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: Sep 22, 2026

I am pleased to provide Mayor Williams and the Oregon City Council with the following synopsis of City Business for – Sep 19, 2026 – Oct 9, 2026

Submitted by Darin DeHaan, City Manager

- Huge thank you to staff of our Public Works Dept, Police Department, AOP Committee, Oregon Fire Protection District, Ogle County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police, Mt. Morris Police Department and all of the volunteers, any one that I may have missed for an awesome collaboration to make AOP weekend such a great festival. It's hard to comprehend everything that goes on behind the scenes to make this happen. It was great seeing so many people in town not only enjoying everything that AOP had to offer, but also patronizing all of our small businesses throughout the weekend. Well done all!
- I assisted Council Member Krug with his resignation process. I want to personally thank him for committing 6 years in service to our community and wish him well!
- Bill and I attended a zoom meeting with our Fulcrum app vendor and discussed additional ways the City could use the software for more efficiency, tracking and planning.
- Coordinated the agenda for the Special Council meeting.
- Responded to a few IT issues for the City.
- Follow up with Regan Mass Transit.
- I attended the VisitNWIL banquet on tourism. Great things are happening in our area which translate to increased tourism visits to Ogle County.
- Replied to several questions for the City Hall renovation bid. Finalized the bid process with the Bid opening on October 2nd. We received one bid which will be presented to the City Council for consideration.
- Reviewed several Main Street initiatives with Destini. Now that AOP is over we are going to focus on what's next for Main Street including additional marketing opportunities and public information.
- Worked with Bill and our engineers on finishing our summer projects.
- Continue to work on the IDHA housing program with Liz and OCEDC.
- Made several updates to the city website including correcting email addresses, forms and other minor adjustments.

- Worked with Cheryl to create a few city council work session dates for next year. These will be presented to the council for approval. The work sessions will allow a free flow of discussion and will be open for the public to attend.
- Reviewed current department budgets and expenditures. Also reviewed bank statements and reconciliations.
- Reviewed existing city debt in preparation for the eastside water and storm water project financing considerations. Also worked with our engineers to prepare an engineering agreement for council consideration.
- Addressed some ordinance violations on various properties.
- Completed this year's Tree City USA applications. Some key numbers
    - We planted 51 trees
    - We removed 11 trees
    - We pruned roughly 90 trees.
- Grants:
    - Reviewed several potential new grants.
    - Followed up on letters of support for the ITEP grant for the 100 block of South 3rd Street which has now been submitted.
- Economic Development:
    - Continue working on several open spaces for potential commercial use.
- Public Works Projects:
    - Continue work on the welcome sign designs.
    - Working with Bill on the coliseum updates.
- Ordinances:
    - Council will review the final draft to the recreational vehicle ordinance. This will address two things. The condition of RV's and occupation.

City Hall - Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk

- Leaf Vac information: https://oregonil.gov/resident-information/brush-yardwaste/
- 7 Building Permits issued in September
- Employee Anniversary's for October
    - Darin DeHaan - 30 years
    - Lisa Payne - 3 years

MEETING INFORMATION

Sustainability Committee:

Next meeting Monday Oct 13, 2026 9:00 AM Oregon City Hall Conference Room.

Planning & Zoning:

Next meeting Tuesday Oct 20, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

City Council Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday Oct 27, 2026 5:30 PM Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Tree Board:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Public Art Commission:

Next meeting TBD at Oregon City Hall Council Chambers.

Main Street Submitted by Destini Benesh

- Participated in all 3 sessions for the "Supporting Small Businesses on Main Street" course.
- With the support of the City of Oregon, Ogle County, Oregon Fire Protection District, Oregon Police Department, Oregon Street Department, and our extensive volunteer team, the AOP Board and Committee successfully hosted the 56th Annual Autumn on Parade!
- Launched the first edition of "Know Your Neighbor," which was distributed last week.
- Continue engaging with local business owners and community leaders to explore future opportunities.
- Actively working with the Candlelight Walk Committee for this year's 40th anniversary celebration.

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
    - Update list for IEPA
- 2026 Local Road Projects
    - Punch List and quantities
- 2026 MFT Project
    - Punch List
- 2025 East Side Sidewalk
    - Review remaining issues
    - Meeting with Engineer
    - Grade check ADA crossings

- Pedestrian Crossing
    - Ordered RRFB's and getting ready to instal
- East Side Water Main
    - Help with 5 water main breaks
    - Pulled records for quantities
    - Help establish design limits
    - Review repair invoices
- Compared city code to other municipalities

C. Meetings

- Department Head
- Safety Meeting
- City Council

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 worked on set up and tear down of all of the barricades and street closure signage for the AOP festival
- Crew Worked on a downtown cleanup of all of the sidewalks in preparation for the AOP festival
- Crew cleaned the decorative lights along the Rt 64 bridge
- The crew hung the American Flags for the AOP festival.
- The crew worked on designing and setting up the fall decorations for the welcome to Oregon signs. They turned out fantastic!
- The crew worked on cleanup of some of the fall decorations in preparation for the upcoming winter season.
- Crew worked on sidewalk restoration around the Colesium
- Crew worked alongside the water/sewer departments on several water main breaks on the East side of town
- Crew hung the new Bird City USA signage at the welcome to Oregon signs
- Crew worked on painting some yellow curbs in certain no parking areas
- Crew helped with safety for this years AOP parade

C. Training

- Had weekly safety training on hearing loss prevention.
- 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

- I would like to thank all members of my team for their tireless efforts to make this year's AOP festival a safe and wonderful experience for everyone involved.





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.
- Safety Training, Hearing.

E. General

- Fire hosed both Clarifiers 10-7-26
- Worked with contractors on Eastside repairs
- Chemical delivery, Full Delivery 9-29-2026
- Submitted monthly reports to IEPA
- fire hosed aeration basins
- Repaired Chlorine pump at contact basin
- Continuous rain has been an issue we've been dealing with but everything has returned to normal

Water Department Submitted by Scott Wallace

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
- Received replacement parts for Chemical feed pumps
- Adjust chemical feed pump to account for temperature change

C. Meter Replacement Program

- Nothing new at this time Scheduling as time allows

D. EPA compliance

- Completed Monthly Bac-t/ Fluoride sampling for Epa compliance
- Completed Monthly Operating Reports for September 2026 for Epa compliance..
- Finishing up samples related to projects around town
- Working with Lab on Radium sampling

E. Training

- Safety Training, Lifting.
- Safety Training, Hearing.

F. General

- Assisted the Street department for AOP.
- Worked with customers and plumbers on water leaks.
- Worked with customers on meter repairs, and replacement of meters.
- Fielded phone calls related to Eastside water main breaks
- AOP related items.

Police Department Submitted by Chief Matthew Kalnins

- Trick or Treat hours are Saturday October 31st 5p-8p Please be safe.
    - Watch for cars, walk in groups and wear something reflective on your costumes.

