



Our Mission: To foster an environment of economic growth and opportunity through effective partnerships with our citizens, businesses, and visitors while maintaining a high standard for quality of life in a progressive community which embraces its heritage.

CITY OF OREGON

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To: Mayor Ken Williams & Oregon City Council

From: Darin J. DeHaan, City Manager & Staff

DATE: Aug 11, 2026

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Jul 24, 2026 – Aug 7, 2026

Submitted by Darin DeHaan - City Manager

- I coordinated a meeting between local governments to discuss Lorado Taft property.
- I attended the OCEDC Housing Committee meeting, and we continue to work on strategies.
- Completed the planning for the All Trails marketing booth for the Ogle County Fair. Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked the booth during the fair; Kathy Lawrence, Rob Gieraltowski, John and Emerson Harris, Jessica Cash, Destini Benesh, Bill Covell, Liz Hiemstra, Lee Hadick, John Dickson, Anna Withers, Matt Ajvazi, Taylor Buckwalter, Terry Schuster, Josh Pickering. (Thank you to Josh Pickering and Aaron Montoya who helped me set up as well as Skyler Bethel who picked everything up after the fair.) Fantastic job sharing everything our community has to offer. All Trails Lead to Oregon IL.





- Continued follow-up with Bill Covell regarding several ongoing capital projects. I cannot say enough about how much I appreciate Bill and his staff's oversight of these projects and their commitment to ensuring we achieve the best possible outcomes, particularly when issues arise.
- Completed several IT-related projects and tasks.
- Successfully transitioned the City's website from a **.org** domain to **.gov**, helping better identify the website as the official municipal website for the City of Oregon. I am continuing to work with Microsoft and our IT provider on transitioning City email addresses to the new **.gov** domain.
- Mayor Williams, Council Member Mel Cozzi, and I attended a lunch meeting with State Senator Andrew Chesney. We appreciate Senator Chesney taking the time to meet with us during his many stops throughout Ogle County that day. We discussed several challenges facing our community, and he provided valuable insight into issues and activities taking place in Springfield.
- Received several additional potential business inquiries and provided information regarding requested data, as well as available City grants and incentives. I also connected these prospects with Liz at OCEDC for additional assistance and follow-up.
- I am excited to share that our new Main Street Director, **Destini Benesh**, has completed her first week in the position. She spent several days familiarizing herself with Main Street concepts, completing HR requirements, and meeting with several key individuals. I am also working to provide her with additional networking

opportunities. Destini has truly hit the ground running and has already shared several great ideas for the future. She is currently working on our fourth-quarter newsletter, something we have wanted to establish on a more consistent basis. **Great first week!**

- Continued working to address several minor community member complaints and concerns.
- Followed up on several bid questions regarding the new welcome signs and completed the bid opening on August 7.
- Reviewed a couple of potential grants for consideration.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

MEETING INFORMATION

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Aug 18, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Aug 25, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday Sep 14, 2026 9:00 AM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

Tree Board:

Next meeting Wednesday Sep 16, 2026 4:00 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Director of Public Works Submitted by Bill Covell

A. Daily Tasks

- Help Schedule
- Approve Bills
- Purchased supplies
- Monthly Fuel Reports
- Safety Training

B. Projects

- Headworks
 - Nothing new
- Lead Service Inventory



- Review service list
- 2026 Local Road Projects
 - Help verify quantities
 - Help decide on how to mill and pave road
 - Review plans for errors
 - Notify public of project
- 2026 MFT Project
 - Work on limits of project
 - Work with business owners, city hall and police for parking and garbage location while slurry seal cures
 - Provide estimate for Village of Progress
 - Check on crew installing slurry seal
 - Notify public of project
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
 - Review plan and help design in the field
 - Review drainage issues
 - Notify business owners
- Pedestrian Crossing
 - Requested prices on RRFB's
- Emailed IDOT for approval
- Help with new hire paperwork and administration duties
- Compared city code to other municipalities

C. Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- Bid Openings

D. Miscellaneous

- Worked on Fulcrum report





Street Department Submitted by Jordan Plock

A. Daily Tasks

- Trash pickup of city trash cans
- Crew has started the yearly mowing projects.

B. Projects

- Crew prepared multiple areas to be patched in the city streets
- Crew repaired 3 storm inlets that had failed and created sink holes.
- Crew completed the monthly city wide brush pickup.
- Crew helped with some saw cutting on the East side sidewalk project.
- Crew ran new safety LED lights on multiple vehicles.

C. Training

- Had weekly safety training on jobsite awareness.
- Worked on weekly safety training
- Foreman worked on continuing education classes
- Worked on updating our list of required OSHA training for the year.

D. General

- Street Foreman worked with Public Works Director and Fehr Graham on different aspects of the East Side sidewalk project as well as the Century Hills mill and overlay project.
- Crew put out notices to residents that are impacted by the various projects.

Sewer Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

A. Daily tasks

- Daily chores
- Testing full set (process control/EPA Required Monitoring)
- Half testing (process control)
- Pumped Sludge
- Cleaned bar screens, netting of tanks, multiple times daily due to rags, debris
- Daily reporting of National Weather Service recordings
- Lift Station usage recording
- Assisted the Water Department
- Monthly reports to the EPA
- Generator/ Well checks
- Worked with various customers on water and sewer issues (leaks, sewer backups)

B. Head Works

- Nothing new at this time

C. Scada Upgrade

- Metro Cloud, Nothing new at this time

D. Training

- Safety Training, Lifting
- Miss-Rock Joint training

E. General

- Fire hosed Both Clarifiers
- Worked with contractors on N. 7th St. Watermain Project
- Boil orders as a part of 7th st project, all samples came back good and all boil orders have been lifted.
- Chemical delivery, Full Delivery
- Submitted monthly reports to IEPA
- New Pressure pump at well #5
- Swapped out RAS pump with back up pump
- Took in RAS pump for repairs
- Clogged hopper on North Clarifier due to rags and debris (this has been fixed)

Water Department Submitted by Aidan Ellsworth

A. Daily Tasks

- Chores
- Daily Testing
- Julie Locates
- Final reads
- Water turn-ons
- Water shut-offs
- Generator checks

B. Wells

- Repaired Chemical feed pump parts as needed
- Received Chemical delivery from Hawkins for process control
- Ordered replacement parts for Chemical feed pumps
- Adjust chemical feed pump to account for temperature change

C. Meter Replacement Program

- Got 6 meters replaced this week with quite a few appointments scheduled for next week .

D. EPA compliance

- Completed Monthly Bac-t/ Fluoride sampling for Epa compliance
- Completed Monthly Operating Reports for July 2026 Epa compliance..
- Sampled for PFAS all were satisfactory.
- Continued with Lead sampling more than 65% complete still waiting on some samples to be returned to us.

E. Training

- Worked with Cody on meters.
- Training AI and risks of new technologies
- Safety Training, Lifting

F. General

- Assisted the Sewer department when needed
- Worked with customers and plumbers on water leaks.
- Worked with customers on meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- Fielded phone calls related to 7th st.
- Locates and Tracing for 7th st water main project

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- On June 30, 2026, the Oregon Police Department responded to the 800 block of South 4th Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle owner reported that the vehicle had been taken from in front of a residence at approximately 8:20 p.m.
- Officers responded to the scene and initiated an investigation into the theft. On July 1, 2026, information provided by the vehicle owner assisted law enforcement in locating the vehicle in Dixon IL. The Dixon Police Department successfully located and secured the stolen vehicle on behalf of the Oregon Police Department.
- The vehicle was subsequently processed by the Illinois State Police before being released and returned to its owners.
- The Oregon Police Department would like to thank the vehicle owners for providing valuable information that contributed to the successful recovery of the vehicle. We also extend our appreciation to the Dixon Police Department and the Illinois State Police for their prompt assistance and cooperation throughout the investigation.
- The Oregon Police Department would like to extend a sincere thank you to the residents and visitors of our community for making this year's Independence Day celebration a safe and enjoyable one.
- This Fourth of July was especially meaningful as our nation celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, a historic milestone honoring the ideals of freedom, service, and unity that have shaped our country for two and a half centuries.
- We appreciate everyone who celebrated responsibly, looked out for their neighbors, and helped make the holiday weekend a success. Your cooperation allowed families and friends to enjoy the festivities while helping keep our officers, first responders, and community safe.
- Thank you for doing your part and for continuing to make Oregon such a great place to live, work, and celebrate