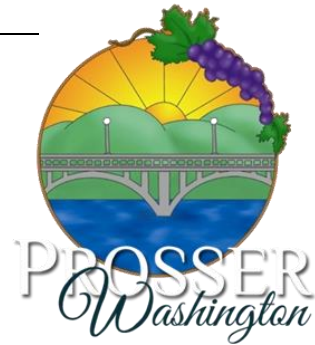


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**May 3, 2024**

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



**Public Service Recognition Week:**

At the April 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting, Mayor Vegar and City Council proclaimed May 5 – 11, 2024, to be “Public Service Recognition Week” in Prosser and urged citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of public servants at all levels. Public Service Recognition Week is held on the first full week of May each year to set aside time to recognize local government employees for the great work and service they provide to their communities. The City of Prosser “celebrated” a little early this year. During this last week staff had the opportunity to tour City facilities and participate in different activities that highlighted the work done by the different departments.

Be sure to check out the City of Prosser social media pages next week as we highlight some of fun had during these tours/activities. And if you see a City employee (Public Works, Police, Building, Planning, Recreation, City Hall staff, etc.) be sure to say hello! We are positive they will appreciate the recognition of their public service.

**Building Department:**

- This week staff met with West Benton Fire Rescue to discuss the future for key box standards and the Firewise program through the National Fire Protection Agency.
- Next week brochures will be available that contain information to help residents perform a fire hazard risk assessment of their properties as we enter the 2024 fire season. These will be available at City Hall.

**Public Works:**

- Streets/Parks – Current project/tasks include: Sweeping schedule, vegetation spraying, mowing, PAC preparation, janitorial at all facilities, irrigation repairs Parks, concrete curb patching, UTC defect repairs (RR crossings), sign replacement
- Water – Current project/tasks include: City meter replacements, development meter installs, irrigation repairs, hydrant flow testing, CCR, CCS and WUE reporting to DOH
- Wastewater – Current project/tasks: WWTP maintenance, WW yard cleanup, SBR 2 maintenance, chemical purchase (polymer)
- Zone 2.5 Waterline Extension Project: Scheduled final project walk thru
- Lower Valley Pathway Connection to Merlot: Contracts signed, Pre-Construction meeting scheduled
- Chardonnay/Merlot Sidewalk Improvements Project: Contracts signed, Pre-Construction meeting scheduled
- Water Pump Rebuild Project: Raw water pump 3 scheduled to be removed at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP)
- Water Supervisor, Tom Stewart, scheduled Water Distribution Manager 2 (WDM2) testing

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

We are continuing our work using the [Background and Site Criteria Model](#) for siting the City Hall and Police Station. For technical data and financial assumptions, we are using the three previous studies:

- (1) [2021 Study](#) completed by KDA Architecture
- (2) 2022 [City Hall](#) and [Police Station](#) insurance estimates provided by MKA International, Inc.
- (3) City Department Heads estimates.

We are currently wrapping up our analysis of 14 locations with variations.

Next, we plan to share the technical data with our community and then gather perceptual data from our community's stakeholders. We will use a survey instrument that is being developed by the Building Department to disseminate and collect stakeholder input.

An important part of our work is to keep the cost of analysis at a minimum by using past studies and relying on expertise from City and County department heads and administrators.

In addition, Benton County Commissioners recently submitted answers to [12 questions](#) created by City administration and department heads. The questions were specific to Court House property purchase and lease options, two annex buildings, renovation, parking, office and conference spaces and related sharing of resources and cost splits between the City and County. You may view all of the referenced documents as well as previous project information at [www.cityofprosser.com/chpdproject](http://www.cityofprosser.com/chpdproject).