



City Manager's Weekend Update

July 20, 2018

Weekend Update

It's been a deal making week. Lots of negotiating for great economic development projects. I believe we have closed a few deals. .

Tennis Courts

I met with the principal of Four Rivers Charter School. They have an interest in helping us improve the tennis courts. She is going to help look for resources. I met with Betsy as a follow up, to put together cost estimates. The milling adapter that JACOBS bought with the skidsteer, may help us and save some money. We are checking to see if that will be of use.

Splash Pad

We received a grant for the bathrooms, but we are not allowed to announce the source yet. We had a pre-bid meeting for the bathroom construction and were very excited to get 8-9 contractors. I had a follow up with the Architect and we did an addendum to the contract because with the amount of construction activity going on right now, we need to be flexible. The more flexible we can be, the better chance we will have to get good prices, within budget.

Marijuana

I can feel the issue heating up in the community. I have fielded a couple of complaints about people looking for signatures who are being very aggressive.

The marijuana ad hoc committee met Friday night. They went from 5 pm to a little after 7 pm. They had a lot of discussions about land use for recommendations to the council. The next meeting is Wednesday night.

Homeless Coalition

The homeless coalition met on Thursday. They are looking at our property on North Oregon. They received a grant for \$45k. They are trying to figure out the best way to use it.

Police

Officers were able to attend an event at Aiken Elementary School this week. Over 100 children were 'sworn in' as junior police officers and received a tour of a police car.

This week the Police Department's Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor Sheri Smith taught the "Going Home" segment for the St. Alphonsus Prenatal



Class. Four couples were in the class and learned about proper car seat fit and installation as well as keeping children safe in and around vehicles. Last Thursday, July 12th, we held a car seat fitting station. During our 2 hour block, we replaced 6 of the 8 car seats checked. The seats replaced were due to children needing to move to a seat appropriate for their height and weight and a couple were replaced because they were expired. The next car seat fitting station is on the calendar for Thursday, September 13th from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Ontario Fire Department. It's important to note that during these community education opportunities, we remind parents how important it is to NEVER leave their child unattended in vehicles. We discuss heat stroke (hypothermia), seat belt entanglement, trunk entrapment, power window accidents, back-over accidents and school bus safety. We also provide tips on keeping children safe around water (swimming pools, water parks, ditches and canals.)

Officers arrived on a stalled motor home in the travel lane near East Idaho Ave and Goodfellow Street. The vehicle turned out to be stolen and approximately 5 pounds of marijuana were seized. One arrest was made.

Ontario PD was finally challenged to create a police "lip sync" video by another police agency and numerous citizens (From what we understand, Councilor Winebarger spearheaded the effort.) Filming took place throughout the week and we are hoping to have the finished product next week. As a side note; more than half of the police department was involved in the production, it was done on the officer's time off and all efforts on the project were volunteered. It was a great team building opportunity.

Recreation

We had a packed house for Arts and Crafts with our last group of Migrant Leadership kids this week. Session II of tennis started Monday, and will continue through July 26th. NFL Flag football played games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings - we played 14 games this week

Airport

The Ontario municipal airport continues to be a flurry of activity with aerial applicators, wild land fire suppression units, flight training, glider towing, corporate traffic and general aviation.

The search for the right piece of equipment with all the necessary attachments has narrowed as the negotiations process is moving forward.

The irrigation ditch crossing has been reinstalled providing access for fence contractors. The perimeter fence and self-closing security gates are to be installed in the next couple of months.

Letters have been sent to all hanger owners providing information on requirements, upcoming construction and events.

We continue to get calls for hanger availability and charter flights making future growth inevitable.

Public Works

Field Service

Hot Taping crosswalk throughout the city, this is a work in progress and will take some time to get this completed. We are currently waiting for additional thermo- plastic to arrive to continue with crosswalk bar striping.

Asphalt patching on multiple streets throughout the City.

Crews addressed multiple leaks in water meter box setters, part of normal summer operations.

Sewer cleaning continues throughout the City

Water

Routine maintenance throughout system, operations are good. River raw water supply is stable and good treatment has resulted.

Sampling has begun for blue green algae in raw water supply from Snake River, this testing is mandated by the State of Oregon and may require additional testing and potential Water advisory notices. The first set of samples related to this sampling came back negative.