

Good Friday afternoon everyone. Lance has been at the Oregon City/County Managers conference over in Bend since Tuesday, so I'm writing this on his behalf. He said there were around 150 attendees at the conference which will give him the opportunity to hear what other organizations around the state are doing to meet similar challenges we all face. He also mentioned there were a number of City Managers who had recently visited Roseburg and were very complimentary of our community.

On Saturday night, several thousand folks came out to Stewart Park and Fir Grove Park to enjoy the 4th of July fireworks. The fireworks are sponsored by many local businesses and private donors through the Roseburg Hometown 4th of July Committee. Entertainment started at 6:45 with three local bands playing at the Half Shell, followed by the fireworks show starting just before 10:00. The fireworks show ran about 20 minutes and appeared to be enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Committee for the work during the year to raise funds and organize the show. Also, thanks for the extra work from our Police, Fire, and especially Public Works and Parks for all the work they do to set up, clean up and keep us all safe during the event. The Fire Department was pleased with how safe the citizens and visitors were during the holiday weekend. The Department responded to only one fireworks related incident. Dry lands and extreme heat were factors that the Department prepared for. Prevention staff and online personnel continue to work together to handle fire incidents related to dry conditions in the area.



On Monday, Lance and I met with Monte Mendenhall and Diana Knous from Pacific Power to begin discussions regarding a new electric utility franchise which will need to be in place before the existing franchise expires in April of next year. Monte has been Pacific Power's Community Manager for Douglas and Coos County for years, but due to some reorganization within the company, he will now be serving as Manager for Siskiyou County and Diana will be taking his place for Douglas and Coos County. We've always had a very good working relationship with Monte and we feel confident that will continue with Diana.

The rest of the week was relatively quiet. Each department spent some time with Jasmin Vogel, the political science intern from Oregon State University who attended

our June 22nd Council meeting. I described my responsibilities as City Recorder and talked a lot about my relationship with Council. Koree explained our business registration and records management program to her. Lance took her on tour of downtown and spent time reviewing policy verses operational issues. He talked to her primarily about Council "governing" and staff implementing, and conveyed the importance of local control for rural communities. He also explained how city services differ from county and state services and how much more "direct" our services are for individual citizens. During her time with the Finance Department, she toured the IT department and got a brief explanation of the services that department provides; observed traffic court operations and met the judge and then was introduced to the world of public budgeting, financial reporting, debt management, payroll and all other functions of the Finance Department. While spending time with Community Development, she attended a pre-application meeting for the proposed UCAN building out by Costco, joined in on the site plan review for the DHS expansion at the old hospital site and helped post some abatement notices. The Fire Department administrative staff took the opportunity to give Jasmin a tour of the Public Safety Center, explain Fire Department operations, and introduce her to staff within the department. In Public Works, Jasmin toured some recent parks projects, the water treatment plant, and the City shops facility. She also sat through a Public Works staff meeting and spent some time learning about the various types of customer service Public Works provides. John spent his time with Jasmin walking through the Human Resources, benefits and risk management processes for the City. And last, but not least, Jasmin took a four-hour ride along with one of our Police Officers. I appreciate everyone taking the time to give Jasmin a glance at some of the things it takes to keep a city running.

On the project front, the Highway 138 water project is wrapping up and the contractor basically has a punch list of items to complete. And as we mentioned before, there was no onsite work this week on the Washington/Oak project in preparation for Graffiti week, but work will resume on Monday, July 13th. The contractor has been in the processing of preparing "mock ups" for approval of the colors and textures that they plan to use as part of the decorative intersections.

On Thursday, Nikki attended a meeting at ODOT where they transitioned the Highway 138 Corridor Solutions project from the design team to the construction team. They have not received a preliminary schedule from the contractor yet, but expect something later this month. Construction should begin in late July or early August which will create some traffic problems, but in the end, this project, combined with our Washington/Oak project, will bring about huge improvements to the downtown area.

In closing, I'm sure everyone is aware that we'll have more people in town *this* weekend than we have any other time of the year ~ thanks to the grand finale` of Graffiti Week – the Umpqua Flatheads' Graffiti Night Cruise in downtown Roseburg. The cooler weather should make the weekend activities more enjoyable for participants and spectators alike. This event



brings in a great deal of business to our local motels and restaurants so thanks to everyone in the community who works so hard to put the program together. Thanks also to our Public Works folks who do extra work to prepare for and help clean up after the event and to our Police Department for the extra officers they put on the street to make the event safer for all those who attend.



Have a great weekend ~ we'll see you Monday evening.