



# THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | February 15, 2019

## **Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission met on Monday night to pass on four annexations to the City Council. Half of them were marijuana related. The others are because of other good economic activity.

## **Senator Merkley**

The Mayor and I met with Senator Merkley's staff on Friday and shared with her some of the unique challenges faced by Ontario and some of the projects we are working on.

## **Revitalize**

The Mayor and I had lunch in Caldwell on Tuesday. The designer of their downtown revitalization spoke at their chamber luncheon. We attended it at the recommendation of someone involved with our community strategic planning team. We took away some good ideas and inspiration.

## **Rain, Rain, Rain**

The good news is, those dams are filling up and our farmers should be good for irrigation season. We dealt with a few backed up storm drains.

## **Airport**

We received notification that our 2019 COAR grant was approved.

## **Fire & Rescue.**

The Chief had a busy week for meetings. 2/5 City safety group, 2/6 two PDACs, 2/12 Malheur County Ambulance District, 2/13 two PDACs, 2/13 Malheur county 911 group, 2/14 Malheur County Emergency Management Team.

Our staff removed students that were stuck in the dorm building elevator. There were a few other incidents this week including 188 SE 4th street down power line, 1600 block of SW. 4th Ave car fire total loss.

## **Recreation**

Youth Basketball - Kindergarten to 2nd grade teams played their last games on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Our 3rd to 4th grade girls will play their home game, last game of the season, tomorrow and we will host games at Four Rivers Community School. A big thank you to our officials, scorekeepers, and gym openers, Aiden Herrera, David Ramos, Paiten Ramos, Mariah Buthman and Greg Herrera for working hard to make sure these kids had a great season. Also, a big thank you to Four Rivers Community School for letting us use their gym. Their gym is the only gym in Ontario that allows us to have games for our Kindergarten to 2nd grade league and to host the 3rd and 4th grade teams. There is a huge need for more adjustable baskets in Ontario.

Youth Soccer - Registration continues through Thursday, February 28th. We are in the beginning stages of looking for sponsors for soccer teams. Cost is \$160.00 and your business name goes on the back of the shirt - Great Advertisement!! If anyone is interested please contact Debbie Jeffries at 541-881-3260. League play will begin on Saturday, April 6th. Challenger Sports youth soccer camp will be held June 10-14 at the Optimist Park in Ontario.

Adult Coed Volleyball - Registration continues through Thursday, February 28th.

## Public Works

With heavy precipitation throughout the week, crews responded to surcharged catch basins throughout the community. We have a list of problem areas we focus on based on past experience sometimes the rain overwhelms the storm sewers ability to drain quickly

The water plant is operating well with no issues, inventory amounts are at target levels.

The prime focus was the new redwood baffle wall. The project is 50 % completed. We will run water through the new baffle walls to confirm operation, and then switch sides and rebuild the other half. I got a tour of the work this week.



We received the new NPDES permit from the State earlier this week and will review and then meet with the State next week to discuss our comments. The next meeting with the State is scheduled for early next week.

Paul Woods drafted a letter to DEQ pointing out the lack of review on the permit issuance. The permit had several past due deadlines upon the proposed issuance date.

Carpets were installed at City Hall including the front reception area and police offices, we also installed cubicle partitions in the dispatch area. We are trying to change the image of City Hall, and the front entrance now feels much warmer and less institutional.

## Events to Mark on Your Calendar

### **Tuesday, February 19 at Noon**

City Council Meeting  
City Hall- Council Chambers

### **Thursday, March 7 at Noon**

City Council Work Session  
City Hall- Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, February 26 at 7 p.m.**

City Council Meeting  
City Hall- Council Chambers