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**March 15, 2024**

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



**Upcoming Events approved by the City:**

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

**Free Dump Vouchers:**

- Each Prosser residence can request four vouchers which can be redeemed for four free trips to the Prosser Transfer Station. These vouchers can be requested or picked up at City Hall. The Prosser Transfer Station is open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9AM – 5PM.

**Police Chief Recruitment Status:**

- The City is two weeks into the month long process of hiring a Police Chief. We chose to post an internal announcement beginning February 29<sup>th</sup>. Through a letter of interest, a single candidate applied and responded to three screening questions graded by a screening panel completed March 15<sup>th</sup>. The candidate will interview with two panels – first a “community panel” comprised of community members and second a panel made-up of primality law enforcement personnel. The screening questions and the two interview panel questions will be criterion based with specific “look fors” that screeners and panel members will hold in common. Panel interviews are scheduled for On Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We expect the entire hiring process to wrap up with a recommendation to either hire or continue the search. On behalf of the City, we believe a good hiring process will lead to a good hiring outcome that will fulfil needs of the Prosser Police Department and the entire City of Prosser. At the end of the hiring process the City will host a community open house and celebration – date to be determined.

**Staff Training:**

- On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> City Hall will be closed so that staff can participate in Active Shooter training. We would like to thank Prosser School District and their security team for providing this important training to our staff.

**Public Works:**

- Streets/Parks – Current project/tasks include: sweeping schedule, tree branch cleanup, aerating of parks, vegetation spraying, constructed new platform steps at the Community Center, repairs to walk in freezer at the Community Center, janitorial at all facilities, Inert Landfill reporting and renewal application, monthly safety meeting, bi-weekly Supervisors meeting
- Water – Current project/tasks include: Water Quality Monitoring Report (WQMR) data collection, Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) data collection, Water Use Efficiency (WUE) waste, city meter replacements, development meter installs, hydrant flushing, monthly safety meeting, bi-weekly Supervisors meeting

- Wastewater – Current project/tasks: mechanical joint replacement (sludge pump room), industrial discharge flow readings (daily), Bio Solids Report (yearly), Lift Station 3 pump cleaning, primary clarifier maintenance, bi-weekly Supervisors meeting
- Zone 2.5 Waterline Extension, HLA Project No. 23144 – Waterline install in state right of way along SR22, restoration of utility easement, weekly project meeting
- Lower Valley Pathway Connection to Merlot, TIB No. P-E-923 (P02)-1 – Authorization letter from TIB to Bid, project advertised
- Chardonnay/Merlot Sidewalk Improvements, HLA Project No. 24035E – Project advertised
- Utility Worker, Water Dept. vacancy – Reviewing applications

**Community Development:**

- The Building Department provided an update on ADA curb ramp mapping, Permitting & Inspection software, and Fire Prevention at the March 12<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.
- The Building Department attended a pre-construction meeting with the general contractor for the Boys & Girls Club project at 999 Paterson Road.

**Police Department:**

- “Coffee with a Cop” is scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at City Park (will be held after the Easter Egg Hunt).
- Officer’s Bustamante, Garza and Colvig joined West Benton Fire Rescue and assisted in the Prosser Shining Star pageant this last weekend.

