



City Manager's Weekend Update

June 1, 2018

Don't forget America's Global Village put on by our very own Chamber of Commerce on Saturday. It's a great family and cultural event.

Diversity Advisory Committee and Marijuana Committee

We scheduled a date for both of these committees to kick them off. The DAC will meet on June 12, 2018. The marijuana committee will meet on June 14, 2018.

Work Session – There is a lot coming up on the work session. To give you a taste here is a brief list: Budget, Master Fee Schedule, NPDES Update, Social Gaming Fees, Housing Incentive Program application, Marijuana Tax Discussion, Union Pacific Agreement, and more...

Splash Pad – We are getting close to having bid documents for the restroom and the concrete work on the splash pad. The plans are nearly finalized.

CDBG Grant – We have executed the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation grant. Kathy from Community in Action will be starting with applications from Ontario this time.

Strategic Plan – Kayla, from revitalize Oregon, is assisting me with the Strategic Planning. We scheduled a date for the steering team to meet. We will likely be creating teams for each focus area. Those focus areas will come to the council for feedback. We have to figure out how to engage more of our community in the plan.

Police – OPD assisted the Malheur County Sheriff on the stabbing investigation. It was not in the city, but putting together the knowledge of both organizations expedites the resolution, so they really work well together.

Parks and Recreation

Girls Softball has started; we played 7 games this week. All games were played at home.

We are looking for volunteers for our Youth Track Meet - Wednesday, June 6, 2018 - OHS Track at 4:30 p.m. please call us and let us know if you can help. It is a lot of fun :)

Airport

Most of the weed spraying at the airport has been completed and the mowing has begun. Cleanup of the grounds has also started and the use of the backhoe is much appreciated. The snowplow was removed from the dump truck and it is being used to remove fence posts from our new runway. Our airport manager has literally created this runway for the outback pilots and student pilots. It's amazing the work he is getting done. This will bring a lot more traffic into our airport, which is great for business.



Community & Economic Development

Staff is reviewing 7 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 2 permits this past week.

Staff received one Façade Grant application.

Staff held one PDAC meeting.

Staff is working with potential developers in purchasing the building and opening up a new health club at the location of the facility that just closed this past week on SW 4th Avenue.

We have several economic development interests that we are courting this week.

Staff is diligently working on getting the Building Department reconfiguration under the new state regulations and working on the smooth transition from Inspection services with the City of Fruitland into our new program. Our own staff, Marcy Siriwardene began a twenty week Oregon Residential Structural class offered through the State of Oregon Building Codes Division. This is one of many classes necessary to become an Oregon Inspector and Building Official.

Public Works

Field Service

The covered wagon and oxen that were at Moore Park were moved to the Chamber of Commerce.

A new sidewalk was poured at S. Park and S.W. 5th to allow for wheel chair navigation.

Water

Water demand is increasing as irrigation season begins again and warmer temperatures increase.

Required sampling was taken throughout the system as per Federal and State regulations.

A new water \ wastewater operator was hired.

Parks and Cemetery

There were 2 funerals this week.

A new pump was installed at Laxon Park to replace an irrigation pump that had failed.