



# THE WEEKEND UPDATE

City Manager Adam Brown | April 29, 2019

## **Budget**

It's a great feeling, to be on this side of the budget committee process. It's been a busy month, pulling it all together. All the staff contributed to the budget, but I especially want to thank Peter and Kari for helping prepare it this year. This year proved that the power of the group is stronger than the power of the individual. The budget committee truly came up with a win-win for our community and for our residents.

## **Recreation Trail Grant**

I jumped right into grant writing this morning on the Treasure Valley Connector trail. There is a lot of work to pull that together. I submitted the letter of interest which is the first milestone.

## **Splash Park**

We are pulling together the final items for the splash park. Trash receptacles arrived last week.

## **Recreation**

We are in our third week of youth soccer and we continue with games and practices. It's been a wet season so far. We also started our tournament play for adult, coed volleyball.

We have 10 girls' softball teams and are currently looking for some coaches. Leagues will start in mid-May.

## **Fire & Rescue**

Fire and Rescue participated in a number of events including a school visit to Cairo Elementary and a visit to OCDC child care. The hoses and ladders also went through testing last week.

Calls included a downed power line on top of a dump truck, a mutual aid fire to Huntington for a modular home fire, a mutual aid borderline call for a head-on motor vehicle crash, and a fully involved tractor fire. Crews also responded to a couple vehicle fires and a refrigeration ammonia leak.

## **Police**

We had a fatal shooting this week which was covered by the paper. The handling of the response is an excellent example of the cooperation and skill we have in the community. Within 12 hours of the incident, we had both suspects in jail. It took a lot of cooperation between the State Police, County Sheriff's Office, and Ontario Police Department.

## **Airport**

Another four acres of ground was treated this week to control weeds at the airport. The spraying is now approximately 80% complete.

The Oregon Department of Aviation sent two personnel to the airport to spray weeds in the cracks of the runway in preparation for this summer's resurfacing treatment as part of our pavement management program. The pavement at the west end of the old runway was cleared and swept so the emergency driver training course could be set up on a clean surface.

Thursday morning, the emergency driver course began and continued until noon. That same day, nearly a quarter-mile of wheel line was brought to the airport including two movers. This will be the irrigation system for the new grass runway until underground sprinklers can be put in.

### **Public Works**

The tree project on East Idaho continues as crews have installed drip irrigation systems and added rock and framed wooden boxes where the iron grates will be installed when they arrive. Next steps are to plant trees.

We have experienced a biological overload in one of our lagoons which has caused some odor issues. We are working through addressing this issue and have added extra aeration to alleviate this problem. We have seen the odor problem diminish, but the odors are still present.

### **Community & Economic Development**

Staff has reviewed 5 applications for building permits this past week. We have issued 7 permits this past week.

Staff has been very busy this week preparing for and meeting with representatives from NIFP/FEMA (National Flood Insurance Program) / (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in reviewing the City of Ontario Flood Hazard Codes and requirements. Based on the meeting with the NIFP/FEMA representatives, staff will have to update the City Flood Hazard code Chapter 10A-47 to meet all the new Federal and State updated regulations and requirements as well as prepare reports and information required from past development in the flood plain required under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and City Code. Staff will be bringing the updates and code changes to the Planning Commission and Council in the near future.

Staff has been able to catch up on most of the Land use and development projects that was put on hold due to the legalizing of Marijuana sales and are now able to continuing processing the 2 remainder Conditional Use applications submitted for Marijuana Facilities which will be a total of 12 applications for Marijuana Retail Facilities so far of the possible 20 or 21 sites within the City limits and Urban Growth Area (UGA).

As of this date we have issued four (4) building permits for Marijuana Retail Facilities, which are: the old Chevron Station on East Idaho Avenue, the old State Police Building on Goodfellow Street, a new building on the property west of Love's Travel Center on NW Washington and a new building on SE 10th Street south of Malheur Council on Aging.

## **Events to Mark on Your Calendar**

<b>Thursday, May 9 at 12:00PM</b> City Council Work Session City Hall- Council Chambers	<b>Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00PM</b> City Council Meeting City Hall- Council Chambers
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