



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 20, 2026 – Jul 10, 2026

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager

- Welcome Cody Ahrens to the Water/Waste Water Department. We are glad to have him on Team Oregon!
- Thank you to everyone who volunteered and got involved with our 250th Anniversary Events.



- It doesn't get any better than getting opportunities to brag about the communities we are lucky to serve! It was a pleasure to begin the day by collaborating with City Council Member Terry Schuster on Superhits 93.5, where we highlighted all of the great things about Oregon, IL. (Or at least a good summary!) Shopping and dining options, vibrant festivals, a thriving art scene, abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, and exceptional community members. Look for Morning Show 8AM - Monday 6/29/2026 <https://lnkd.in/gz2yBky2>



- I continue to work on marketing material and items related to our All Trails Lead to Oregon marketing drive.
- I attended the pre-construction meeting for the 7th Street Watermain Project and the Road projects for this summer.
- I attended a webinar on CDBG Community Revitalization Grants.
- I attended the NorthCOG Board meeting and had a great discussion on legislative updates presented by Brad Cole, Illinois Municipal League CEO.
- Follow up on some TIF projects and requests as well as Facade grant applications.
- Follow up on a few minor citizen complaints. Great job by staff on addressing the issues immediately!
- Updated a list of projects for Public Works.
- In the process of researching software to handle FOIA requests. Just exploratory right now.
- Continue to help facilitate several committee projects.
- Follow up with the building inspector on some ongoing projects.
- Follow up on some code enforcement issues.

- Completed some grant research for potential grant funding sources.
- Attended a OCEDC housing development meeting to create strategies to address housing shortages. I've submitted our development areas.
- Responded to a few requests for documents as well as zoning confirmations.
- Continue to facilitate the Main Street position. We conducted five interviews with potential candidates.
- Continue to work on filling a few empty commercial spaces in Oregon. Continue working with existing and potential new businesses.
- Attended Blackhawk Hills Reg Council Housing Design Exhibition meeting in Rochelle.
- Beginning the process to update the Capital Project Plan as well as looking at creating a TIF Capital Planning Document.

“ 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

- Congratulations to City of Oregon employees who are celebrating an anniversary this month:
 - Sergeant Eric Higby - 3 years
- The next brush pickup is scheduled for July 27th.
- 10 building permits were issued in June.

MEETING INFORMATION

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Jul 21, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

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

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Jul 28, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday Aug 10, 2026 9:00 AM 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
 - Nothing new
- Lead Service Inventory
 - Review service list and update
- 2026 Local Road Projects
 - Precon & review subdivision info
- 2026 MFT Project
 - Remove street department parking lot and add City Hall and Adams Street
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
 - Review staging
- Pedestrian Crossing
 - Requested prices on RRFB's
- Helped with fiber internet upgrades at sewer plant
- Reviewed Sidewalk removal locations
- Help with new hire paperwork and administration duties
- Compared city code to other municipalities

Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- Bid Openings

Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report

Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock

A. Daily Tasks

- Trash pickup of city trash cans
- Crew has started the yearly mowing projects.

B. Projects

- Crew patched large area of street that had failed in the 900 block of Jefferson St



- Crew continued with some tree trimming of low hanging problem areas.
- Crew did some restoration work and planted grass seed in the city terrace in front of the fire station.
- Crew poured 100 ft of new sidewalk on S 5th St.
- Crew rented a mastic machine for a week and did a large amount of edge and pothole repair throughout town.
- Crew replaced some faded and worn out signs in town. Another large order of street signs was placed to continue with our sign replacement program.

C. Training

Had weekly safety training on mental health and stress.

Worked on weekly safety training

Foreman worked on continuing education classes

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

D. General

- Street Foreman attended the department head meeting.
- Street Foreman attended a pre construction meeting on 7th St water main and upcoming road projects.
- Met with slurry seal contractor on various questions that they had about the upcoming project
- Met at the coliseum to come up with a plan on some drainage issues. These issues will be solved in house to save money.
- Street Foreman and Josh Pickering assisted the water department with their daily chores as we transitioned employees on that side.

- Crew worked on cleaning out and organizing a street department storage facility.
- Crew placed and removed the flags downtown for the 4th of July holiday and to celebrate the 250th anniversary.

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, Nothing new at this time

D. Training

- Safety Training, Heat Stroke and working in extreme temperatures
- Safety Training, Mental health awareness

E. General

- Fire hosed South Clarifier
- Blew back telescopic valves
- Chemical delivery topped off
- Submitted monthly reports to IEPA
- Multiple power outages due to weather
- Treatment Plant has been running great! All of our tests have come back well below our limits!

Water Department Submitted by Aidan Ellsworth

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
- Adjust chemical feed pump to account for temperature change

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 June 2026 Epa compliance..
- Received Sample bottles for PFAS will sample early next week.
- Started on Lead sampling for Epa compliance.

E. Training

- Worked with Cody on Daily chores.
- Worked with Cody on Locates,finals,Shutoffs
- Safety Training weekly

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.
- Hydrant Flushing is complete.
- Investigated locations of valves and stops ahead of 7th st water main project
- Welcome new employee. Cody Ahrens started this week, Cody comes with experience in water and sewer and should complement our team well.

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On June 30, 2026, the Oregon Police Department responded to the 800 block of South 4th Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle owner reported that the vehicle had been taken from in front of a residence at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Officers responded to the scene and initiated an investigation into the theft. On July 1, 2026, information provided by the vehicle owner assisted law enforcement in locating the vehicle in Dixon IL. The Dixon Police Department successfully located and secured the stolen vehicle on behalf of the Oregon Police Department.

The vehicle was subsequently processed by the Illinois State Police before being released and returned to its owners.

The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the vehicle owners for providing valuable information that contributed to the successful recovery of the vehicle. We also extend our appreciation to the Dixon Police Department and the Illinois State Police for their prompt assistance and cooperation throughout the investigation.

- The Oregon Police Department would like to extend a sincere thank you to the residents and visitors of our community for making this year's Independence Day celebration a safe and enjoyable one.

This Fourth of July was especially meaningful as our nation celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, a historic milestone honoring the ideals of freedom, service, and unity that have shaped our country for two and a half centuries.

We appreciate everyone who celebrated responsibly, looked out for their neighbors, and helped make the holiday weekend a success. Your cooperation allowed families and friends to enjoy the festivities while helping keep our officers, first responders, and community safe.

Thank you for doing your part and for continuing to make Oregon such a great place to live, work, and celebrate

