



City Manager's Weekend Update

April 6, 2018

Budget – The city is in budget production mode. We are creating two budget scenarios, one without a sales tax and one with a sales tax. In conjunction with that, we are updating our revenue forecasts using the current year's collections and trend analysis going forward.

Splash pad – The city's splash pad project, funded by hotel tax and donations, is moving forward with help from staff in public works and community development. Construction fencing will go up on Tuesday. Relocation of the sprinkler system will start occurring this week and earthwork and grading will begin.

Serve Day – If you haven't signed up for serve day yet, there is still time to register as a volunteer at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQPJF8Z>. It will be on April 28th. Breakfast will be provided at the kickoff at the Malheur County Fairgrounds.

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 9 land use applications and issues in various stages of completion.

We have multiple economic development leads we are following.

Recreation

After a long week and lots of hours, we are ready for the 2018 Spring Soccer Season to start - We have 740 kids registered, which makes 72 teams and games start in the morning, rain or shine. We will play 323 games in the next six weeks. Thanks so much to Mallory for working so hard along side of me to get this ready. Thanks to the parks crew for helping with soccer field issues that came up this week - without CH2M's help we would not be ready.

Adult coed volleyball played six games this week. Girls Softball registration will continue through April 11.

Fire and Rescue

We started off our week with the city safety meeting with some good history data presented by our third party administrator on how well the city has been doing the last few years with their limited claims and dollars spent. Chief Leighton had two separate meetings for the Rural Fire Protection District with contracts and the rural budget.

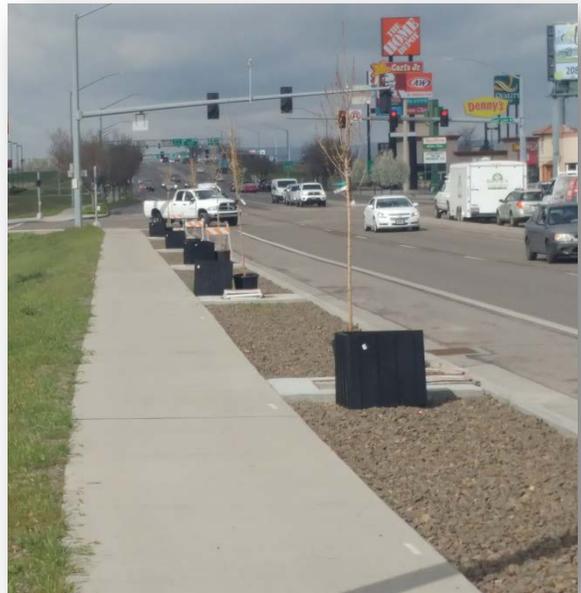
Fire and Rescue training this week was focused on preparation for the upcoming spring and summer wildland fire season.

Public Works

Field Service

Work on the crack seal equipment, this proceeds the crack fill events scheduled for later this spring. We want to confirm operation and trouble shoot any issues prior to the actual process beginning.

Trees on East Idaho were planted on the section in front of Big 5, the remainder of the trees will be planted early next week. This portion of the project will be completed.



East Idaho Tree Project 1

Water

Required sampling from the treatment plant and distribution system was completed this week from remote locations throughout the City.

Operations are good although we have encountered some issues with one of our filter influent valves; we will most likely need to replace the valve in the near future



East Idaho Tree Project 2

Certified water and wastewater staff attended a local training event at Four Rivers Cultural Center. The training event was sponsored by the American Water Works Association and the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association, operators from all over the state and other locations attended. The training event lasted over three days and provided training for staff in water, wastewater, and other tasks pertaining to their jobs. This was a great boom to the local economy as it brought in a lot of out of towners and filled the hotels. If you drove by the Cultural Center like me you undoubtedly noticed all the pickups.

We had a tree get caught in the water intake point on the Snake River, but nature corrected itself and the tree became dislodged and continued downriver avoiding a costly fix.

Wastewater

A new effluent flowmeter is scheduled to be installed next week.

Parks and Cemetery

Portable toilets and trash cans have been installed at the parks and will remain in place through the year till late fall.

Mowing began again at City parks and cemeteries

Irrigation pumps were turned back on and systems stand ready for irrigation to start.