



City Manager's Weekend Update

3/30/2018

OpenGov has been launched! We just went live. We are going to release more reports each week to maximize exposure of the platform. Here's a quick link to it. [OPENGOV](#) A big thanks to Kari Ott and Sheri Smith for helping make it happen.

Parks Plan and Splash Pad Grant - The Parks and Recreation Committee and City Council approved the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Thanks to Community in Action for helping with us the grant writing so we could focus on the master plan.

Airport – The Airport Committee met on Monday night. We have someone interested in building an airplane museum at the Ontario Airport. It's an exciting prospect!

Tax Forum – A big thank you to the Malheur Enterprise for hosting a tax forum on Thursday at the Four Rivers Cultural Center.

Bond Refunding – The bond refunding came in even better than projected. I'm estimating about a \$42,000 savings per year between water and sewer and an overall savings nearly \$700,000 savings over the life of these loans.

911 Users Meeting – The 911 user's board meeting met. The sheriff's office presented numbers for 911 service.

Lanterman Park Renaming – The Ontario Kiwanis Club renamed Lanterman Park this week. We are really grateful for their partnership. They are really going to make a difference at that park and that's the type of partners we need.

Police

We assigned an officer dedicated to traffic enforcement for 2 blocks of 2 hours, focusing in the area of schools. Three of the stops were related to school zone speeds. Help us keep our kids safe by slowing down around schools.

The surplus K-9 Chevy Tahoe that we obtained from a larger agency for \$3000 is set up and deployed into our fleet. The equipment that came with the price of the Tahoe is valued at approximately \$15,000 on its own. This includes mechanisms to ensure that the vehicle

temperature maintains a safe level for our K-9. It also includes a safe area for transporting and deploying the dog.

Community & Economic Development

Staff is reviewing 11 applications for issuing building permits. We issued one permit this past week. Staff is continuing to work on 8 land use applications and issues in various stages of completion.

Dan Cummings Community Development Director (SEACT member) attended the SEACT (SouthEast Area Commission on Transportation) meeting.

Regional Solutions Team Projects were discussed, City and County updates were given and a subcommittee was formed (of which Dan is a member) to review the SEACT Charter, By-Laws and Work Plan to provide recommendation on any updates that may be needed, along with membership review and planning recommendations.

Staff is continuing working on the New Splash Pad for the Aquatic Center with site design in full swing and coordination of the construction process.

Kayla Kirksey of Revitalize Ontario has been working on curating the newsletter for Revitalize Ontario and send out this week, along with working on event planning for the Chocolate and Wine Walk by registering businesses, approaching sponsors, and working on logistics such as volunteer management, wine and chocolate pairing, and creating marketing materials.

She has finished Phase I of the Revitalize Ontario database. This phase contains all the properties in downtown, with information about the property, property owner, business, business owner, and all contact information. It also contains information about their prior involvement in downtown events.

Staff and Kayla is working on the staff report for the planning commission and city council work session presentation of the historic preservation ordinance and certified local government, which is a re-write of the City Historical Landmarks code 10C-50.

Fire and Rescue

Chief met with many groups of the county to evaluate the Community Wildfire protection plan for Malheur County that is many years out of date. He also met with an OSP officer for some job growth planning. There was a 911 county wide dispatch meeting attended by different agencies involved.

Chief and Deputy state fire marshal inspected two assisted living facilities. There also was a final fire alarm system done on St Al's health plaza.

Chief and Deputy state fire marshal did a fire investigation on a car fire from 3-24-18.

The crews were divided in half and we toured the buildings on the hospital site. We looked at building awareness, types of construction, and types of systems, hazardous material storage, hazardous locations, access points, and different fire hook-ups.



We had a fun tour with a little boy from La Grande that was super excited to see the fire station.

We had a fully involved car fire on Saturday night. It was started in the passenger compartment due to some electrical problems. We had a grass fire that was a controlled burn that got out of control and burned about 5 acres. We also had a car leave the road and ran over a couple of natural gas lines causing a hazardous situation.



Parks and Recreation

Soccer fields were on the top of the list this week- we put together and painted 10 fields at Alameda School. We use a crew of our officials and a couple of adults to do the work, so with the adults not getting off work until 4:00 pm. We have been out late working until almost dark all week. We have just a couple of things that Debbie will be finishing up on her own and we will be set for the first day - Saturday, April 7th.

We held a Spring Break Arts and Crafts class on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week- we had 16 kids in attendance. They had a great time making spring and Easter crafts, they even dyed Easter eggs. See attached photos.

We have found all of our sponsors! We have all of the team shirts ordered, and we are still looking for four coaches. Thank you to our sponsors.

Adult coed volleyball continues and will run through - May 1st. Girls Softball registration will continue through April 11.

Airport

Bids for the airport fencing project have gone out. The on-site meeting with contractors will be April 3rd.

There of been several changes of hanger ownership which allowed for us to upgrade the leases on each.

The airport committee met last Monday evening and was given a needs assessment for the airport and will be prioritized by the committee at the next meeting giving a more clear path moving forward with continued airport operation, maintenance and expansion.

Public Works

Field Service

Sewer cleaning continues throughout the City.

2 water leaks on services repaired.

Met with the company that is going to plant the trees on E. Idaho, they planned on starting later in this week or first of next week.

Hydro excavated the 12" force main going up canyon 3 to Sky line, county crew is doing a project and asked for us to expose it for them to eliminate any possible damage to our pipe.

Water

River pump #2 is out for a re-build, the spare was installed and operating as it should.

Snake River flows increased this week with the spring melt.

Facilities: (Buildings)

New floor tiles were replaced in the men's bathroom upstairs at City Hall, the tiles were beginning to lift up and were badly in need of replacement. We had to replace only half of the

tiles to reduce the cost. Matching tiles could not be found so it is a different color, but it looks acceptable.

Parks and Cemetery

Completion of regularly scheduled maintenance. The Cemetery spring cleanup will take place this week.

Tree trimming continues throughout the city and is dependent on weather windows. Main focus this week has been Lions Park.

Engineering

Projects include SRCI lower lift station, WTP solids disposal, Parks Master Plan, Reuse report, Water plant Baffle wall repairs.