
March 8, 2024

To: City Council
From: Mayor Gary Vegar
Re: Weekly Report



Upcoming Events approved by the City:

- Prosser Easter Egg Hunt on Sat, March 30th at 10:00 am located at Prosser City Park hosted by: the Chamber of Commerce
- Prosser Community Easter Event on Sat, March 30th at 11:00 am located at 1332 Meade Ave – in the Parking Lot, hosted by: Life Point Church of God

Council & Staff Training:

- At the Tuesday, March 5th Special City Council meeting, Council participated in a Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Incident Management System (NIMS) emergency preparedness training. This session was hosted by Deanna Davis and Carli Luppold from Benton County Emergency Management (BCEM). Mayor, Council and several Department Heads are now certified in Incident Command Systems (ICS) 100C and ICS 200C courses. Departmental Supervisors are also taking the courses in the weeks to follow.

Police Department Updates:

- The City is now accepting applications from internal candidates for the Chief of Police position. Once the application period closes the City will review the applications and conduct interviews. The City will gather representatives from our stakeholders and partner agencies to conduct these interviews and help inform our decision on the City of Prosser's next Police Chief.
- PD received two brand new SUV's.
- Officer Bustamante completed Field Training Officer School and Officer Garza completed Defense Tactics Instructor training.

City Hall/Police Station Replacement Project Status:

- Mayor and City staff have issued a letter to the Benton County Commissioners and Administrators for the purpose of re-engaging the County in conversations related to a space analysis and possibility of shared resources.
- City staff are working through the [Background, Site & Criteria Model](#) and are preparing a property analysis on potential locations. This information will come forward to the City Council for discussion at an upcoming Council meeting.
- More information regarding the status of the project can be found on the City's website at: [CH/PD Project - City of Prosser, Washington](#)

Ribbon Cutting:

- The Prosecco House – there's a brand new Airbnb in town located at 1228 Playfield Ave. Ribbon cutting will occur this Sunday, March 10th at 4 pm. City Council Members are invited to attend.

Public Works:

- Streets/Parks – Current project/tasks include: sweeping schedule, tree trimming, cold mix patching, leveling of Crawford Park grass, vegetation spraying
- Water – Current project/tasks include: water quality report, consumer confidence report, meter replacements, meter relocation behind Mercer Building
- Wastewater - Current project/tasks include: sewer rodding, pump maintenance
- Zone 2.5 Waterline Extension – Kinney Way to Kelandren – HLA Project No. 23144
Received WSDOT permit, remaining 600’ of pipe to be installed in WSDOT right of way week of March 11th
- Benton Franklin Council of Governments (BFCOG) – Monthly meeting

Community Development:

- The Building and Planning Department would like to remind businesses that sandwich board signs placed on public sidewalks or right-of-way requires a permit. In addition no sign may block the minimum widths established under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Last week Building Department Staff completed the annual Educode training hosted by the International Code Council (ICC) as part of the continuing education requirements in order to maintain certification through the ICC. Inspectors who hold a certification through the ICC are required to renew each certification every three years.
- The City is also accepting applications for seasonal positions at the Prosser Aquatic Center (PAC). Applications can be found on the City of Prosser website. [Job Opportunities | City of Prosser, WA](#)
[Job Opportunities \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

City Hall Tour:

- Last week Mayor Vegar and City staff hosted the Primary Activity Girls from the Rattlesnake Mountain Congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for an afternoon of learning about all things city government. These young ladies were full of energy and lots of really great questions about how a City works. They even had the opportunity to check out one the brand new Prosser PD vehicles!

