



## City Manager's Weekend Update

3/16/2018

**Budget** – Budget Meetings are in full swing. The City Manager and Finance Director are meeting with each Department Head to review their budget submission.

**Parks Master Plan** – We continue to chip away at the parks plan. We are trying to have it ready for the City Council on the 27th. It's going to be tight, because it's a lot of work.

**Medical Wing Open at Hospital** - Congratulations to St. Alphonsus Medical Center for opening up their new wing of the hospital. It was a well-attended event and very nicely done.

**Sales Tax Forum** – The Malheur Enterprise is sponsoring a Sales Tax Forum on March 29, 2018 at the Four Rivers Cultural Center at 6 pm. The session will be moderated by the Malheur Enterprise staff.

**Soccer Official Getting Ready** – We conducted our second annual soccer officials training on Thursday night to improve the professionalism and representation of the city by our young officials. As a certified soccer official I volunteered my time and created the training because it's a personal passion of mine and I want our officials to do their best.

**Congratulations Chief Kunz** - Our Police Chief Cal Kunz graduated from his executive law enforcement class. Mayor Verini and Chief Terry Leighton attended the graduation ceremony on my behalf since I was not able to make it.

### Fire and Rescue

Staff did the final fire alarm inspection for the remodel at St Al's and Chief Leighton took care of three Knox box issues at a fast food chain.

Ontario Fire and Treasure Valley Community College hosted the last weekend of essentials for firefighters at TVCC. Forty firefighters had 16 hours of hands on fire training. On Tuesday night we had rope training with raising and lowering and packaging of patients.

Saturday evening we had the 38<sup>th</sup> firefighter's dinner dance at FRCC, it was a great time had by all and we had great food, auctions and socializing with many supporters from the community.



On Saturday night we had a bad vehicle crash at Oregon and W. Idaho where a passenger car hit the street light pole, fortunately we only had one injury. Thursday we had a house fire that was started by a 3 year old boy in bags of clothes in his bedroom. The damage was limited to just three rooms.

### **Airport**

The security fence and gates project is in the final planning stages as the engineer for the airport, the airport manager and electrician for the project met to go over the final details. The security gates will be accessible through the use of a key pad and/or cards. This added security will enable more business ventures to the Ontario airport as the unsecured airport has been a concern to pilots and corporations in the past.

Two engineers from Portland working in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Aviation completed the assessment of the pavement at the airport as part of the required pavement prevention program. We are on a three year rotation for this program. The report with recommendations will be made and sent to us; however, it is good to know that our paved surfaces are in pretty good shape.

The airport manager is keeping busy with FAA assurance compliances, gopher trapping, noxious weed abatement, updating leases, promoting the airport and many other duties.

### **Community & Economic Development**

It's been an extremely busy week, a sign that things may be picking up again. Staff is reviewing 8 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 4 permits this past week. Staff is continuing to work on 13 land use applications and issues in varies stages of completion. Staff has been working on budgets and projections for Community Development and Building Department budgets and met with the City Manager and Finance Department this week to go over those budgets and projections.

Staff has received its first Housing Incentive application and the Revolving Loan Fund Committee is meeting on March 5th to discuss the recommendation to be sent to City Council. Staff is continuing working with the "Project PWGrid" on several different options of sites.

Dan has been providing a lot of support on the splash pad project and has been instrumental in getting some key engineering, surveying, and electrical donations.

### **Recreation**

Girls Softball registration began on Monday and will continue through April 11

We have over 700 kids registered for soccer and late registration is still available. The City is looking for team sponsors for \$160.00 to sponsor a team with your logo. We can also do general advertising for other businesses who want to sponsor the soccer program.

The Adult Coed Volleyball schedule league play starts next week.

## **Public Works**

### Field Service

Work continues on digging tree wells on East Idaho. This activity should wrap up this week , next step is planting the trees, it should be done in the very near future.

Residential parking signs around the high school installation started this week. This will solve many complaints we have received from students parking on the street instead of at the school.

### Water

Media for the filter at the treatment plant will be added to bring volumes up to optimum levels.

### Wastewater

Cleaned the #2 contact chamber began this week