



City Manager's Weekend Update

April 20, 2018

Budget -

Our week was busy preparing the draft budget. We are about where we thought we would be minus some of the savings that we were able to realize this year by leaving positions unfilled or delaying the fill of positions. There are a lot of things that we can't do without additional revenue.

We will be presenting a fee schedule for the first time to approve with the budget. It's a best practice to review the entire fee schedule each year.

NPDES Permit –

We were given a meeting with the DEQ Director, the head of the water quality division, a representative from the Governor's Office and Region 10 DEQ to discuss Ontario's NPDES (wastewater discharge permit). We felt like it was a successful meeting and worth the time for an issues that is critical to Ontario's future.

Negotiations with SRCI – We met with the Department of Corrections (DOC) on Friday morning for the renewal of the contract for wastewater services. The contract expires in September.

Recreation –

Youth Soccer played games on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings this week, for a total of 50 games. We are excited for the weather forecast for tomorrow; it is picture day!!!

Adult coed volleyball played six games this week.

Girls Softball registration was extended until Monday, April 16th at 5 p.m. without a late fee. This helped get our numbers up a little. Staff attended the Softball meeting at Payette County Recreation on Wednesday night. Leagues will begin play in the next couple of weeks.

Community & Economic Development

Staff is reviewing 9 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 11 permits this past week. Staff is continuing to work on 12 land use applications and issues in varies stages of completion.

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.

Police

This week the Police Department's Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor Sheri Smith taught the "Going Home" segment at the St. Alphonsus. Attendees learned about proper car seat fit and installation as well as keeping children safe in and around vehicles. She also conducted three additional car seat checks at city hall. It is our goal and passion to help parents keep their children safe IN and AROUND VEHICLES. The next Car Seat Fitting Station will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Ontario Fire Department from 4 pm to 6 pm.

We are continuing our increased traffic enforcement efforts focusing primarily in the area of our schools. An officer conducted 3 1/2 hours of focused enforcement which resulted in 8 warnings and 4 citations issued.

Fire and Rescue

On Monday Chief met with the Valley Family Health facility staff on some work to be done at their site on Idaho and 3rd St. On Tuesday Chief Leighton and Jacobs/CH2M inspected some of the city facilities, ex. Public works buildings, Waste water, and Water treatment. Thursday Chief and Deputy state fire marshal inspected three schools in our area.

Our weekly training was on water tender operations. We used both of our tenders and our engines for a good drill in preparation for the summer months. Some of the staff attended a class put on by Idaho Power on the many different types of electric vehicles.

This week we had every hose in our department go through the annual testing.

We responded to a car fire that was contained to the carburetor area. We also had two mutual aid calls. One was a motor vehicle roll over on I-84 that we assisted TVP and the other was a duplex fire that we assisted Payette fire with ventilation and salvage and overhaul. Also we assisted on a medical call from Huntington with a patient who was brought into the edge of our district. This was a burn patient, who was involved in an explosion at a marijuana processing plant in Huntington.

Airport

The bid opening for the perimeter fence project was last Wednesday at 3 PM. We only had one bid and it was over the engineer's estimate. The engineer and the FAA will now look at funding options. At this point we are still on schedule and look to have the fencing and security gates completed this summer or early fall.

Protocol and procedures are being set by the airport manager and director of aviation for the TVCC glider program as this is a new phase of flight at the airport and safety is always the first priority.

Public Works

Field Service

Removal of concrete and vegetation for the Splash pad project began this week as you can see from SW4th Avenue

Sewer cleaning continues throughout the City (80 % completed)

Water

Water plant inventories are good. River levels slowly continue to increase with spring runoff.

Operations are good.

Parks and Cemetery

Irrigation pumps were turned back on and systems stand ready for irrigation to start. 1 pump failed and a replacement pump is being priced out.

Engineering

We spent time discussing the lower lift session with SRCI and also significant time working on the NPDES Permit discussions with DEQ.