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**April 5, 2024**

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



**Upcoming Events approved by the City:**

- Prosser Science Expo, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am, Prosser City Park, hosted by: Science Exploration and Education
- Mother Son Dance, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm, Prosser KRV Gym, hosted by: Prosser Parks and Recreation

**Community Development:**

- Just a reminder that the Community Development office is located at 1109 Meade Ave between Banner Bank and the US Post Office. Please schedule an appointment by calling 509-786-8212 or emailing Steve Zetz at [szetz@ci.prosser.wa.us](mailto:szetz@ci.prosser.wa.us) to ensure that someone will be available to meet you when you arrive.

**Public Works:**

- Streets/Parks – Current project/tasks include: sweeping schedule, vegetation spraying, mowing, painting athletic fields at Parks, janitorial at all facilities, sign replacement, park restrooms opened
- Water – Current project/tasks include: city meter replacements, development meter installs, witness pressure testing sections of Zone 2.5 waterline, irrigation box turn-on's
- Wastewater – Current project/tasks: WWTP maintenance
- Zone 2.5 Waterline Extension, HLA Project No. 23144 – restoration of utility easement, valve adjustments to grade and concrete collars, BacT and pressure testing of waterline, weekly project meeting
- Lower Valley Pathway Connection to Merlot, TIB No. P-E-923 (P02)-1 – Recommendation to Award at 4/9 Regular City Council meeting
- Chardonnay/Merlot Sidewalk Improvements, HLA Project No. 24035E – Recommendation to Award at 4/9 Regular City Council meeting
- Utility Workers Water Dept. – Two (2) candidates offered vacant positions, 1<sup>st</sup> hire Robert Slack began work on 4/3
- Training – Two employees, 1 water, 1 streets, took Pesticide Applicators License exam, two employees (wastewater) took Operator 2 exam

**Recreation:**

- Pool: Staff interviews have started. A pool manager and supervisor have been hired, their first work day was this week. We have 28 returning staff. Working with pool manager on dates for lifeguard certification classes.
- Events: Mother Son Dance decoration supplies have been bought, social media reminder announcement was made as well as email blast. Created and open registration for the Community Wide Yard Sale and season pool passes.
- Sports: Conducted coaches meeting and referees training last week for all three spring sports. Football's first game is this weekend, and soccer academy and volleyball first practice will start

Tuesday, 4/9. Big thank you to Abi, Jordan and Kristen for getting the coaches and referees bags put together. Will advertise and open baseball registration this week, we have a new age group this year.

- Special Events Applications: Have received multiple applications and sponsorship requests for events. Some of them have been routed for approval, and some are on hold until next week.
- New Rec Temp: Kristen Dennis accepted the position of temporary Recreation Assistant, she started this week. Welcome Kristin!

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

- This past Tuesday, 4/2, Mayor Gary Vegar led a team comprised of City Department Heads along with Council Members Anna Kellogg and Marisela Sanchez to tour the Benton County Court House. Our team was met by Commissioner Michael Alvarez, County Administrator Jerrod MacPherson, Treasurer Kenneth Spencer, and Auditor Brenda Chilton. The purpose of the tour was to review the feasibility of using ground floor spaces of the Court House for City use. At our next City and County meeting (to be scheduled) we will review possible building and business operational costs that may be shared by both government agencies. The overall purpose of our meetings is to hold conversations regarding the possible sharing of space and operation costs between City of Prosser and Benton County at the Benton County Court House.