



City Manager's Weekend Update

March 9, 2018

Splash pad – This project is moving forward and making progress. Site prep work has been done. The team met on Tuesday to coordinate all the moving parts. I met with Community in Action and Chair of Friends of the Aquatic Center to work on the state grant application. We received drone imagery for Lions Park and a few of our other parks as a donation which we will add to our website shortly.

Snake River Economic Development Alliance – SREDA had their monthly meeting Tuesday morning in Fruitland. SREDA Executive Kit Kamo helped the city file for new Federal Opportunity Zones.

DEQ – We spent an hour on the phone with DEQ sharing feedback from the council on the proposed permit for our wastewater. I have shared the white paper with our legislators both state and federal.

Budget – Work has continued with intensity on the 2018-2019 budget.

Council Chambers – We had some retired craftsman volunteering some of their time to do some work for the city in our council chamber today. What a great blessing!

Parks Master Plan – The city is making progress on the parks master plan, there is a lot to do. We are going to streamline it down to make it more practical. Thank you to the more than 220 people who completed our survey in 6 days.

Police Department

The police department was awarded a \$5000 grant from Three Flags Traffic Safety for 2018. These funds will pay overtime costs for officers to conduct traffic saturation operations throughout the year.

Recreation

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

Soccer is center stage right now. We have about 650 kids registered to date and late ones are still welcome. We will start making our big push for sponsors next week and will be asking our community for \$ 12,000 - \$ 13,000 dollars to put kids in t-shirts for the season. A team cost \$ 160.00 to sponsor and we will need 75 plus sponsors. We have also added to our 7th and 8th grade division teams from Weiser and Payette County - this should really make the older group more exciting.

Fire and Rescue

This week we trained on forcible entry, ladders and doing preventative maintenance on our equipment. The Haz-Mat team members also had their monthly training. We had good hands on simulation lab training on burns, pediatric trauma, IV's and airway control.



Treasure Valley Christian had 20 students and parents have a station tour and safety talk at the station. Chief Leighton gave a presentation to Citizens on Patrol on our past year and also on public safety and how prevention is our best defense.

This week we had a dryer fire in a motel and a couple of car fires. All of these were limited to minor damage.

Public Works

Field Service

Sewer cleaning continues throughout the City.

Work continues on digging tree wells on East Idaho, this has been problematic due to heavy pit run layer that is not easily removed with the hydro excavator.

Work on the installation of the Verde irrigation lift station, this was hit and damaged during a traffic accident at the intersection. Insurance companies will be billed for the labor and replacement.

Residential parking signs around the high school installation started this week.

Water

Maintenance to filter #2 on the new plant finished this week.

We also noted an issue with one of our automatic valves that may be causing some turbidity spike during startup was noted and that valve will be pulled and a new valve installed.

Wastewater

Crews continue with regularly scheduled maintenance as tracked by our maintenance management system.

We are currently discharging our effluent to the Snake River, normal discharge amounts are roughly 1.5 to 1.8 million gallons per day. This will continue through April of this year as per permit requirement.

Cleaning of the #2 contact chamber began this week.

Parks and Cemetery

Pre-emergent was applied to planter beds throughout town

Engineering

Ongoing projects for engineering right now include SRCI lower lift station, water treatment plant solids disposal, Parks Master Plan, reuse report, and water plant baffle wall repairs.