

Friday July 17, 2015

Good Friday afternoon everyone. It appears after a brief reprieve, the hot weather is returning with a vengeance this weekend. I know our maintenance staff has enjoyed temperatures back down in the 60s when the sun comes up and topping out only in the 80s. This is one of the most difficult times of the year to be working outside in the afternoons. I truly appreciate the hard work that our folks do throughout the community!

Work was back in full swing this week on the downtown project. Underground work continues in the intersections and sidewalk removal and replacement is taking place on Oak Avenue. We are sending out weekly updates on the upcoming work schedule to an ever growing e-mail list. Underground boring is in process on Main Street this week in preparation for the installation of additional antique style street lighting. We have received very positive comments regarding the contractors so far and they are moving forward pretty efficiently. We will talk with a number of business owners on Main and Jackson early next week to evaluate different options for street closure and traffic flow during the intersection construction phase that will be coming up soon.

Work will begin on the removal and replacement of the multi-use path in Charles Gardner Park in the next few weeks. That project, immediately south of Albertson's and adjacent to Newton Creek, will involve the removal of a number of small trees which are causing damage to the existing trail as well as a few larger trees which are old and unsafe for pedestrians. The asphalt will be totally removed and replaced with a ten foot wide asphalt pathway. It is amazing how much use this section of the path system gets from employees and residents who live in the area. There are two adjacent undeveloped properties on the south side of the project that are for sale. A sale pending sign has been up for a while so we are hoping that a development may be forthcoming. A contractor will also be doing bank stabilization work on the South Umpqua River bank between Deer Creek and Gaddis Park. This work is near the stabilization project that was completed last year. It is likely that we will need to do some bank restoration annually to protect this area.



Coastal Farm and Home is moving forward with their development just east of Stephens Street on Garden Valley if you have not been by there lately. They have moved a lot of fill material and are now beginning the underground work. The Rogue Valley Credit Union Building on Stephens Street next to Sonic is also coming along nicely. Community Development is staying pretty busy with a number of residential permits as well as the commercial permits mentioned here. We will put together a "building" update for you in the near future to review current trends in development both residential and commercial.

Human Resources has been busy over the last couple weeks recruiting for a part-time position in the Fire Department office as well as for the part-time compliance position. Interviews were conducted this week for both positions and I believe they have found good candidates for both. We plan to have folks in place around the first part of August. Both of

these positions will allow us to be much more efficient and expand our service to the community. As you are aware, we have been hoping to add back the compliance position for over two years and now have the budget authority to put the program back in place. As part of the service enhancements in the Community Development Department, we are also moving Chris Morgan back to full-time so we will have desk coverage from 8:00-5:00 daily for the first time in a couple of years. Human Resources and Fire Department personnel will be involved in a mediation session next Friday in an effort to resolve a few remaining issues related to our Fire collective bargaining process. That contract expired June 30th and we hope to resolve this now in a timely manner so we can move forward with a new agreement. We always hope to resolve issues short of engaging a third party, but it is sometimes a necessary step in the collective bargaining process.

We are in the process of rolling out a part of our new communications strategy that includes a third party cloud based software called Granicus. By the end of the month we should have access to a new tool on the web called SpeakUp Roseburg. It will allow us to provide for surveys, chats, and exchanges of opinions and ideas with the community. Our first two topics will be to engage folks in a conversation about voluntary water conservation and a survey of the types of compliance issues that the community thinks are most important from the list of items that are included in the municipal code. We will be starting this soon and gauging the time investment and outcomes we get as we broach new topics for discussion. We will also be rolling out a Facebook page and twitter account over the summer. According to our attorney, Council will need to adopt a social media policy prior to implementing those two communication tools.



The Economic Development Commission met this week and awarded funding through our Tourism Grant program to two groups to advertise events in the community. The Commission reviews grant applications about every six months to enhance tourism in the community. Lew Marks, Chair of the EDC and I will be attending the "Partnership" Board meeting next week. The Board will be electing new officers and receiving an update regarding a number of special projects. We will meet later this month to do some strategic planning to outline our strategies and priorities for the next couple of years. I also anticipate bringing back information to Council in the near future relating to business retention and expansion opportunities in regards to a local company. I will meet with their principles next week and hope to provide you with an update in executive session soon.

As you may be aware, the County Commissioners adopted two marijuana related ordinances at their meeting on Wednesday. The first ordinance will prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana by medical marijuana dispensaries in all rural areas within the County. That ordinance will essentially not have any impact because there are no licensed dispensaries in the County. The second ordinance will allow County voters to decide if the sale of marijuana for *both* medical and recreational purposes should be prohibited in all unincorporated parts of

the County. That matter will go before the voters at the November 2016 General Election. At your next meeting, Staff will discuss the recent legislation upon which the County's actions were based and explain the options that legislation gives the City with regard to regulating recreational marijuana.

Lastly, we have our 2015 Wings & Wheels event at the Roseburg Regional Airport tomorrow, July 18th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Airport Manager Pat has been working hard to make this year's event successful and fun for all ages. There is ramp space for up to 50 aircraft with a 1937 Eastern Airlines DC-3 taking center stage. It's believed to be the oldest flying DC-3 in existence and perhaps the oldest flying passenger plane overall. Other featured aircraft includes a 1934 Stinson flying in from the Oregon Aviation Historical Society and several firefighting and air ambulance aircraft. Plus, over 100 classic cars and hot rods are signed up to compete for trophies, along with displays of police and emergency vehicles. There are several food vendors and raffle prizes available while enjoying this free event.

Have a great weekend everyone. Stay cool.



WINGS & WHEELS
2015
July 18, 9am – 5pm

Roseburg Airport: 2241 NW Aviation Drive
SOUTH RAMP ENTRANCE
Contact Pat Longman: 541-492-6873

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