



City Manager's Weekend Update

3/23/2018

Budget - The City conducted budget meetings with departments to discuss their needs. We are in the midst of preparing for budget meetings in April.

Parks Plan – I was scheduled to go on the prison tour for the Chamber Leadership program session I missed last year. I wasn't far enough along with the parks plan; though, so I made the choice to miss it and work on the parks plan. I've worked on it every night this week and will be working on it all weekend.

OpenGov – We are excited for the release of OpenGov the City's transparency portal. Staff was trained on it this week. This will be a great utility for staff and open up the books and our performance to the public. Anyone with a computer or smart device will be able to look through the city finances once this goes live.

Strategic Plan - We are planning on a community strategic planning session on April 18 from 4-7 pm. Anyone is welcome. We will be working together as a community to take all the data from the strategic planning focus groups and create community goals and actionable items to tackle those goals. More information will come about location, but please spread the word and help us keep Ontario moving in the right direction.

Eastside Kiwanis Club – After next Thursday (March 29), Eastside Kiwanis Park will be named Lanterman Kiwanis Park. The public is welcome to join the Kiwanis Club at Eastside Kiwanis (SE 5th Avenue & SE 5th Street) for the renaming of the park. The Kiwanis have an exciting vision for the park and the city is thrilled to be a partner. Come at 5:30 pm for the renaming ceremony.

Police

The attached picture is of Police Chief Cal Kunz's graduation from Northwestern University's Command Staff education program. This was an intensive training for police leaders and help's Chief Kunz maintain his law enforcement credentials.



Community and Economic Development

Staff is reviewing 9 applications for issuing building permits. We issued 3 permits this past week. We issued a permit for a new single family residence this week for David Thompson on 718 Reiter Drive. Staff is continuing to work on 8 land use applications and issues in various stages of completion.

Malheur County Development Corporation is moving forward on the Transload facility. They met this week and narrowed engineering choices.

Staff is continuing to work with the owners of the West Park Plaza on multiple new ideas.

Community Development staff is continuing to assist with work on the new Splash Pad for the Aquatic Center with site design in full swing and coordination of the construction process. Our community members and businesses have stepped up big time with donations of time, money, materials and expertise.

The City Manager and Community Development Director met with Revitalize Ontario to review a revised Historical Building section of the Ontario code which will be presented to the City Council in the very near future.

Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Board met this week. They discussed recreation programming and park facilities and the Parks Master Plan.

The Recreation Manager met with soccer coaches and handed out rosters. We have 72 teams. First games will be April, 7, 2018. We are still in need of team sponsors or general donations for the soccer program. Contact our recreation office if you are interested. We have 716 kids registered at this time!

Adult coed volleyball played 6 games this week, off to a good start. The league will run now - May 1st.

Girls Softball registration began on Monday and will continue through April 11.

Fire & Rescue

Our staff had driver training with numerous different apparatus.

Treasure Valley Christian school second graders toured and had public safety training with 12 students. We did two days of self-contained breathing apparatus testing.

Airport

Progress is being made on the airport's grass runway. A map of the grass runway was given to the city Council Tuesday night along with a presentation of the many upcoming events at the airport.

A general cleanup of the airport grounds this summer is being planned and CH2M/Jacob's has offered to help in that effort by providing needed equipment.

The airport manager is also looking into a volunteer program at the airport for those who would like to receive community service hours and learn skills.

Public Works

Field Service

Hydroexcavating the tree wells on East Idaho was completed this week, the new trees will begin to be planted late next week and proceed into the following week. This is a major milestone and will certainly improve the appearance of East Idaho for years to come.

Water

One of the main raw water pumps from the Snake was pulled and one of the spare backup put in its place, the pump that was pulled showed some extreme wear on the impellor volutes and will be rebuilt.

Parks and Cemetery

Tree trimming continues throughout the city and is dependent on weather windows. Main focus this week has been on Lions Park.