

City Manager's Message



This is my first of what I hope will be many messages from the City Manager for our semi-annual "City Connection".

In November, I was offered what I considered to be a once in a lifetime opportunity to lead the community I have called home my entire life. After spending seventeen years as the City of Roseburg's Finance Director and nine years as Roseburg Public Schools Chief Operations Officer, I was sworn in as the City's City Manager on November 16, 2012. It certainly seems like coming home.



The City has accomplished many things in the last six months since our last "City Connection" was published.

A \$2 million runway extension project was completed, and a \$5.5 million grant was received from the Federal Aviation Administration to allow for safety improvements through relocation of the airport taxiway. In addition, infrastructure improvements in North Roseburg at Stewart Parkway, Renann, Edenbower and Aviation will provide for enhanced traffic flow at a number of different intersections. The community has seen a number of projects initiated and/or completed at our local Veterans Administration Campus.



Veterans Administrative Campus

In the next few months we will focus our efforts on coordinating and blending a number of short and intermediate term plans into a cohesive strategy to provide cost effective and efficient City services for both the short and longer term. We will develop financial plans for the storm and water utilities as well as the Urban Renewal Agency. Once available

resources are identified, we can balance infrastructure and operational needs of the community.



We will also focus our energy on economic development opportunities. The City currently partners in recruitment and retention activities with The Partnership, Umpqua Business Center, the Industrial Development Board and other state and local agencies to promote business activity and job creation/retention in the Roseburg area. It is essential that our economy continues to diversify to provide opportunities for our citizens, current and future.



Umpqua Business Center

Respectfully,

C. Lance Colley
City Manger