



# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**KeizerFest** – Kudos to the Chamber of Commerce and their board for the excellent job they did with KeizerFest. They put a lot of work into it. I have heard so many positive remarks about the event.

**Budget Committee** – I felt like the budget committee did a really good job of balancing the citizens interests, while taking care of the City. Staff understands that you represent the voice of the people. I often go into budget committee with a feeling of apprehension, but most of the time, as it was this time, I come out with a great respect for the process and the people working together to come up with answers.

After Day 1 of the Budget Committee meetings, Our Executive Leadership Team met together to discuss how to adapt to the Budget Committee's needs and the direction from the first day. I really value my colleagues and their work. Of especially strong kudos, Assistant City Manager Tim Wood deserves a lot. He underreports his role in putting it together, because he's a humble guy, but he deserves every compliment.

**Community Engagement** – I attended the Keizerfest Donor lunch with most of our council and then served breakfast alongside Council President Starr at the Keizerfest tent with our Rotary Club for breakfast Friday morning.

**All Staff Meeting** – We had an all-staff meeting, and I was thrilled with how social everyone was together. We talked about what our values of responsible, excellent, accessible, compassionate, and helpful mean to us in terms of behaviors. Assistant City Manager Tim Wood did an update on what's in the budget. We closed off with some motivational remarks about living values.

**PERS** – Oregon PERS has been able to move forward on correcting of retiree's pensions. That's good news! We have had a few correspondences with retirees this week.

**Illegal Junk Removal** – We have had some illegal garbage hauling in our community. City Attorney Joseph Lindsay will be sending a letter letting them know that they cannot operate in Keizer without a franchise agreement.

## **Public Works**

### Parks & Facilities Division

Staff is working on getting the Splash Fountain de-winterized and tested so it is ready to go after school gets out next month.

The building permit for the bathrooms/concession building for the Turf Fields Phase 2 project was applied for this week.

### Water Division

The contractor for the watermain replacement project completed the disinfection process this week and the samples came back good. The contractor will begin switching services over to the new main next week.

The annual Water Quality Report has been delivered.

### Streets/Stormwater Division

The contractor for Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) completed demolishing the house on Verda Lane to allow for the re-alignment of Claxter Road.

The annual maintenance of the storm pumps in Keizer Station was performed this week.

Staff deployed all of the traffic control devices for the parade and will pick them up after the parade on Saturday.

### Environmental & Technical Division

The bids for the Claggett Creek Wetlands Enhancement project were received on Thursday. The apparent low bid came in at \$1,193,330 which is just under the engineer's estimate of \$1.2 million. The Budget Committee's recommended budget does not provide enough funding to complete the project. Staff is considering options. One of the options is to eliminate the raised trail between Chemawa and Dearborn.

Outdoor school was held this week at Keizer Rapids Park. 5th-grade students from Keizer Elementary and Mary Eyre Elementary School participated.



