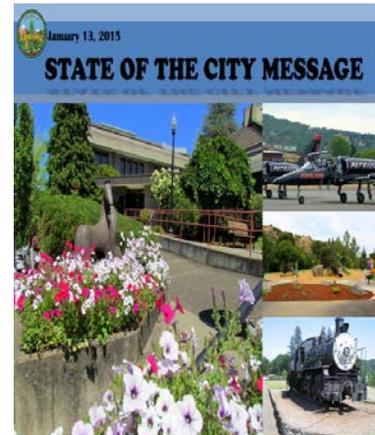


Friday January 16, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone! I would like to give a special thanks to Mayor Rich this week for his "State of the City Address" on Monday evening. Well done Mayor Rich. It is nice to have the opportunity to look back at the previous year's accomplishments and to take a brief look forward at some of the projects and activities we know will come in 2015. Again I would like to remind you that the Mayor, Council President Ryan and I will be presenting the "State of the City" at the Chamber Forum on February 9th at 11:30 a.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. I hope you all had an opportunity to take a look at the January 2015 City Connection newsletter as well. The Mayor's State of the City is included as well as other information provided by staff on where we were for the last six months. The newsletter is available in a limited print quantity and is also available on our website at:



http://www.cityofroseburg.org/files/3114/2128/1174/January_2015.pdf

I would like to remind folks that I will be out of the office next week, hopefully enjoying some sunshine at friend's place in the Palm Desert area. Monday is a holiday for all general service staff so City Hall will be closed. Sheila will be in charge in my absence. If you have any questions just let her know.

Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, January 26th when I return, and we hold a Council goal setting session on Tuesday, January 27th. I know Alison has a conflict on the 27th, and John McDonald will not be back from his military obligation, but it is essential we get moving on the big picture this month as staff will be holding its preliminary budget retreat on the 28th and we need some policy direction before we get too far along. All of Council will certainly have additional opportunities to impact the work plan relating to the goals. I will forward additional correspondence prior to goal setting to Department Heads and Council on that issue.

The Economic Development Commission met this week to review "tourism" grant applications. The Commission funded four opportunities at various levels and will be meeting again soon to discuss further refinement to our process as well as the funding criteria. All of the applications presented interesting ideas, but some did not rise to the level of funding based on both statutory and local criteria for tourism. The projects that were funded look to help put heads in beds and generate both future room tax dollars

as well as community interest in activities and events. There are no commission meetings next week, but the following week will be plenty busy for all of us!

The Budget Committee will be invited to the next City Council meeting. Ron Harker will share the December quarter ended financial report and provide a little insight into our current financial position. We continue to be in excellent financial shape and we look forward to putting together a budget that will provide a high level of service to the community and incorporate the work plan we adopt to achieve Council's goals once they are established.

Much of our work this time of year is not very visible. Rest assured staff is working diligently on funding applications and design work for spring projects and the buildings and maintenance staff is doing a great job keeping up with winter maintenance requirements. HR and Fire administrative staff are working on collective bargaining and finance staff, along with the rest of our administration is working on budget preparation and goal setting ideas. We are looking forward to our 27th goal setting session and staff's budget retreat on the 28th.

Have a great weekend everyone! See you all on the 26th.