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**March 29, 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 10am located at Prosser City Park hosted by: the Chamber of Commerce.
- Prosser Community Easter Event on Sat, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 11am located at 1332 Meade Ave – in the Parking Lot, hosted by: Life Point Church of God.
- Prosser Science Expo on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am located at Prosser City Park hosted by: Science Exploration and Education.

**Police Department:**

- “Coffee with a Cop” is scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 12pm at Brewminatti. Brewed coffee will be offered to those in attendance, all other menu items will be available for purchase.

**Public Works:**

- Streets/Parks: Current project/tasks include: sweeping schedule, vegetation spraying, mowing, Kick Broom rental from Benton County, painting athletic fields at Parks, janitorial at all facilities, park restroom preparation for summer, bi-weekly Supervisors meeting
- Water: Current project/tasks include: city meter replacements, development meter installs, loading, baking, flushing sections of zone 2.5 waterline, irrigation preparation, bi-weekly Supervisors meeting
- Wastewater: Current project/tasks: WWTP maintenance, jetting of sewer mainlines
- Zone 2.5 Waterline Extension, HLA Project No. 23144 – restoration of utility easement, preparation of curb, gutter sidewalk and street patches, BacT and pressure testing of waterline, weekly project meeting
- Lower Valley Pathway Connection to Merlot Project: Bid opening
- Chardonnay/Merlot Sidewalk Improvements Project: Bid opening
- Utility Worker, Water Dept Vacancy: Interviews (7 candidates)
- Training: Two (2) wastewater employees registered for WW Operator 2 pre-exam, three (3) employees, 1 water, 1 street, 1 building dept. registered for Cross Connection exam

**Community Development:**

- The Building Department has seen an increase in the submission of new applications for Single Family Dwelling Units over the past week.
- Planning Department has been awarded a grant for Climate Change Planning by the Washington State Department of Commerce. This is part of a multi-year project to plan for, and implement goals and policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### City Hall/Police Station Replacement Project Status:

- Mayor and staff continue their efforts working through the [Background, Site & Criteria Model](#) analyzing potential locations for the City Hall/PD. In the meantime, a series of meetings with Benton County Commissioners and Administrative staff. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the possibility of shared space and operational costs between the City and County at the Benton County Court House. Scheduled meetings are outlined as follows:
  - **March 28, 2024, 3:30 PM Court House Conversations Planning Meeting with Commissioner Alvarez, Mayor Vegar and Rachel Shaw.**
  - **April 2, 2024, 10:00 AM Court House Walk-Thru.** Purpose: View current available space and exchange questions and answers. Mayor, City Department Heads, Council Members, will meet with Commissioner Alvarez, and County staff for the walk-thru.
  - **Follow-up discussion – date to be determine. Purpose: Identify possible operational costs to share between City and County.** Some examples may include: grounds, maintenance, utilities, IT, copy machines, office expenses, etc. The City will gather current utilities, office and technical expenses to share with the County and have requested the County to do the same for our mutual analysis and discussion.
  - **Follow-up discussion – date to be determine. Purpose: Determine shared operating and building costs for a possible mutually supportive agreement**
- More information regarding the status of the project can be found on the City's website at: [CH/PD Project - City of Prosser, Washington](#)

*All park restrooms will be fully opened April 1st.*



*Restrooms will be opened each morning and locked at night until seasonal closure in late October.*