

Here is your weekly update for the week ending June 18.

### **Parks & Facilities Division:**

- Staff has been working on getting the Splash Fountain de-winterized and operational for opening next Tuesday. They discovered one of the filter pumps has failed and have ordered a new one in addition to having the failed pump motor re-built. We will be attempting to run with only one of the filter pumps, until we get the new or rebuilt pump motor, but have not tried this before and really don't know if this is possible.

Westlake Chemical in Longview Washington suffered a major electrical component failure that has forced the plant to be offline until the end of June at a minimum. This plant supplies chlorine chemicals used to disinfect drinking water and treat wastewater to Oregon, Washington, Idaho and northern California. Our supplier for the chlorine used by the Splash Fountain has notified us that they do not know when they will be able to supply us the product needed to operate the fountain. We have enough on hand to operate the Splash Fountain for a few days but until we are able to acquire more we will be forced to shut the Splash Fountain down when we run out of the chlorine we have.

This situation affects most drinking water treatment plant and wastewater treatment facilities so we expect those needs will be addressed first before chlorine is available for pools and Splash Fountains. We do not expect this to affect our drinking water system much as we only use a small amount of chlorine at one site and we have enough on hand to operate for a few weeks. If we are not able to acquire more chlorine for this one site, we have enough other sources to use that there should not be an impact to providing drinking water to the city.

### **Environmental & Technical Division:**

- Interviews for the Senior Environmental Technician were held this week.

### **Street/Stormwater Operations Division:**

- Staff has a Recovery Scoping Meeting scheduled with FEMA on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This is the next step in the Public Assistance grant process for the City to receive reimbursement for costs associated with the ice storm.

### **Water Division:**

- Staff is finalizing the Risk and Resilience Plan and will be submitting it to the Federal Government next week.

### **Planning Department**

#### **Building Permits**

- The 911 Supply store has received final approvals and will be opening at their new location soon
- A building permit was issued for a new 8-unit apartment complex on Clearview - construction is underway
- A building permit application for a new 15 unit apartment complex on Chemawa was applied for this week
- Multiple building permits have been received for a new subdivision off Bair Rd

#### **Code Enforcement**

- We have been keeping busy responding to code enforcement calls. Generally this is our busiest time of year with call volume

## Planning

- Staff is working to get our Planning Assistance Grant Application completed so it can be submitted by the end of June. If successful, we will receive consultant support to modify the Development Code to comply with the provisions of HB2001 related to “middle housing”
- A new subdivision request has been made for property on Tepper Lane for a residential subdivision. The public hearing before the Hearings Officer is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>
- A Conditional Use Permit was issued for St. Edwards Church for the installation of an electronic message sign to replace the existing manual reader board

## Finance Department

- The State has not yet applied for the ARPA funds, this means that the City, as a non-entitlement city, will likely not receive our share of the funds until sometime in August.

## League of Oregon Cities Weekly Statewide Conference Call:

- **Governor’s Office:** The Governor’s Office is in a countdown to the 70% vaccination rate. We are currently seeing the percent vaccinated increase by 0.1% per day. With the vaccination rate we should see restrictions go away by the end of June. With the reopening of the State we will be moving from an emergency situation to a management situation. It is not expected that COVID-19 will go away as it will continue to surge in areas with low vaccination rates.
- **OEM:** Emergency center is activated in response to the chlorine shortage. Currently in the investigation stage to identify which water and wastewater systems will be impacted. Currently no need for panic as worst case scenario is a boil mandate.