



THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | March 15, 2019

Our Sister City

The kids from our sister city, Osaka-Sayama, arrived last Wednesday. They will be visiting City Hall Wednesday of this week.

Eastern Oregon Border Board

I attended the Border Board Meeting on Monday afternoon. I was glad to be there because they have revised their grant and loan offerings quite a bit. They are all promising changes.

RTP Grant

I have been working on the RTP Grant for the inter-city trail. I will be going to the TVCC Board Tuesday before our meeting to get a resolution of support passed as part of our application. Design of the trail is in its final stages.

Downtown Beautification Project

We are putting together a proposal for downtown beautification for the budget. I got a call from Aaron LeBoutillier and his wife. They are YouTubers (i.e. they make their living off of posting videos about gardening). Their channel is called Garden Answer. Make sure to like their channel if you love gardening. They are willing to help us get a good deal from some of their sponsors for the downtown beautification strategy of the City Council. Also, they volunteered to do some greenery for the splash park at no cost.

Grant Review Team

Our team of staff looking at different grant writing opportunities continued to review several opportunities this week.

Airport

Dan Beaubien is going with a two wheel line irrigation system for the runway grass and then the plan would be to put in underground sprinklers in the future. This seems to be the most cost effective method of guaranteeing an established grass runway. The back country flyers and TVCC's back country course are both waiting on its development.

Dan B. has created hangar build packets in a rough form and will put them before the airport committee on March 25. Dan Cummings is putting together a map of pinned corner locations on all the hangar spaces this will be a huge help for builders.

Community & Economic Development

We have received three applications for the Housing Incentive Program this year.

Fire & Rescue

Incidences this month: March 4- attic fire; March 5- mutual aid to Fruitland totally involved mobile home and exposure to two other mobile homes; March 6- fully involved structure fire; March 13- fully involved animal shed fire.

Public Works

Crews are working on pothole repairs throughout the City; more to come. Street sweeping is also continuing throughout the community.

The tree project on East Idaho has begun, the trees were cut down, the stumps were ground, and preparations for the next phase of the project, ground cover removal, were made. This will require a traffic control plan and lane closures throughout the week.

Our NPDES revisions are under public comment. They can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Get-Involved/Pages/Public-Notices.aspx>

Water- The new baffle wall design is working well as we fine-tune operations between the two new wall systems. A new chlorine feed line is being plumbed at the water plant. Also, one operator increased his state mandated water certification this past week.

Wastewater- One wastewater operator increased their state mandated treatment certification and three staff members have increased their certifications through successfully passing certification testing so far this year.

Splash Pad

One more thing, concrete pouring has begun at the splash pad!



Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
City Hall- Council Chambers

Thursday, April 4 at Noon

City Council Work Session
City Hall- Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting (as needed)
City Hall- Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Diversity Advisory Committee
City Hall- Council Chambers