



City Manager's Weekend Update

8/24/2018

I devoted a lot of time to things going on at the airport this week as you will see.

Civil Penalties – We are starting to see more compliance with code enforcement's new civil penalties.

Representative Exchange Program – We had a really good meeting with two legislators from the Portland area on Tuesday. The mayor, Dan Cummings, and I attended the breakfast meeting. They came to Ontario and listened to the challenges we face so they could better understand our perspectives. Representative Findley did a great job taking them around and giving them face time with a lot of people.

Haunted House – I met with Freddy Rodriguez about the second annual haunted house fundraiser. We exchanged ideas and we are moving forward.

Airport Investments – We met this week to discuss recommendations from the Airport Committee. The proposal is to use the Stellings Property funds to extend the water and sewer out to the airport property and also the improvements needed to be in compliance with ADA requirements at the clubhouse which is part of our lease agreement.

Heavy Equipment Bid – We released a bid document, which will be published in Sunday's paper for equipment at the Airport. Bids will be received on September 4th.

<http://www.ontariooregon.org/Bids2.cfm>

Airport Audit by Oregon Aviation – The Oregon Aviation branch of ODOT made it out to Ontario to see the results of our grant for runway lighting improvements. Airport Manager Dan Beaubien and I showed them the improvements and had a nice discussion about possibilities.

Golf Course Leases – The special meeting on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. is to finalize the lease on the airport property for the agriculture lease.

Fire and Rescue

Both the Fire and Police Chiefs attended a Malheur county 911 User Board Meeting that had good dialogue between many agencies from the county. The Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer Brockett met with a property owner about using his derelict property for a training burn.

The staff had training on a special artificial pump and valve that a patient in town has and how to operate the mechanics of it if needed to. Our weekly training was on hose evolutions.

Police

Officer Elizondo started as the new school resource officer for the middle school. He also volunteered to be an assistant coach for the middle school football team.

Our code enforcement officer joined forces with two patrol officers and performed a disabled / abandoned vehicle saturation. Twenty-three (23) citations were issued and six (6) abandoned vehicles were towed.

Community & Economic Development Director

Staff has had well over 30 contacts by persons wanting information regarding proposed city codes and buffers on marijuana sales and dispensaries, using up large amount of staff time.

Staff is reviewing 10 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 6 permits this past week.

Construction plans have been submitted for the New "Marshall" Store that will occupy the remaining portion of the old Kmart building between Harbor Freight and Waremart by WinCo. This store is mainly a clothing store that sales name brand women's and men's clothing along with other household items.

Staff held a PDAC for the final review of "Project Glass" which will be submitting a construction plan in the very near future with hopes of occupancy in November. Staff is continuing work on several land use actions.

Economic Development Director Dan Cummings has been very busy reviewing the current Oregon State laws on marijuana and is continuing writing code amendments to handle the sales, processing, growing and manufacturing of marijuana and marijuana products should the vote pass in November. We plan to submit a preliminary draft and planning staff report to DLCD by August 31.

Staff is continuing working on multiple other prospects.

Public Works

Field Service

The city was awarded a grant for \$175,000 from the state to update its Transportation System Plan. The new plan will allow the city to better compete for additional transportation plan dollars in the future. The city obligated match will be \$21,000 which will be paid back in fiscal years 19 and 20. The grant was submitted in early June and awarded earlier this week. Way to go JACOBS!

Crews completed street painting in multiple locations throughout the city - a new focus is on the thermal plastic cross walk blocks. While driving throughout town you will see areas where new decals have been overlaid and additional ones to be added. This work is done by a crew that comes in at 4:00 a.m. during the week to mitigate traffic congestion.

The Public Works Committee met and discussed timetable and future projects on the public works agendas.

Water

Staff attended a webinar sponsored by the State of Oregon related to blue green algae and future rules and analysis. We should have a set of permanent rules in place by January 1, 2019.