



City Manager's Weekend Update

2/23/2018

Splash Pad Ground Breaking – There was a great attendance for what turned out to be a blustery day. Over 50 showed up on Presidents Day at 3 pm to turnover some dirt. Work has begun. We are thankful for a full plate of donated labor, business sponsorships, and hotel tax money to make this happen.



Residency Policy – The Council will consider a residency policy for its employees at its Tuesday, February 26th meeting.

Staff met with Senator Cliff Bentz, Representative Lynn Findley, and a Representative from Greg Walden's Office

The CH2M crew, Woods Consulting, and I had a telephone conversation with our state legislators. We briefed them and have prepared a white paper for their use in working with the state on our discharge permit which will impose difficult and costly requirements.

Revitalize Ontario – There was a great mixer at Doctor Dinsmore's office on Wednesday night. Dr. Dinsmore is a recipient of Revitalize Ontario's façade grant. The building looks great!

Sales Tax - The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about the sales tax have been update on the city website in response to other questions received from the public. Click this [link](#).

Parks Master Plan Moves Forward – We have a Charette (fun get together) on Tuesday before the council meeting from 4 to 6 pm at the Four Rivers Cultural Center. We are doing this in house to save tens of thousands of dollars that we don't have. This will make us eligible for state grants. We need everyone's help though. Come to an interactive display where you can design parks how you want them. No speech, no program, just you playing with maps!

Airport

The city is working on a project to build more hangers at the airport to generate more traffic and income so the airport can be self sustaining. We are getting close to a plan; we just have to crunch the numbers.

The Airport Manager and I met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to talk about their future needs. Their future needs align well with the city goals for the future of the airport. They are a valuable partner.

Police

There were two cases that generated attention. First, was a bank robbery at Washington Federal. The suspect in that case was identified and arrested within 25 hours of the crime. The second case was regarding a suspect who knocked on the door of a woman in her 70's. When she opened the door, he forced his way in, assaulted the victim and afterwards stealing cash and a car. Officers recovered the stolen car and are processing it for evidence. The investigation is ongoing and we will aggressively follow any leads that we come across.

Fire and Rescue

Our crews responded to a fuel spill at a gas station and a power pole fire and on Monday during the high winds we had a fully involved basement fire on Skyline drive. With an aggressive attack we were able to contain most of the damage to the basement and then some exterior siding on the first level.

Recreation

It's the last week for soccer registration, so make those kids, moms, and dads come in to register.

Public Works

Water

The West Tech. filter maintenance was completed and the unit placed back in service.

Parks and Cemetery

Tree removal at Lions Park began on 2 22 18, a large section of the main trunk from the largest tree will be saved for a potential art sculpture at the new park at the request of several members of the Friends of the Aquatic Center.

Engineering

Engineer staff is working on the SRCI lower lift station study, the waste-water discharge permit, the reuse report, and the water plant baffle wall repairs.