



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 – **Mar 6, 2026 – Mar 20, 2026**

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager

- I continue to work with Liz Hiemstra and OCEDC on business attraction projects in an effort to fill our few empty store fronts as well as trying to attract developers to develop open land spaces in Oregon.
- Finalized some possible parking plans for N. Etnyre Avenue with the Township. Thank you to Jordan, Bill and Tim Leary for the conversations and planning efforts. We plan to lay this out with some paint for final approvals. We understand the townships' concern for access to their equipment and egress out of their buildings when they need it.
- I finalized the Bid process for FY27 downtown beautification watering service contract. The bid information can be found on the city website: <https://cityoforegon.org/bids/> again thank you to Josh and Jordan for helping prepare the documents and plans for this year. Cheryl posted the bid in the paper which should appear on the 18th. Bids are due April 10th by 9:00 a.m. and will be opened at City Hall at 9:15 a.m.
- I attended the Bridges Out of Poverty Community Individual Lens Workshop presented by Bridges to Prosperity Northern IL. “*The Bridges Out of Poverty: Individual Lens Workshop* helps organizations that serve people experiencing poverty build stronger relationships and achieve better outcomes. Through case studies, practical exercises, testimonials, and proven strategies, participants gain real-world insights into why traditional “middle-class” approaches often fall short, and what truly works instead.” I look forward to continuing the conversation and how we can help bring this training to Oregon and Ogle County for individuals who need it. Thank you to Mary Cacioppi and her staff. *Picture provided



- We are partnering with the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District for their rain barrel initiative. Rain barrel pick up will be at the Oregon Street Department Saturday May 9th from 8a-10a 402 South 1st Street. More information and to purchase a barrel can be found on the OCSWD website: <https://ogleswcd.org/rain-barrel-sale/>



- I'm working on the contract for this year's farmer's market manager.
- Prepared research information on Mainstreet Programs in Illinois for City Council review.
- Worked on items for the 250th Committee.
- Continue to coordinate with the Oregon Chamber as the board continues to finalize their plans for property and supplies that are stored in city property.
- I attended training with Chief Kalnins on the employee evaluation process. The presenter provided us with a lot of great concepts to consider moving forward.
- Worked on items for the tree board. We will celebrate Arbor day Friday April 24th with a tree planting near the welcome sign on N. Rt 2. Time is TBD.
- I'm very glad to hear from citizens that they are watching our live streams for our City Council meetings. Keeping our citizens informed is top priority. I always welcome questions about action taken at the meeting if people have them.
- Reviewing engineering agreements and working on potential capital projects for FY27.
- Followed up on required annual training for all city employees.

“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

MEETING INFORMATION

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers. I am working to find an artist to complete the new city sign rendering for Council consideration.

250th Anniversary of US Ad Hoc:

Next Meeting **Apr 2, 2026 5:00 PM** Oregon City Hall Conference Room. The committee is working to finalize some plans for the 250th celebration event centered around June 14th Flag day. The idea is to have something on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday that weekend. More information to come soon.

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday **Apr 13, 2026 9:00 AM** Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday **Apr 14, 2026 5:30 PM** Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday **Apr 21, 2026 5:30 PM** Oregon City Hall Council Chambers. A public hearing is scheduled for April 21st. The public hearing is in regards to adding hotels as a permissible use in commercial zoning.

Tree Board:

Next meeting Wednesday **May 20, 2026 4:00 PM** Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

Arbor day tree planting near the N. Rt2 welcome sign April 24th. Time: TBD

Economic and Community Development Committee:

Oregon Police Department

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On March 18, 2026 Lt. Brechon continued his training in FOIA. He attended an online training put on by the Illinois Attorney General's Officer to better understand FOIA.
- On March 18, 2026 Chief Kalnins and City Manager Darin DeHaan attended an online training put on by national trainer Randy Means, for "Evaluations Systems that work".

Public Works

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell

Oregon Public Works Disposal of Property Auction

- Wisconsin Surplus
 - Welder
 - Water Heaters
 - Furnaces
 - Stihl Equipment
 - Saw
 - Washers & Dryers

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
 - Measure paving patching

- 2026 MFT Project
 - Reviewed engineers cost estimate
 - Added additional streets
 - 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 Township

Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report

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 worked on cleaning up some scrub trees around the Moring property.
- b. Crew is currently running the leaf vac that was rented from Bonnell. We are making one pass through town to play catch up from what was not collected due to the early snow fall.
- c. Crew is updating osha related items at the Street Department garage.
- d. Crew removed 6 more stumps within the city right of way. We hope to get quite a few knocked off the list this year depending on weather.

Training

- a. Street Foreman led safety classes on HazCom.
- 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.

General

- a. Street Foreman attended the department head meeting.
- b. Street Foreman met with the City Manager, Public Works Director, and Nachua Township on adding parking stalls on the East Side.
- c. Josh Pickering passed his General Standards Pesticide Licensing. Congrats Josh!
- d. Worked on ordering new planters and other supplies to move forward with the vision for the Downtown Beautification.
- e. Crew upfitted and replaced the watering tank with a repurposed tank from another city property.

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. Nothing new at this time

Scada Upgrade

- a. Metro Cloud, Had status meeting 3/19/26 with programmer and sales manager

Training

- a. No training this week

General

- a. Washed tanks when weather allowed
- b. Cleaned Effluent channel and contact basin
- c. Byron outage has continued with daily hauling to treatment plant
- d. Weather Related Issues (Higher flows due to rain, lots of leaves with the wind)
- e. Multiple power outages due to wind
- f. Cleaned beach plate hopper on south clarifier due to branches and sticks
- g. Back flowed telescopic valves due to rags on the collection arms

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. Received Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process/control

Meter Replacement Program

- a. Been scheduling and replacing meters as time allows

EPA compliance

- a. Completed LCRR Lead and Copper Monitoring Site Plan and submitted to Epa.
- b. Received Special Exception Permit for quarterly monitoring of Well #5 for Radium levels.
- c. Received notification that LCRR Lead and Copper Monitoring Site Plan was approved for new sites.
- d. Received approved three year renewal for Wastewater license.
- e. Updated Lead Sampling for Schools and Daycare facilities and received confirmation from Epa that sites were approved.

Training

- a. Worked with Aidan on properly filling out and submitting Monthly Epa paperwork.

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 meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- e. Worked with the Public Works Director on acquiring bottles for some follow up sampling.