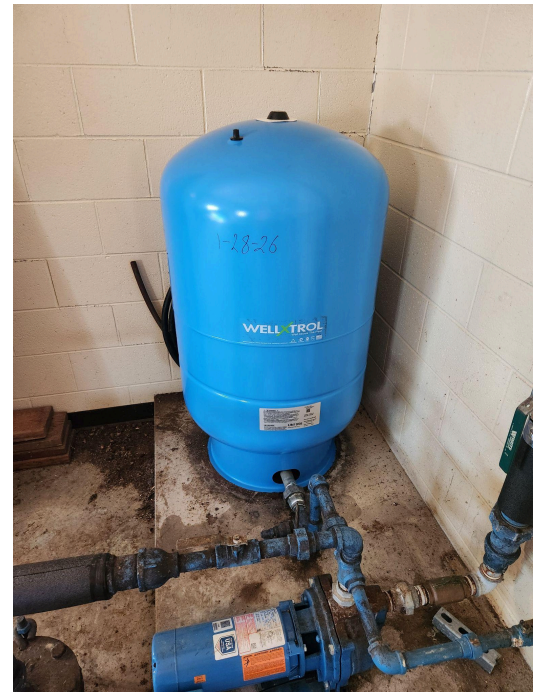
### *Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington*

#### **Daily Tasks**

- a. Chores
- b. Daily Testing
- c. Julie Locates
- d. Final reads
- e. Water turn-ons
- f. Water shut-offs
- g. Generator checks

#### **Wells**

- a. Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- b. Scheduled Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process/control
- c. Pressure tank at Well #5 was replaced by Sauk Valley Plumbing.



**Meter Replacement Program**

- a. Been scheduling and replacing meters as time allows

**EPA compliance**

- a. Worked on completing monthly operating reports for Epa compliance.
- b. Collected Bac-t samples, Fluoride samples, Radium Samples for Epa compliance and submitted to Pace Labs on Tuesday February 3rd.
- c. Discussed with Illinois regional office manager Kirk Bergstrom on Lead and Copper Sampling for 2026 to ensure proper collection of samples. Followed up with findings with the Public Works Director.

**Training**

- a. Worked with Street Foreman/Josh on training of running the well route and recordings of daily usage and chemicals.

**General**

- a. Department head is on Intermittent leave for Family medical needs starting 2/2/2025. Will continue to work with the Public Works Director to meet needs for EPA compliance and ensure the department is fulfilling tasks to operate properly.
- b. Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- c. Worked with customers on water leaks and sewer issues at numerous locations.
- d. Worked with customers on frozen meters, repairs, and replacement of those meters due to extreme cold winter conditions.

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## **Oregon Police Department**

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### ***Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins***

- On February 3rd, Chief Kalnins and Lt Brechon met with ILETSB regional workers to go over Oregon officer training and Illinois Law Enforcement training requirements. After looking through training records for the officers it was found that everyone is in compliance. ILETSB has started a yearly verification process of every officer in the state of Illinois to make sure they are up to date on any training mandates. This ensures every officer is in compliance with state laws and is current with any mandated training. This year 3 officers had to do the verification and have passed. The Oregon Police Department continues to work with ILETSB and makes sure every officer has the training needed to be ready to serve the Oregon Community.