



City Manager's Weekend Update

May 4, 2018

The city council work session was held this week on Thursday. There were not a lot of items that needed action, but there were plenty topics for discussion. Staff explained the state matching program of 25% for the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) side account. With the earning power of money now the 20 year return of putting aside money is almost \$1 for \$1, meaning if we put away a \$1 million today it will cut our interest over the next 20 years by \$1 million.

There has been a lot of confusion about the budget document this week. There is actually no mistake in the budget document, just a mistake in our presentation to the budget committee. In the budget presentation some of the amounts labelled as beginning fund balance or (surplus) were mislabeled and should have been labelled current years' revenues. To clarify, extra money was not found, nor was it lost, it was just mislabeled.

Serve Day

Thanks to all of the people who came out for serve day. There were over 700 volunteers! Our city team stained all of the park benches. I saw so many people working to beautify our community and the City was the beneficiary of many projects. Thank you to [Better Together Inc.](#) for organizing this great day of service. Thank you to everybody who selflessly gave of their time.

Splash Pad

Work on splash pad site prep continues as time permits. JACOBS has put together a time schedule for completion. We are now shooting for mid to late July for completion. That will be tight with all of the public requirements for bidding out the other work involved, but we will be pushing to get it operational this summer. There are so many volunteer services, it's just a matter of coordinating activities. We are still in need of donations to complete portions of the project. Donations can be made at City Hall. A \$5 donation will get you a Friends of the Aquatic Center cup and a \$10 donation will get you a t-shirt.

Street Condition Assessment

The City is reaping the benefits of additional revenue from House Bill 2017 for streets that was passed in the 2017 legislative session. We learned today that we are required to implement a street condition assessment. Failure to provide this report by February 1st of each odd numbered year results in not receiving state Highway Trust Fund payments. Money is never free! Fortunately, the League of Oregon Cities has been working with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) on a simple reporting methodology that will allow cities to comply with this requirement in a manner that is low cost and not labor-intensive.

Recreation

Youth Soccer played games on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday this week. There were 69 games in four days.

Adult coed volleyball played six games this week -they have started the end of the season tournament.

Girls Softball registration was extended. Our numbers were down a bit, numbers are up now and the league looks good. We have 90 girls registered at this time.

Our Recreation Manager Debbie worked with the NFL Flag Football / USA Football to register our summer league.

There are a lot of offerings planned this summer from Arts and Crafts to NFL Flag Football.

Police

Responding to many requests from citizens, the police department is continuing its focus on school zone enforcement. We were able to assign an officer for a two hour period and he conducted six traffic stops.

Officers had the opportunity to spend time with 60 small citizens at OCDC (Oregon Child Development Coalition.) The children were able to take a tour of a police car, were presented sticker badges, and became our newest junior police officers.



Officers have been working on follow-up from the two stabbing investigation that occurred over the past two weeks. ***Both cases resulted in an arrest and there are no outstanding suspects.*** Great job OPD!

Fire and Rescue

The Rural Fire District held a budget committee hearing this week.

The crews did some business inspections and also revisited some locations with issues that needed follow-up.

The staff attended a class on buried flammable gas pipes, the hazards caused by these, and also the regulations for doing any type of excavation. Our weekly training was on heat

emergencies and how to recognize and treat them. The Fire Chief attended a leadership class put on by the Special Districts Association of Oregon.

Saturday was a fun day of helping out in the community with Serve Day. The fire department was involved in numerous projects.

This was a busy week of training 2nd grade students. We teamed up with the BLM and did fire prevention presentations for students at Four Rivers School, Treasure Valley Christian, St. Peters, May Roberts, Aiken, and Alameda elementary schools.

We had an interesting incident at the SE. 5th Ave railroad crossing. A train with damaged tank cars from an automobile was left on the tracks.

Public Works

Field Service

We had two issues on April 27th at approximately 5:30 in the evening:

The lower lift station had another failure in pumping operations, and crews responded to address a pump failure. While the initial diagnosis was a broken pump shaft, the actual fault was an electrical switch contactor that had corroded. The system was placed back on line after the contactor was cleaned. This is the third issue in less than 45 days related to the electrical system failures for this lift station. A new electrical panel is slated to be installed on May 15 and will hopefully address the most recent failures

A report of a leaking water main was also received at approximately the same time as the lift station issue. A leak was reported at 244 NW 7th and initially was thought to be a leaking water main. Upon investigation, it was a leaking water service. In order for the repair to be made, the main required a shut down while crews replaced the water service. The water shut down lasted approximately 45 minutes.

Progress meetings were held with parties involved in the Splash Pad

The third annual round of street sweeping throughout the city will begin shortly. All streets, both primaries and residential streets, will be swept.

The city is spraying for weeds throughout town. **We need your help keeping the weeds down in front of your house as they pop up between the curb and sidewalks.**

Water services were installed at the new housing complex project.

Curb and gutter work is underway at the City Annex building

Wastewater

Plant effluent is now fully diverted to Skyline Farms as per permit requirements.

Parks and Cemetery

We held one funeral for the week. Crews have been prepping the cemeteries for Memorial Day later this month.