



# THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | January 11, 2019

## **Housing Project**

The small group of people working together on a small subdivision met again this week. This includes Dan Cummings and I, Euvalcree, Agile Homes, and Malheur Federal Credit Union. We are refining our pitch for the border board. Euvalcree is applying for the LIFT housing program grant. I have put a letter of support on the upcoming City Council agenda for the Council's consideration. If they are successful at getting the LIFT program grant, then our \$10,000 incentive won't be available to the plan, but the project will still be better off. If we don't get the funding then we will still plan on using the housing incentive plan.

## **Diversity Advisory Committee**

The DAC met this week and elected a new chairman to replace Freddy Rodriguez. Angela Machuca is the new chair and Janet Komoto is the vice-chair.

## **Budget Committee**

We have set the date for the first budget committee. I'm trying to move approval of the City's budget up one month each year, so our calendar which, is on the upcoming Council agenda, has the Council approving it in May 2019. We are working on financial resilience!

## **Human Resources**

We are continuing our application period for the Police Chief position. The Police Department also held interviews to fill a vacant Sergeant position. That vacancy has been filled by Officer James Swank.

## **Recreation**

We started youth basketball practices this week for all 8 teams. Games for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade start in the morning at Four Rivers Community School. We have 8 teams total this season, 4 Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams (coed), 2 3<sup>rd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams (girls only), and 2 5<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams (girls only). The girl's teams will start games on Saturday, January 19, 2019. We will host 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade games on January 26, 2019 at OMS Tiger Gym and 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> games on Saturday, February 16, 2019. We're looking forward to a great season!

We also started prep for soccer registration and all other ground work that needs to be completed. We confirmed with Challenger Sports that our youth soccer camp will be held on June 10 through 14 at Optimist Park in Ontario.

Information and registration forms for Ontario Animals Wrestling can be picked up in the Ontario Recreation Department office! This is not one of our programs, but we are a great place to get the information to people. This program has been in Ontario for over 30 years and is part of the foundation for many successful wrestlers in High School and beyond.

## **Airport**

Progress continues on updating hangar leases at the airport. The clearing of the south end drainage pond of trees and underbrush has been completed.

## **Fire and Rescue**

Our staff participated in a very informative drug class taught by Oregon State Police. They also attended the monthly training for Malheur County EMS on cardiac arrest.

Fire & Rescue responded to two residential fires this past week. The first was a structure fire which caused a lot of smoke and heat damage. The other caused extensive damage to the ceiling and roof structure of the house.

## **Public Works**

A 6" water main break occurred at Laxson Park at 5:30 pm on January 10. The break occurred after fire crews energized a fire hydrant to fight a fire located at a home near the park. An earlier repair on the line underground failed when the fire truck pumper began boosting water demand to fight the fire. Crews isolated the line, repaired the line, and re-energized the system at approximately 1:00 am. 27 homes were issued a boil water notice until fecal coliform samples confirm water is safe to drink. We should get the results back from the second set of samples on Monday. Door hangers for all residents impacted by this outage were placed at each residents home explaining the situation and contact numbers provided for any concerns or questions. All protocols for notification to State agencies were made and logged. Crews are to be commended for their quick and decisive response to this emergency.

New traffic bollards were installed at 4th and Verde to protect the irrigation pump lift station located at the corner. The bollards will protect the lift station from traffic impacts in the future; this lift station has been hit twice over the years as a result of traffic accidents at this intersection. The new protective bollards meet all traffic regulations related to safety designs.

New signs are being installed throughout town; old signs that don't meet reflectivity standards are being replaced.

Internal water treatment experts were here to perform a water filter evaluation. A report will be generated along with guidelines for optimum operation in the near future. The experts here were from offices located in Washington, DC and Montgomery, Alabama.

Our new NPDES permit was received and multiple errors were discovered in both the compliance schedules and agreed upon data requirements. A call and formal letter was sent to DEQ identifying the issues. We are waiting for DEQ to respond to our concerns. Meanwhile, our compliance group is already working on sampling and compliance schedules with the currently submitted permit.

## **Events to Mark on Your Calendar**

### **Tuesday, January 15 @ 7 p.m.**

City Council Meeting  
City Hall- Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, January 22 @ 7 p.m.**

City Council Meeting  
City Hall- Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, January 21**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
City Hall will be closed