



THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | January 25, 2019

STP Fund Exchange Money

We received good news this week. We had planned for around \$727k from the fund exchange. The state notified us that we will get \$807k. This puts us in a good position for our match on the SE 2nd St Project and the 5th Avenue Sidewalk Project.

Trail Grant

I began application for the Treasure Valley Connector Trail state grant. The letter of interest, which feels more like an application, is due by April 1, 2019. The grant application is due by June 1. I met with the college last week and they are still on board with granting the necessary easements.

Splash Pad Update

We have entered into an agreement for a local artist to paint the donor wall at the splash pad; her name is Andrea Bonadiman. She is a long time resident of the area and lives in Ontario. Donations are still being accepted. A donation of \$100 will include your name on the wall.

Budget Committee

There will be a preliminary Budget Committee Meeting on January 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation

Youth Basketball practices continued this week for all 8 teams, and games for Kindergarten – 2nd grade started games on Saturday, January 12th at Four Rivers Community School and will continue for the next three weeks. The girls' teams started games on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Our 5th and 6th grade teams will host at Ontario Middle School on Saturday and our 3rd and 4th grade teams will play in Payette. We will host 3rd and 4th grade games on Saturday, February 16 at Four Rivers Community School.

Soccer registration forms will be available next week in the ORD office; official registration will start February 1st. We will take registration forms to all of the schools the week of January 28th. Challenger Sports youth soccer camp will be held June 10-14 at the Optimist Park in Ontario.

Information and registration forms for Ontario Animals Wrestling can be picked up in the ORD office!! This is not one of our programs, but we are a great place to get the information to people.



Fire and Rescue

The staff had a building awareness tour at the water treatment plant. They also trained on fire behavior and air management on the drill evenings. The juniors trained on a separate night for their basic skills requirements. There were also drivers training for some of the staff.

The amount of natural disasters, hazardous material incidents or search and rescue, and fire incidents has presented situations where a sUAS Drone would have been a very valuable resource. The department applied for a state SPIRE grant for a drone this week. It was a regional request and has the support of numerous emergency responders from the east side of the state.

The staff of Rescue 1 responded to a few fires recently. There was a car fire, a transient rubbish fire, and a washing machine motor fire. They also assisted Ontario PD with the fire that someone had poured fuel on the front and rear doors of a house. The Haz-Mat team responded to a fire on I-84 involving a truck carrying an acid product. The fire was contained by Huntington FD and the team made sure the scene was safe and there were no dangers from the hazardous materials.

Public Works

A minor snow event mid-week required chemical application prior to rush hour on all secondary and primary travel routes. Staff responded in the early morning hours to assure safe driving conditions during morning commute. Snow latter melted off during the day.

Sewer cleaning of 6,000 linear feet was completed. Some areas are displaying root intrusion issues; these areas have been addressed and rectified in the Southeast area of town

A new transducer was installed at the West Idaho lift station: This transducer has been problematic and was replaced with our critical spares program.

Our new NPDES 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.

Splash Pad: New piping was installed and ready for concrete when weather warms. There is a lot of activity on site.

Baffle wall at WTP Parts on order, as soon as they arrive we will begin this project, we plan on doing this in house using PW staff.

Alcohol Bill

Senator Bentz submitted a bill to increase the local alcohol application review fee. I asked my peers across the state to submit resolutions of support for the bill. I gave them a template from our resolution to use.

Community & Economic Development

The city has received 17 new land use applications since the start of the year with 12 of those being conditional use permits for marijuana retail facilities. We are still receiving new priority number requests and are expecting two more conditional use permit applications for dispensaries within the next week.

Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Tuesday, January 29 at 6 p.m.

Preliminary Budget Committee Meeting
City Hall- Council Chambers

Monday, February 18

City Hall Closure
Presidents Day

Thursday, February 7 at Noon

City Council Work Session
City Hall- Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
City Hall- Council Chambers