



City Manager's Weekend Update

8/10/2018

Buddy Bench – I received a call from the donor who purchased the Buddy Bench at Lion's Park. He was very appreciative that it was installed so nicely. I expressed our gratitude for his donation to pay for the bench.



Tennis Courts – The City Engineer, Betsy Roberts set me up for a visit with a tennis court contractor. We have a partner interested in helping us fundraise so we need to pull together some costs. I had a good meeting with the contractor today and should have some idea next week.

Fiber Network – I reached out to Cable One to see about Fiber costs out to the Airport. I had a good meeting with them today. We may be able work with them to get fiber to strategic economic development sites. They will be getting back to me next week; I'll continue to work with them on the project.

SRCI – Negotiations continue with Snake River Correction Institute (SRCI) for water and waste-water services. We will be having several conversations with them next week.

HR Manager - We had one interview today for the HR Manager. We have one more on Monday. We hope to make a decision shortly afterwards.

SREDA –SREDA held their monthly meeting this week. We are working on putting together a proposal for an economic development project.

Splash Pad – Equipment for the splash pad came in today; two truckloads as I understand. We are storing them temporarily at Public Works until the site is ready to come together. We will be submitting a proposal to award the contract for the bathrooms on Tuesday the 21st.

Community & Economic Development

I know Dan's been super busy on a lot of different fronts. We have a few economic development prospects we are working on. One we are working on is a rail site with 50 acres.

He will be putting together a timeline of the earliest possible week that we can get a marijuana ordinance put together.

Fire and Rescue

Chief Leighton also attended the monthly Malheur Emergency Management Team meeting where we worked on updating the natural hazard mitigation plan.

The crews did business inspections at the Main Event Barber shop, Ashley Furniture, Albertsons, and Jackson's fuel stop.

This week's training was on communications and the capabilities of our I Am Responding program.

There were a couple of small grass fires and our standard medical calls.

Recreation

Arts and Crafts had their last week of classes, we had two days of cooking (the building smelled amazing), we had a fun day where kids built back to school crafts and today we had a walking field trip to the Plaza Inn Restaurant and they treated the kids with a cinnamon roll and a tour of the kitchen.

Debbie Jefferies taught the Pickleball class this week- should have picked a cooler week.

NFL Flag Football played their games on Tuesday evening, but due to the extreme heat warning on Thursday games were canceled.

I am working with the Ontario Elementary Schools so we can attend all of the Open Houses next week.

I am putting together the Fall flyer for programming.

We are currently taking registration for fall soccer and tackle football.

Police

Officers used overtime grant funds to conduct a traffic enforcement operation for a 4 hour block of time. There were 19 citations issued (5 of those were for distracted driving,) and 43 warnings issued.

We were able to fill our reserve officer position vacated by Officer Castro who found full-time employment with Fruitland PD. Officer Bil Carter will be joining our reserve forces. Officer Carter has extensive experience in law enforcement and will be a great addition to the team.

Our K9 Officer Buster completed his training this week. He did very well and we anticipate he will be able to pass his certification test that will be held later this month.

Public Works

Field Service

The 1st round of street sweeping throughout the community has begun; this is the first of 3 events for the year intermingled with primary and secondary sweeping done quarterly and other areas on an as needed basis.

Yearly crack fill project has been delay due extreme hot weather, we will continue this later this fall when temperatures have abated.

Painting crews continue with cross walk painting throughout the community

Water

River raw water supply is variable due to changes in river chemistry as result of higher temperatures. We are making frequent chemical changes to optimize performance to match conditions.

Well 4 had to be shut down on 8/1/18; it looks like we will have to rehab the well and install new casing, we will review what it is going to take to bring this well back into service. This well has been in service for several years.

Wastewater

Crews continue with regularly scheduled maintenance as tracked by our maintenance management system.

Engineering

Ongoing projects include the Splash Pad, SRCI contract, baffle wall at WTP, rock rip rap at WWTP lagoon, storm water improvements, and well 4 rehab.