



City Manager's Weekend Update

August 31, 2018

Strategic Planning Meeting – We had another great strategic planning meeting. The participation over the last two meetings is really stepping up. I believe the group is taking more shared ownership, which is exactly what we need. Now that we are breaking out into the strategy groups, I would like to get someone from the council in each group. The groups are in the process of forming.

Marijuana – The Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee will meet again on September 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall to continue to discuss community issues regarding current marijuana presence in the city.

The City submitted a draft marijuana land use ordinance to The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Notice is required for land use ordinances 35 days in advance of discussion at the local level. The City Planning Commission will have its first review of the ordinance on October 8, 2018. The land use action will only be made if the voters approve the ballot initiative legalizing dispensaries.

Congressman Walden - The mayor and I met with Tucker Billman from Congressman Greg Walden's office very briefly. We talked to him about some issue important to us, one of which is the Farm Bill which is in a joint house and senate committee right now.

Darkness to Light Training – All of the City's department heads and managers participated in a presentation by the University of Oregon called Darkness to Light, the purpose of which is to reduce child sexual abuse.

Splash Pad – The City's building permit for the bathrooms at the splash pad was approved. We set a date for the pre-construction meeting with Holcomb Construction. We were shooting for this week to get the civil work out for bid. There were still a few hiccups.

Airport

As always it has been a busy week. The airport manager, city manager, and airport engineer met to explore the direction of future development of the airport with the use of federal monies. The development of a hold apron and taxiways are already scheduled with the FAA over the next two years with a completion date of 2021.

We are still exploring band width solutions to make the airport usable with the current workload it already has and for future growth.

Area students continue to reach out to the Ontario Municipal airport as a classroom outside of the classroom for STEM learning. This is exciting!

Fire and Rescue

The building official and chief had a few last-minute inspections to approve the remodel at the football field concession stand at Ontario High School before the game on Friday night.

Treasure Valley Paramedics hosted case reviews with the medical control doctor on some of our past months more extreme incidents.

The crew and chief participated in the Super Hero jog-a-thon at Alameda school.

Recreation

Monday was football equipment day. They handed out helmets, shoulder pads, and weighed kids. Dan Lynch from Riddell came and fitted kids for us. Tuesday is mandatory first night practice to help kids get acquainted with their gear. Wednesday is the first night of practice with gear. Thursday is the final night of gear exchange and fittings

They will play first games in a Jamboree in Vale, Oregon on Saturday, September 8th. There are teams from Adrian, Nyssa, Vale, Baker City, Burn and Ontario playing in the Eastern Oregon Youth Football league this year. Should be an awesome season!! We host games on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at OHS Stadium.

Youth Fall Soccer – Registration finished this week; we have 10 teams. We are still looking for coaches. Debbie is making schedules, scheduling fields, securing officials, getting equipment ready for coaches, and ordering jerseys.

Public Works

Field Service

Installation of thermoplastic crosswalk bars continues. We are currently awaiting another shipment to continue. We have areas in the City where we have not completed the cross walks.

Water

Inventories are currently topped off at 25 tank levels across the board, right where our targets are set.

Parks and Cemetery

We had a hit and run on one of the fence pylons at Evergreen Cemetery. It most likely occurred this last weekend. We will most likely have to replace the gate. We think we can salvage the rock and cement pylon. The damage occurred at the most southern and easterly corner of the cemetery.

SRCI crews worked at Evergreen cemetery, cemeteries look amazing for this time of year and especially after an extended 95-degree summer temperature. This is also apparent in the parks located throughout the Community.

Crews addressed Graffiti at multiple locations in the Parks.