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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

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I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – **May 25, 2026** – **Jun 5, 2026**

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager

- Team members attended the Midwest Summit on Leadership in Dixon. This is a great day of training, networking and career development.



L-R Jordan Plock - Street Foreman, Bill Covell - Dir. of Public Works, Matthew Kalnins - Chief of Police, Darin DeHaan - City Manager, Cheryl Hilton - City Clerk, Lisa Payne - Officer Clerk, Mel Cozzi - City Council Member

- I pushed out event details for the 250th Events details here: <https://cityoforegon.org/american-250-committee/>
- I've had a few citizens ask about an ordinance on e-bikes. I've been watching the progress with the state law as well as speaking with other communities on how they are handling the surge in popularity as well as public safety concerns. I spoke with Chief Kalnins to encourage enforcement of traffic laws and other concerns.

- I held a multi-county meeting to discuss housing strategies. Economic Development representatives attended from Ogle, Lee, and Whiteside counties. We identified a few first steps. 1) Begin to compile a list of available build sites. 2) Explore new housing options that may lower the cost of homes. 3) Explore any grant opportunities for infrastructure. 4) Get more people to the table to explore strategies.
- I wanted to take a quick moment to thank all of the volunteers who engage with and on behalf of the City of Oregon. It truly takes a village and I can't thank those who step up and get involved enough. From committee members, Planning Committee, Tree Board, Art Committee, 250th Anniversary Committee, and the Sustainability Committee. As well as those who continue to guide our marketing and tourism efforts. Everyone steps up and gives their time and heart to make our community so magnificent. I can't stay it enough but: Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- I had a citizen asking for the City to push out some information on recycling. Northern Illinois Disposal has a good guide which I'll share here. We will find a way to distribute this more broadly in the future.

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<p>Paper and Other Fibers: Newspapers, magazines, envelopes, white/colored copy paper, wrapping paper, computer paper, glossy paper, file folders, telephone books, paper bags, cereal boxes, cake mix boxes, paper back books & cardboard. *Staples are acceptable.</p>	<p>Paper and Other Fibers: No self-stick labels, gum/candy wrappers, tissue paper, waxed paper, paper cups, paper towels, shredded paper, used paper plates or pizza boxes. No fiber soiled with food waste.</p>
<p>Plastic Containers Market #1-#17 (excluding #6): Pop bottles, water bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars (lids included), milk & juice jugs, margarine/butter tubs, yogurt cups, ketchup bottles, household cleaners & coffee creamers. Please be sure to keep lids secure on these containers. Labels can also be left on.</p>	<p>Plastic Containers Market #1-#17 (excluding #6): No Styrofoam, packing peanuts, carry-out containers, CD/DVD cases, plastic silverware, film plastics (plastic bags, saran wrap, shrink wrap, bubble wrap) and solo cups. No prescription bottles.</p>
<p>Tin & Aluminum Cans: Pop cans, soup cans, coffee cans, etc. Cans should be empty. Labels can be left on.</p>	<p>Tin & Aluminum Cans: No aerosol cans. No aluminum foil.</p>
<p>Glass Bottles & Jars: Both clear & colored glass containers. This includes metal lids on these containers. Containers should be empty. Labels can be left on.</p>	<p>Glass Bottles & Jars: No flat glass, light bulbs, flatware, ceramics or Pyrex.</p>

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- We held our first core committee meeting with a5 to strategize on summer marketing. With the state grant we received we have some great options to reach people. I'm excited to hear stories about people visiting Oregon and seeing all of the great recreation, food, history and art options we have to experience. Sales tax and gas sales

make a direct impact on our community to help fund road improvements and other city services.

- I have launched the recruiting efforts for our new Main Street position. This will be a contracted position with access to city health benefits. The ultimate goal will be the establishment of a 501c3. More details and applications are available through the City website: <https://cityoforegon.org/employment-opportunities/>
- Thank you to the Street Department, Police and VFW members for their work to make Memorial Day memorable. We are aware that our downtown flags continue to wrap up on the poles and I worked with Bill and Jordan to try and remedy that. We love our streets lined with the flag for important holidays.
- I attended the bid openings for our street and water projects for this year. The council will vote to approve those bids at the June 9th meeting.
- I finalized the draft FY27 budget and will present that for council review at the June 9th meeting. The draft budget will be available on the City website for anyone to look over. As always, any questions please reach out to me.
- We secured and with council authorization I signed a two year contract with mc2 for our municipal electric aggregate rates with a price of 9.99 cents per kWh. As always residents have the right to opt out of the aggregate rates. This contract will be from Sept 2026-Sept 2028.
- I attended two meetings to discuss potential grants for our community. We are waiting on some details to come out to see if the grants are applicable to us.
- Continue to coordinate the EPA analysis for the Brownfields application and analysis for the foundry property.
- I coordinated city responses for a few requests and concerns related to parking, ordinance complaints, and other minor issues. I always appreciate the staff's quick response to these.

“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

- 11 Building Permits were issued in May
- The next brush pickup is scheduled for June 29th.
- City Hall will be closed Friday June 19th in observance of Juneteenth

MEETING INFORMATION

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Jun 16, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Jun 23, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Sustainability Committee:

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

Tree Board:

Next meeting Wednesday Jul 22, 2026 4:00 PM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Works

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell

Daily Tasks

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

Projects

- Headworks
 - Review state funding list
- Lead Service Inventory
 - Review state funding list
- 2026 Local Road Projects
 - Bid opening
 - Review plans
- 2026 MFT Project
 - Bid Opening
 - Review bids and specs
 - Street Garage Parking Lot
 - Plan out site drainage



- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
 - Bid opening
- Pedestrian Crossing
 - Reviewed signs installed by IDOT and plans for future lights
- Helped with fiber internet upgrades
- Worked on Budgets
- Reviewed Sidewalk removal locations
- Posted job opening on Indeed
- Compared city code to other municipalities
- Helped with brush clean-up

Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- Midwest Summit on Leadership in Dixon

Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report



Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock

A. Daily Tasks

- Trash pickup of city trash cans
- City mechanic working on daily maintenance tasks
- Crew has started the yearly mowing projects.

B. Projects

- Crew painted new parking lines on N Etnyre Ave for added city parking
- Crew removed and restored 4 stumps in town.
- Crew planted 10 large B&B trees on the main highway.
- Crew removed old railroad tracks on the property to prepare for grading the parking lot.
- Crew did a spring cleanup at the water department and street department properties.
- Crew assisted with the farmers market and moved them into their new home.
- Crew patched 4 areas that had been prepped after catch basins were repaired.



C. Training

Street Foreman led safety classes on PPE.

Worked on weekly safety training

Foreman worked on continuing education classes

Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.

Street Foreman attended Midwest Summit on Leadership in Dixon IL

D. General

- Street Foreman attended the department head meeting.
- We welcome two new summer employees. Landon Anderson and Ashley Anderson
- We have started running the street sweeper for the season.





Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

A. Daily tasks

- Daily chores
- Testing full set (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks, multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water Department
- Monthly reports to the EPA
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

B. Head Works

- Nothing new at this time

C. Scada Upgrade

- Metro Cloud, still working on adding and adjusting features this week we will tackle the lift stations!

D. Training

- Safety for water treatment operators w/ public works

E. General

- Fire hosed North Clarifier
- New AC unit in Chemical room
- Hauled Chlorine from wells to plant due to holiday schedule
- Submitted monthly reports to IEPA
- Waste Water Management hauled our digester
- Treatment Plant has been running great! All of our tests have come back well below our limits!



Summer staff came down and cleaned out the drying beds. They look amazing, Thank you!

Water Department Submitted by Jeff Pennington

A. Daily Tasks

- Chores
- Daily Testing
- Julie Locates
- Final reads
- Water turn-ons
- Water shut-offs
- Generator checks

B. Wells

- Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- Received Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process/control
- Ordered replacement parts for Chemical feed pumps

C. Meter Replacement Program

- Been scheduling and replacing meters as time allows

D. EPA compliance

- Completed Monthly Bac-t/ Fluoride sampling for Epa compliance
- Completed Monthly Operating Reports for May 2026 Epa compliance.
- Submitted Information from UCMR5 Testing results with the USEPA to the IEPA in regard to IEPA requesting previous testing done at the wells. Awaiting to see if any further testing needs to be done from the IEPA.
- Collected Radium Sample from Well#5 for EPA compliance.
- Collected Lead sampling for the Childcare and School facilities for Epa compliance for 2026.
- Worked with Lisa and Bill to complete editing and approval of Consumer Confidence Report for Distribution to the public per Epa compliance.

E. Training

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

F. General

- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Worked with customers on water leaks and sewer issues.
- Worked with customers on meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- Continue to work on biannual hydrant flushing.
- Temporarily fixed a 6 inch water main leak running into our property(old foundry) on South 1st St. and backfilled. We are discussing options on Disconnecting this old line and the future needs to the site before anymore work is done.
- Cleaned Iron Mike to the best of our ability and turned water on.



Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On May 28, 2026 Chief Kalnins attended Calibre Press training at Streamwood PD on avoiding unnecessary use of force. In the training there were great discussions on proper use of force and an emphasis on de-escalation.
- The Oregon Police Department would like to congratulate all of the OUSD 220 spring sport athletes on their outstanding accomplishments this season. It was an honor and privilege to welcome and recognize the state qualifiers and medalists from the Oregon Jr. and Sr High School Track & Field teams for their hard work, dedication, and success.
- We would also like to extend our congratulations to the Oregon Varsity Lady Hawks Softball Team on capturing the Regional Championship. Your commitment, teamwork, and determination have made the Oregon community proud.

