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BY ENGAGING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO DEVELOP AN ENRICHED QUALITY OF LIFE.**



**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL – CITY OF ONTARIO OREGON
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026, 6:00 PM, MT
[Zoom Link](#)**

Pursuant to the Public Meetings Laws and Rules within the Oregon Revised Statutes, the City Council has the authority, ability, and standing to take action on any items on the Agenda, or add items to the Agenda, during the Study Session or Regular Meeting, as long as all public meeting notice requirements have been met.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Susann Mills _____ Michael Braden _____ Ken Hart _____ Adrianna Contreras _____ John Kirby _____
Council President Penny Bakefelt _____ Mayor Deborah Folden _____

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This Agenda was posted on May 8, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

3) MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

4) CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Adoption of Council Meeting Minutes: April 28, 2026
- B) Proclamation: Elk's Youth Week

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS Citizens may address the Council; however, Council may not be able to provide an immediate answer or response. Out of respect to the Council and others in attendance, please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. Please state your name and city of residence for the record.

6) NEW BUSINESS

- A) Ordinance #2846-2026: Repealing OMC Title 2, Chapters 3, 4, and 9

7) PUBLIC HEARING

- A) Deed of Dedication: Public Right of Way for Street and Public Utilities (8C School District to City)

8) DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

- A) Public Works: Quarterly Report

9) DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A) Requested Letter of Support: Treasure Valley Paramedics
- B) Request Letter of Support: County Resolution by Riley Hill

10) HAND-OUTS

- A) Minutes:
County Court 04-15-2026; PWC 01-20-2026; Airport 04-06-2026

11) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

12) ADJOURN



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 28, 2026

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Susann Mills, Michael Braden, John Kirby, Adriana Contreras, Ken Hart, and Penny Bakefelt.

Staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Kari Ott, Andy Wood, Tatiana Burgess, Casey Mordhorst, Marshall Pierce, and Jason Cooper.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted Friday, April 24, 2026. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

Councilor Braden asked to amend the Agenda to add action item 7B, Apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant.

BRADEN moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

HART moved, MILLS seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2026**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

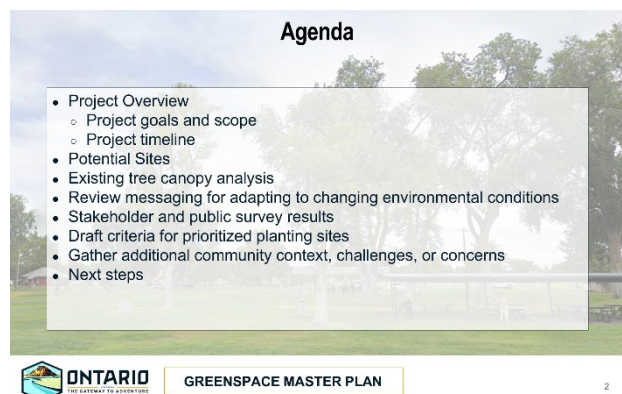
PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Thompson, Revitalize Ontario, stated: *Mayor and Council, Tom Thompson. I live in Boise, Idaho, but I'm with Revitalize Ontario. Just wanted to give a couple updates as it kind of pertains to the Greenspace Master Plan. Susan and the great team at Andrews Seed has started planting Oregon Street. We've got all our rocks and boulders out, and then Friday starts the Friday Night Markets for the Depot group down at the Moore Park area, so it would be a great time to come down and see what they're doing, walk Oregon Street, see how we've upgraded that. They're starting at 5, and they'll have a band Burn, Burn from 6 to 8, so it should be a pretty good time. I'd like to invite everyone to come see us.*

PRESENTATION

Greenspace Master Plan: Greenworks PC

Matt Piccone, Greenworks, presented.



Project Scope and Process Summary

Project Goal

Locate 80-100 trees city-wide that will make the most positive impacts for the community. Provide guidance to maintain their health over time.

Process Summary

Tree Canopy Analysis

Understand the existing city-wide condition, and inform prioritization of planting areas. Inform future tree ordinances and private development code.

Tree Inventory

Identify maintenance issues, tree replacements, infill locations, and inform the prioritization process.

Vulnerability Assessment

Inform the selection of species planting in the implementation phase. Inform the update of preferred tree species list.

Community Engagement

Understand current conditions, challenges, obstacles for stakeholders. Understand public impressions and priorities. Opportunity for public feedback on proposed solutions.



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Implementation Recommendations

Supplemental Guidance

Soil Analysis and Amendments

Work with local soil lab to test soil samples and provide recommended amendments to ensure healthy tree growth for selected species.

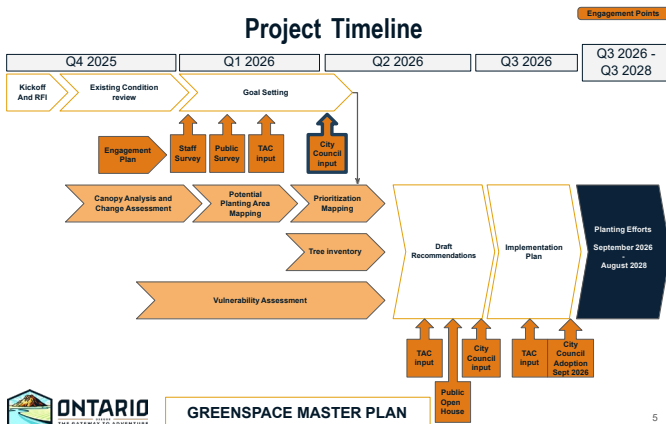
Tree Maintenance

Provide best practices for pruning, watering, mulching, and other basic tree care.

Installation Guidance

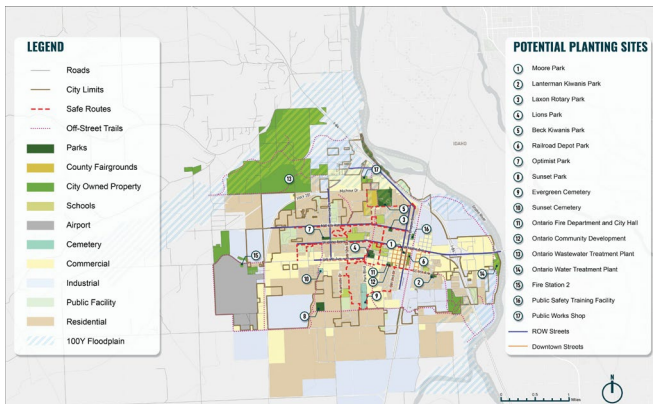
Provide guidelines for creating good conditions at time of tree installation to help with establishment.

Project Timeline



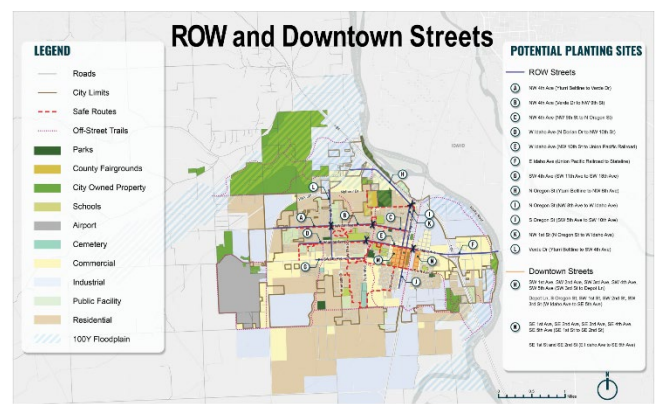
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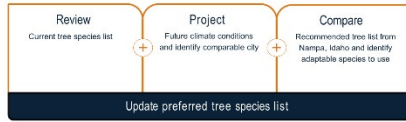
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Adapting to Changing Environmental Conditions



Climate Change Vulnerability Ratings for Northwest Urban Trees

Table Key:

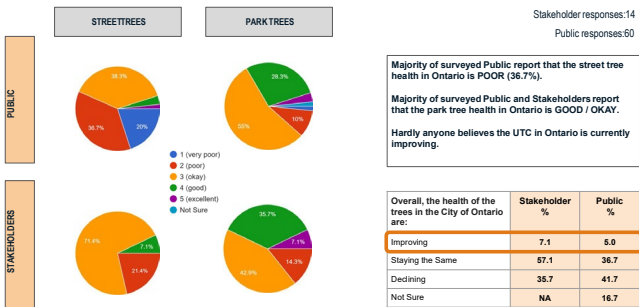
Urban Adaptability	Zone Suitability	Vulnerability
High: Species may perform better than intended	Zone Suitable	Low: Suitable zone, high adaptability
Medium	Non Suitable	Low/moderate: Suitable zone, medium adaptability
Low: Species may perform worse than intended		Moderate: Suitable zone, low adaptability or zone suitable, high vulnerability
		Moderate-high: Zone not suitable, medium adaptability
		High: Zone not suitable, low adaptability

Table 8: Climate vulnerability and suitability of urban trees in the Pacific Northwest based on Climate Change Resilience Assessment (BRAC)

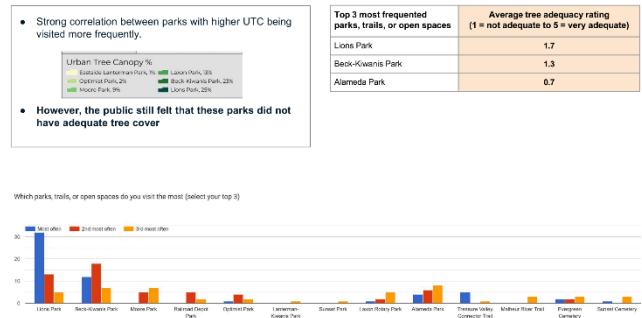
Common Name** (Maple/Redwood)	HEAT ONLY		HEAT & HARDNESS	
	Urban Adaptability	Zone Suitability	Zone Suitability	Vulnerability
Aspen pine	●	●	●	●
Allegheny sycamore	●	●	●	●
American beech	●	●	●	●
American beech	●	●	●	●
American elm	●	●	●	●
American holly	●	●	●	●
American smoke tree	●	●	●	●



Mixed Survey Results



Public Survey Results



Survey Results

Rate the following tree qualities or benefits for Ontario to consider for planting new trees (1 being not important and 5 being very important) (Provides shade and cooling)	Stakeholder Average Score	Public Average Score
Provides shade and cooling	4.1	4.3
Native or Climate-adaptive (low water needs, pest-resistant)	4.5	4.1
Supports local wildlife	2.9	3.9
Flood and erosion control	3.1	3.6
Low debris (minimal fruit, seed pods, or messy leaves)	3.8	3.4
Beautification (fall foliage, spring flowers, fragrance)	3.5	3.4
Evergreen trees	3.1	3.2

Overall, Stakeholders and Public are fairly aligned in priority of new tree qualities and which places could benefit from more tree canopy.

However, the surveyed public places more of an importance on new trees supporting local wildlife and believes commercial streets/sidewalks and residential streets need more UTC than surveyed stakeholders.

How much could each of these amenities or places benefit from additional tree canopy? (1 being not beneficial and 5 being very beneficial)	Stakeholder Average Score	Public Average Score
Parks: Picnic areas	4.6	4.2
Parks: Spaces near sports court / fields for spectators or rest	4.1	4.0
Public: Pathways / trails	3.6	4.0
Commercial streets and sidewalks	2.9	3.9
Public plazas	3.7	3.8
Parks: Play areas	3.4	3.8
Residential streets with low existing tree cover	3.1	3.8
Parks: Open lawn	3.9	3.6
Parking lots	2.9	3.5
Public buildings (City Hall, Fire Stations, etc.)	3.1	3.4
Cemeteries	2.9	3.3

Rate the importance of each of these ideas found in previous Ontario planning documents (1 being not important and 5 being very important)	Stakeholder Average Score	Public Average Score
Designated Safe Routes to Schools (on public sidewalks)	4.1	4.4
An off-street trail system	3.2	4.1
Downtown beautification and wayfinding	3.2	4.0

Mixed Survey Comments

"I am not aware that the city council has been asked for funds to help. Our issue is more of a lack of vision vs. funding."

"Remove all siberian-chinese elm from publicly owned land, remove all Tree of Heaven from city limits. Replace with long lived shade trees."

"There are a lot of small trees planted along East Idaho Ave that haven't seemed to grow in years"

"The parts of the park with tree cover don't have the play area which means in high heat they are too hot to play on. The tennis courts are to hard to use when it's hot."

Common Themes: Funding, Maintenance, Shade/ Cooling, Species Selection, More trees



Draft Criteria

Where to plant more trees?

- Provide shade near play areas in parks?
- Provide shade near sports courts or fields in parks?
- Provide shade near picnic areas?
- Accessible to the public?
- Provide multiple benefits along safe routes?
- Help with onsite tree succession
- In an area with low existing tree canopy? (less than 7% UTC by CBS)
- In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures (≥116°F)?
- Within the 100 year floodplain?

Which species of trees to plant?

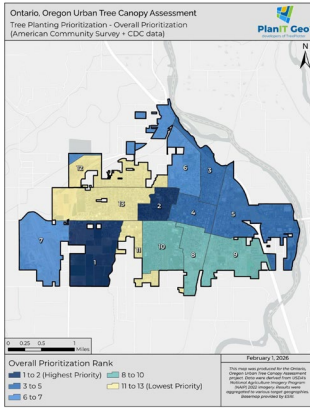
- Provides shade and cooling
- Flood and erosion control
- Evergreen trees
- Native or Climate-adaptive (low water needs, pest-resistant)
- Low debris (minimal fruit, seed pods, or messy leaves)
- Supports local wildlife
- Reafforestation (fall foliage, spring flowers, fragrance)



GIS Prioritization: Demographic Vulnerability

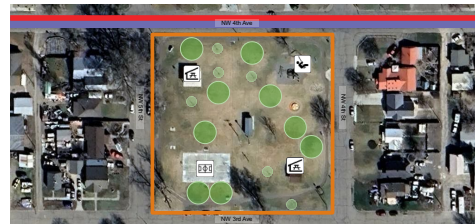
The map to the right represents an equally-weighted combination of the following factors to indicate how census blocks within the City reflect demographic factors. The higher rankings reflect more vulnerable community members.

1. Human Health Index: Composite index of asthma, mental health, physical health, and coronary heart disease prevalence, sourced from the CDC Places dataset
2. Poverty Rate (sourced from the American Community Survey)
3. Unemployment Rate (sourced from the ACS)
4. Dependency Ratio (sourced from the ACS)
5. Median Household Income (sourced from the ACS)
6. Lack of HS Diploma/GED (sourced from the ACS)



Laxon Rotary Park

	GOALS											Total Priority Score			
	Will additional trees at the site...							Is the site...							
Laxon Rotary Park	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	18



Applies to QDF Grant: **Y / N**

Could be funded through a separate project: **Y / N**

LEGEND

- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Sports Field / Court
- Site Boundary
- ROW Street
- Safe Routes
- Potential Added Shade Tree
- Existing Young Tree

Summary Scoring Table

	GOALS											Total Priority Score			
	Will additional trees at the site...							Is the site...							
Moore Park	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	13
Lantern Knolls Park	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	tbd	0	2	2	1	2	17
Laxon Rotary Park	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	18
Lions Park	0	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	16
Rock Knolls Park	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	2	tbd	2	1	1	1	2	17
Railroad Depot Park	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	tbd	0	2	1	2	2	11
Optimist Park	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	tbd	0	1	1	0	2	11
Sunset Park	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	0	0	0	0	0	3
Evergreen Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	1	10
Sunset Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	tbd	0	1	1	0	1	7



Summary Scoring Table

	GOALS											Total Priority Score			
	Will additional trees at the site...							Is the site...							
Ontario Fire Dept. and City Hall	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	10
Ontario Community Development	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	tbd	0	1	1	1	2	11
Ontario Wastewater Treatment Plant	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	2			tbd	0	5
Ontario Water Treatment Plant	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	tbd	2	2	2	2	2	11
Fire Station 2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	0	2	2	1	1	9
Public Safety Training Facility	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	tbd	0	1	0	2	0	8
Public Works Shop	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	tbd	2	1	1	1	0	8



ROW and Downtown Streets Summary Table

Rpt. Strong alignment to GreenSpace Master Plan	GOALS											Total Priority Score				
	Will additional trees at the site...						Is the site...									
Substrate: Ideal substrate, conditions suitable (1)	Provide shade near public courts or fields in parks?	Provide shade near city areas in parks?	Provide shade near downtown Ontario?	Provide benefits along off-street bike?	Provide benefits along walk routes?	Provide benefits along ROW streets?	Provide shade within or adjacent to residential areas?	Help with usable tree placement?	With in the 100 year frequency?	In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures?	In an area with low existing tree canopy?	In a demographic vulnerability area?	Accessable to the public?			
A	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	btd	0	1	1	0	2	10	
B	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	btd	0	1	1	1	2	12
C	0	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	btd	0	1	1	1	2	14
D	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	btd	0	1	1	0	2	12
E	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	1	btd	0	2	1	2	2	16
F	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	btd	1	2	2	2	2	15
G	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	0	btd	0	1	1	1	2	11
H	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	btd	2	1	1	1	1	12
I	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	2	btd	0	1	0	2	2	12
J	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	btd	0	1	1	1	2	10
K	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	2	btd	0	1	0	2	2	12
L	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	btd	0	1	1	0	2	10
M	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	btd	0	2	1	2	2	13
N	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	btd	0	2	2	2	2	11



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Council Feedback

What are some community challenges or concerns that you would like us to understand and consider?



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Council Feedback

What are some thoughts around the project messaging?



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Council Feedback

What are some thoughts around the recommendation approach?



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Councilor Kirby suggested they reach out to the OSU Experiment Station or maybe landscapers in this area, to address the high alkali in the soil.

Mr. Piccone stated they could reach out, as they were open to other partners. The current approach was to look at the priority sites, and to take a sampling to do a physical soil analysis. They were going to instruct staff and volunteers on how to follow that process. They would send the samples to a soils lab, who would give a broad sampling of areas across the city as to what the soil composition was, and what recommendations they would make to make amendments for their species list. There would be an in-depth analysis on that. He had not included it in his presentation, but some of the GIS mapping that was done, did map out the different types. The city had five or six major swathes of different types of soil, and they had that mapped out. They would be using the city-wide mapping, along with onsite soil sample testing. However, if Councilor Kirby had a name of who to reach out to at OSU, he'd be happy to reach out to them.

Councilor Mills stated the existing trees in the parks, once they started the planting, were those trees being moved as the new ones developed, so all the shade was not being removed? She was aware that some of them were nearing the need to be removed. Was it a process of planting new trees, waiting until they developed, and then removing the older ones?



Mr. Piccone stated many cities grappled with public perception when seeing trees, even if they were unhealthy and a hazard risk, there was always pushback on why they were being removed. They were in a phased approach, which could be adjusted. It was typically a seven-to-ten-year phase out of trees, and there was currently an individual on site flagging anything that was an immediate risk. They did not want any liability hazards, fall risks from storms, etc., to ever be an issue, so the why of removing specific trees would need to be clearly communicated. He added that trees that were healthy and not a risk, they wanted to leave them in place. They were not looking to clear-cut the parks and to start new. That would not work. To get rid of them all and start over, would be a detriment to the community and the spaces. They would work with the Arborist to make recommendations on how to appropriately phase out trees they felt should be removed. It would mostly be an infill project.

Next Steps...

- Public tree inventory (In progress)
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Draft Recommendations
- TAC meeting #2
- Public Open House



Scoring Guidelines

Site name	GOALS										Total Priority Score		
	Will additional trees at the site...					Is the site...							
	Provide shade near courts or fields or parks?	Provide shade near play areas or parks?	Provide shade near picnic areas?	Provide benefits in downtown Ontario?	Provide benefits along transit routes?	Provide benefits along major roads?	Provide shade within or adjacent to residential areas?	Help with create tree succession?	Within the 100 year floodplain?	In an area with significant urban heat island temperatures?	In an area with low existing tree canopy?	In a demographic vulnerability area?	Accessible to the public?

High: Strong alignment or significant benefit (8-12)

Medium: Mixed outcomes, conditional liability (6-7)

Low: Weak alignment or potential conflict (0-5)

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0	Amelias, not present or no room to plant more trees in the area.			Tree route, or street is not in proximity to site			Site is not within or adjacent to residential areas	Tree area healthy and do not need replacement	Site is not within or adjacent to 100 floodplain	< 50%	< 12%	11-13	No current access for human use								
1	Mixed Outcomes (see amenity in currently partially shaded)			Tree route, or street is near site and has some opportunity to receive benefits			Site is adjacent to residential areas	There are in far health and some are recommended for replacement	Site is adjacent to 100 floodplain	104-107	8-12%	6-10	Restricted access or limited use								
2	Space available to shade these amenities			Tree route, or street is adjacent to or within the site and has opportunity to receive benefits such as shade, beautification, or wayfinding.			Site is completely within residential areas	Tree area unhealthy, requires to non-replaceable	Site is completely within 100 floodplain	> 107	> 12%	1-4	Accessible								
Source	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M								
Why	These amenities were among top results from public and stakeholder surveys to benefit from additional tree cover.			These trails, routes, ROW streets, and downtown districts were selected from previous Ontario planning documents and were highly rated among survey results. The benefits include shade, beautification, or wayfinding.			Provides benefits adjacent to people's homes			Aligns with goal to add tree canopy to the more climate resilient			Sites with high LPI, low existing tree canopy, and within the floodplain are more vulnerable to climate change impacts. Planting and adding more trees to these areas can provide more comfort and reduce erosion in these areas.			Provides benefits to disadvantaged community members			Makes benefits available to everyone		

Scoring Source Material

A Google Earth

B Google Street View

C Ontario Downtown Revitalization Plan 2009 Opportunities and Constraints Diagram

D Ontario Park and Recreation Master Plan Facility Plan Map

E ROW and Downtown Streets Map

F Background Map

Scoring Source Material

G Tree Inventory Report

H Existing Urban Tree Canopy by Census Block Group Map

I Urban Heat Island by Census Block Group Map

J Demographic Vulnerability Map

PUBLIC HEARING(S)**Accept Right of Way for ADA Ramp Upgrade Project**

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter stated above, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, no ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

Cooperative Improvement Agreement No. 73000-00032942 was entered into by the City of Ontario and ODOT to upgrade existing and install new ADA ramps at all intersections within the City of Ontario that connected to the state highway system, titled the Jordan Valley/Ontario/Huntington/Adrian Curb Ramp Project. The project had been completed and ODOT was ready to turn over the right of way section within the current city right of way section for the city, so the city could maintain their portion of the project.

The City Council, the governing body for the City of Ontario, needed to accept the right of way of a portion of new areas of ADA ramps improved in a joint project with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

The alternative could be to not accept the right of way; however, not accepting the right of way offered for relinquishment would violate the Cooperative Improvement Agreement signed by the city and would subject the city to paying for a portion of the ramps in the city sections, as well as paying for the right of way needed for the city sections.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony. Opponents: None. Proponents: None. There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE RELINQUISHMENT DEED OF THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR PORTIONS OF NEW RIGHT OF WAY SECTIONS AS SHOWN IN THE EXHIBITS IN THE RELINQUISHMENT DEED AS ATTACHMENT TO THIS REPORT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RELINQUISHMENT DEED.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion passed 7/0/0.

Apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant

It being the date advertised for public hearing on the matter stated above, the Hearing was declared open. There were no objections to the city's jurisdiction to hear the action, no abstentions, no ex-parte contact, and no declarations of conflict of interest.

Clint Benson, Fire Chief, presented.

As required by law, it was necessary to read the following statement into the record: *Public Notice and Notice of Public Hearing The City of Ontario is eligible to apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. Approximately \$11 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2026. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$1,500,000. The City of Ontario is preparing an application for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant from the Business Oregon for Ontario Firehouse 2 Addition, located at 3288 SW 4th Avenue, Ontario, Oregon; for the purpose of adding living quarters to Fire Station 2 to better serve the community and provide modern facilities for fire personnel. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 11,874 persons, of whom 58.1% will be low or moderate income. A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 6:00pm MST on Tuesday, April 28th at the City Hall, 444 SW 4th Street, Ontario, Oregon 97914. The purpose of this hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and the proposed project. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by Tuesday, April 28th at City Hall, 444 SW 4th Street, Ontario, Oregon 97914. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Tori Barnett at 541-889-7121 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City's past use of Community*



Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at City Hall, 44SW 4th Street, Ontario, Oregon 97914 during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Tori Barnett at 541-889-7121 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

Station Two was currently in design, and the architect was under contract and working on the project. Staff was just seeking the funding, and the grant would open in July. He had been working with Tory Stinnett, who was there from Pendleton, and who was associated with GEODC. They'd been working together for several months on getting funding for this project. Staff was seeking authorization to submit an application for CDBG funding for living quarters at Station 2.

The City of Ontario was eligible to apply for a 2026 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds came from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants could be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes.

Approximately \$11 million would be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2026. The maximum grant that a city or county could receive was \$1,500,000. The purpose of this hearing was for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project and the proposed project.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses was not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement became necessary, alternatives would be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that was demolished or converted to another use would be replaced.

Councilor Mills stated she had previously been on the City Council in 2010 when Station 2 was constructed, and believed it was awesome to expand on the facility. It was definitely needed, and she was excited to see it happen.

Councilor Kirby stated the location of Station 2, for anyone in rural Ontario, this was where the coverage would come from. This would also provide faster access to SRCI.

Mr. Cummings added that no written comments had been received for this action.

The Hearing was opened for public testimony. Opponents: None. Proponents: None. There being no Proponent and no Opponent testimony, the Hearing was closed.

BAKEFELT moved, MILLS seconded, THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZE STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPLYING FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE STATION 2 ADDITION TO CONSTRUCT LIVING QUARTERS. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Mr. Cummings thanked Tory Stinnett for all the work she'd done with staff for this grant, and for attending that night's meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**Finance: Monthly Update**

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

Councilor Hart asked, with regard to abatements, was the city down an officer? They wanted to spend the funds if needed. It was important to use the tools to ensure the city was clean.

Mr. Cummings stated there was a fund for a certain amount, and it would be expended first. If more was needed, it would be requested instead of budgeting it outright. Trish, the current Ordinance Officer, was getting compliance from a lot of people, and was doing a fantastic job. The second Ordinance Officer was not on yet, but was in background.

HAND-OUTS**Minutes**

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ADJOURN

MILLS moved, KIRBY seconded, the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Kirby-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0. Meeting concluded at 6:57 pm.

ACCEPTED:

ATTEST:

Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder





**CITY OF ONTARIO
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION #2026-102
YOUTH WEEK 2026**

WHEREAS, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated May 1-7, as Youth Week to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments, and to give fitting recognition of their services to Community, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Ontario Elks Lodge #1690 will sponsor an observance during that week in tribute to the Junior Citizens of this Community; and

WHEREAS, no event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

WHEREAS, our youth need the guidance, inspiration, and encouragement which we alone can give in order to help develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership, and go forth to service America; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations, and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Deborah K. Folden, Mayor of Ontario, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the first week in May as

YOUTH WEEK

in Ontario, and urge all departments of government, civic, fraternal and patriotic groups, and our citizens generally, to participate wholeheartedly in its observance.

Signed this 12th day of May, 2026.

Deborah K. Folden, Mayor





**AGENDA REPORT
NEW BUSINESS
May 12, 2026**

To: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Dan Cummings, City Manager/Community Development Director
THROUGH: Danny K. Cummings, City Manager
SUBJECT: **ORDINANCE #2846-2026: REPEALING OMC TITLE 2, CHAPTERS 3, 4, AND 9**
DATE: May 4, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION:

I MOVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2846-2026: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO REPEALING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 3, CHAPTER 4 AND CHAPTER 9 IN THEIR ENTIRETY, WHICH CHAPTERS CONCERN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE, THE LIBRARY BOARD, AND THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ON FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY

IF UNANIMOUS VOTE:

I MOVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2846-2026: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO REPEALING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 3, CHAPTER 4, AND CHAPTER 9 IN THEIR ENTIRETY, WHICH CHAPTERS CONCERN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE, THE LIBRARY BOARD, AND THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ON SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY.

SUMMARY:

A housekeeping ordinance to remove city committees that are no longer in place or used.

BACKGROUND:

City of Ontario ("City"), an Oregon municipal corporation, has all the powers that the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow.

Chapter 2, Title 3 – Golf Committee established on November 6, 1995, Ordinance #2368,
Chapter 2, Title 4 – Library Committee established on November 18, 1985, Ordinance #2191
and Chapter 2, Title 9 – Youth Advisory Committee established on February 4, 2002, Ordinance #2488, of the Ontario Municipal Code (the "Code"). All three are committees that are no longer in place or used by the city.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The city no longer has a Municipal Golf Course, no longer has the responsibility of the Library (Library District was formed) and has not had or used a Youth Advisory Committee since 2009. This proposed ordinance is a housekeeping ordinance to remove titles no longer needed.

ANALYSIS:

- A. **STRATEGIC PLAN** None.
- B. **FINANCIAL** None.
- C. **TIMING** A housekeeping item and no set time is required.
- D. **POLICY/LLEGAL** The City Council is the governing body that establishes and removes city boards and committees.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose to leave the codes in place and take no action on the item.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council approve Ordinance #2846-2026 to clean up the city code of items no longer needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ord #2846-2026 Repeal OMC Title 2, Chapters 3, 4, 9

ORDINANCE #2846-2026



AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ONTARIO REPEALING ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 2, CHAPTER 3, CHAPTER 4, AND CHAPTER 9 IN THEIR ENTIRETY, WHICH CHAPTERS CONCERN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOLF COMMITTEE, THE LIBRARY BOARD, AND THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS,** City of Ontario (“City”), an Oregon municipal corporation, has all the powers that the constitutions, statutes, and common law of the United States and Oregon expressly or impliedly grant or allow; and
- WHEREAS,** Title 2, Chapter 3 – Golf Committee; Title 2, Chapter 4 – Library Committee; and Title 2, Chapter 9 – Youth Advisory Committee, of the Ontario Municipal Code (the “Code”), are committee’s that are no longer in place or used by the city; and
- WHEREAS,** the city no longer has a Municipal Golf Course, no longer has the responsibility of the Library (Library District was formed) and has not had or used a Youth Advisory Committee since 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, CITY OF ONTARIO ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Findings. The above-stated findings contained in Ordinance #2846-2026 (this “Ordinance”) are hereby adopted.
2. Repeal; Committee Dissolution. As of the effective date of this ordinance, the Council hereby (a) repeals Code Title 2, Chapters 3, 4, and 9, in their entirety, and (b) dissolves the listed committees. As of the effective date of this ordinance, Code Title 2, Chapters 3, 4, and 9, are of no further force and effect.
3. Miscellaneous. This ordinance supersedes all city ordinances, resolutions, and/or policies in conflict with this ordinance. All pronouns contained in this ordinance and any variations thereof will be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine, or neutral, singular or plural, as the identity of the parties may require. The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular. The word “or” is not exclusive. The words “include,” “includes,” and “including” are not limiting. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, and/or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional, such invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional section, subsection, sentence, clause, and/or portion will (a) yield to a construction permitting enforcement to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, and (b) not affect the validity, enforceability, and/or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this ordinance. This ordinance may be corrected by order of the Council to cure editorial and/or clerical errors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ontario this _____ day of May, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

SIGNED by the Mayor this ____ day of May, 2026.

Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder



**AGENDA REPORT
PUBLIC HEARING
May 12, 2026**

To: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dan Cummings, City Manager/Community Development Director

THROUGH: Danny K. Cummings, City Manager

SUBJECT: DEED OF DEDICATION: PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR STREET AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (8C SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CITY)

DATE: April 30, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION:

I MOVE THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR A PORTION OF WEST IDAHO AVENUE FROM SW 10TH STREET TO NORTH VERDE DRIVE AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED DEED OF DEDICATION AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DEED.

SUMMARY:

This action is to dedicate a right of way for a portion of West Idaho Avenue. The existing street was constructed sometime in the late 1950s, but no right of way dedication could be found.

BACKGROUND:

School District 8C received the property where the current Ontario High School is on November 21, 1950. Records show the Ontario High School was constructed in 1954.

School District 8C received the property where the current Aiken Elementary school is on December 12, 1956. Records show the elementary school was constructed in 1957.

In 2011, a survey was performed by CK3 LLC of the high school property and during the title search and survey, it was discovered that there was no dedicated right of way for West Idaho Avenue and the existing street was totally on school property. It was suggested to the school district and the city that a right of way should be dedicated.

In 2025, a survey was performed by Idaho Survey Group, LLC of the Aiken Elementary School property, and it was also discovered that there was no dedicated right of way for West Idaho Avenue and all the existing street was on school property.

The City Manager and City Surveyor, Dan Cummings, contacted the school and highly recommended the school district dedicate the right of way to the existing West Idaho Street for safety reasons and city maintenance reasons of the street and underground city utilities.

CURRENT SITUATION:

In April 2026, 8C School District contacted City Manager Dan Cummings to notify him that the District agreed with his recommendation and was willing to dedicate the right of way as shown on the attached Deed of Dedication.

ANALYSIS:

- A. **STRATEGIC PLAN** None.
- B. **FINANCIAL** City staff time in preparing the deed of dedication, a staff report, and a filing fee of \$107.00.
- C. **TIMING** No specific timing is required.
- D. **POLICY/LLEGAL** The City Council is the governing body that accepts right of way on behalf of the city.

ALTERNATIVES:

None given.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council accept the right of way and authorize the Mayor to sign the Deed of Dedication.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. School to City - Deed of Dedication ROW Street & Public Utilities
- 2. 18-47-0878
- 3. 18-47-1064



After Recording Return to:
City of Ontario
City Recorder
Attn. Tori Barnett
444 SW 4th Street
Ontario, OR 97914

DEED OF DEDICATION FOR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOR STREET AND PUBLIC UTILITIES

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, **SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8C, MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON**, whose current address is 195 SW 3rd Avenue, Ontario Oregon 97914, (“Grantor”), in consideration of the sum of –Zero- dollars (\$0.00) and other considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby convey and grant to the **CITY OF ONTARIO**, (“Grantee”), whose address is 444 SW 4TH Street, Ontario, Oregon 97914, **HEREBY DEDICATE TO THE PUBLIC A RIGHT OF WAY**, and the right to erect, construct, install, and lay and thereafter use, operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace, and remove a permanent roadway and public utilities, such as but limited to Sewer, Water, Gas, Electric and Communication services lines, Fixtures and Facilities over, across, and through the lands as described in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B, to wit:

Public Right of Way described in Attached Exhibit “A” And shown in Attached Exhibit “B”.

SUBJECT TO all existing easements of record.

This conveyance is made on the express condition that the. above-described property shall be used for public street and utilities purposes and in event the same shall at any time cease to be used for such purposes then the same shall revert to and revest in the granter, its successors and assigns, with the same effect as if this conveyance had not been made.

GRANTOR and GRANTEE, by signing this Instrument, accepts the above conditions of reversion and all other covenants, terms, and conditions of this instrument.

Exhibit A

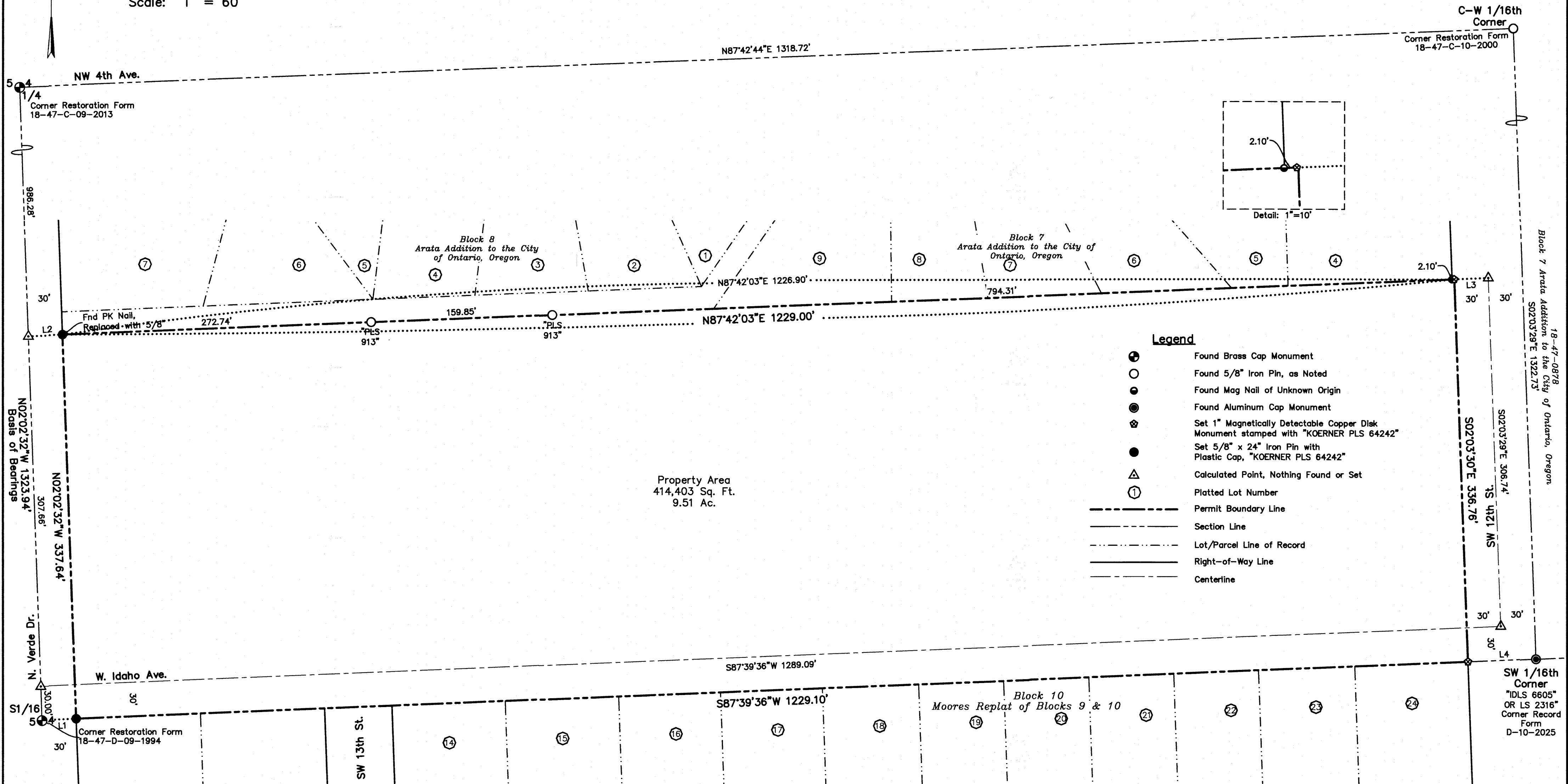
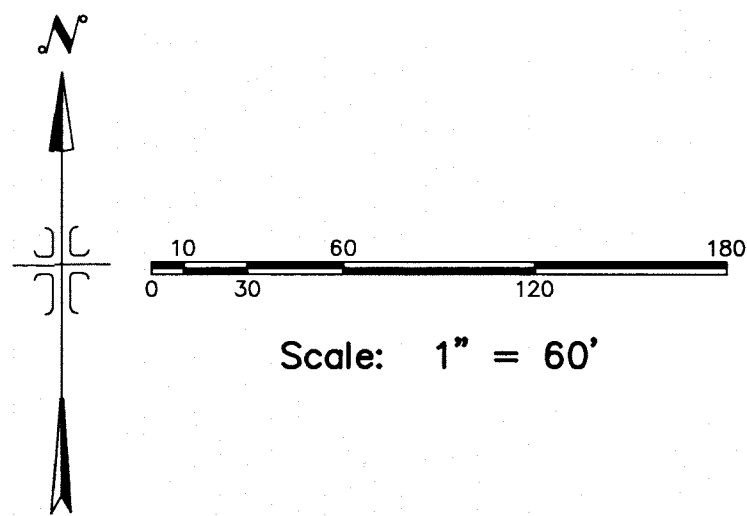
Description of Public Right-of-Way/Easement

Land in the City of Ontario, Malheur County, Oregon, described as follows:

The South 60.00 feet of the S1/2NE1/4SW1/4 and the South 60.00 feet of the S1/2S1/2NW1/4SW1/4, of Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 47 East, of the Willamette Meridian.

***** End of Description*****

Map of Survey for
Ontario School District Aiken Elementary School
 Situated in the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 4,
 T.18S., R.47E., B.M., City of Ontario, Malheur County, Idaho.
 2025



Legend

- ⊕ Found Brass Cap Monument
- Found 5/8" Iron Pin, as Noted
- Found Mag Nail of Unknown Origin
- ⊙ Found Aluminum Cap Monument
- ⊛ Set 1" Magnetically Detectable Copper Disk Monument stamped with "KOERNER PLS 64242"
- Set 5/8" x 24" Iron Pin with Plastic Cap, "KOERNER PLS 64242"
- △ Calculated Point, Nothing Found or Set
- ① Platted Lot Number
- Permit Boundary Line
- Section Line
- Lot/Parcel Line of Record
- Right-of-Way Line
- Centerline

Surveyor's Certificate:

I, Lawrence H. Koerner, a Registered Professional Land Surveyor Licensed by the State of Oregon, hereby Certify that this Map has been Prepared from an Actual Survey made on the Ground under my Direct Supervision and that this Map is an Accurate Representation of said Survey and that it is in Conformity with Current Laws of the State of Oregon.
 This Survey was Performed at the Request of the Ontario School District for the Purpose of a Boundary Retracement Survey to Monument on the Ground the Boundaries of this Parcel of Land. These found monuments were held as controlling corners for this survey. The first monument was set on July 29, 2025. GPS/GNSS systems and total stations were used during the fieldwork to measure and delineate features as shown hereon. This survey was established by GPS control coordinates derived from NGS OPUS solutions using a reference from of NAD83 (2011)(EPOCH:2010.0000). All coordinates refer to the Oregon South Coordinate Reference System. Coordinates have been converted from grid to ground using a combined adjustment factor of 1.0000946228 scaled around N44°01'15.86428", W116°56'18.31268".

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
Lawrence H. Koerner
 10/16/25
 OREGON
 JANUARY 23, 2001
 LAWRENCE H. KOERNER
 64242
 RENEWAL DATE: 06/30/2027

Line Table		
Line	Bearing	Length
L1	N87°39'36"E	30.00'
L2	N87°42'03"E	30.00'
L3	N87°42'03"E	30.00'
L4	S87°39'36"W	60.00'

Reference Documents:

- 1) ROS 18-47-0878
- 2) ROS 18-47-0444
- 3) ROS 18-47-0528
- 4) ROS 18-47-0574
- 5) Quit Claim Deed Inst. No. 17491
- 6) Warranty Deed Inst. No. 07525
- 7) Warranty Deed Inst. No. 9076
- 8) Arata Addition to the City of Ontario
- 9) Moore's Re-Plat of Blocks 9&10 Villa Park Subdivision

MALHEUR COUNTY SURVEY
 By: *Dennis Malheur*
 Received: 7/21/25
 Filed: 10/20/2025
 DWG No: B-02048
 Survey No: 18-47-1064

Job No. 25-124

IDAHO SURVEY GROUP, LLC
 9939 W. EMERALD ST.
 BOISE, IDAHO 83704
 (208) 846-8570
 WWW.IDAHOSURVEY.COM



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Public Works Department

QUARTERLY PRESENTATION JANUARY - MARCH 2026

Engineering Development Review & Special Projects



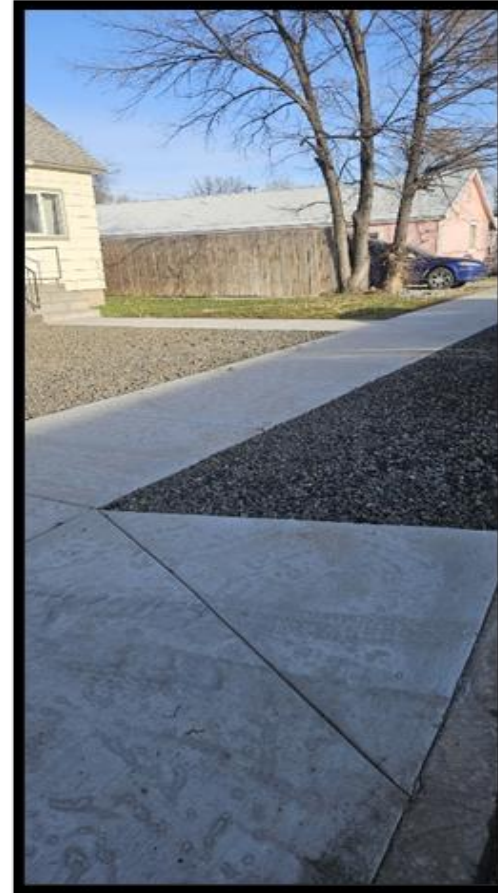
- 11 Right of Way permits issued
- 5 PDAC meetings held
- 1 Address changes or additions
- Multiple Plan reviews
- Collections system rehab project design complete, and bid out



Engineering Development Review & Special Projects



- Moore Park construction inspection
- City Hall Alarm Upgrade
- WTP Floc Mechanism



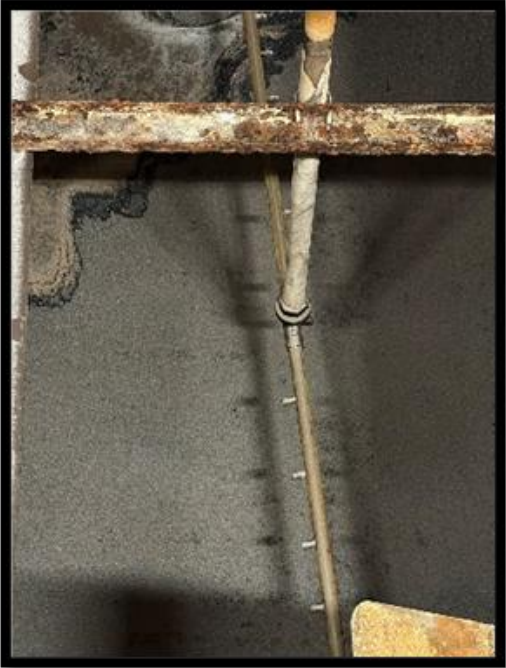
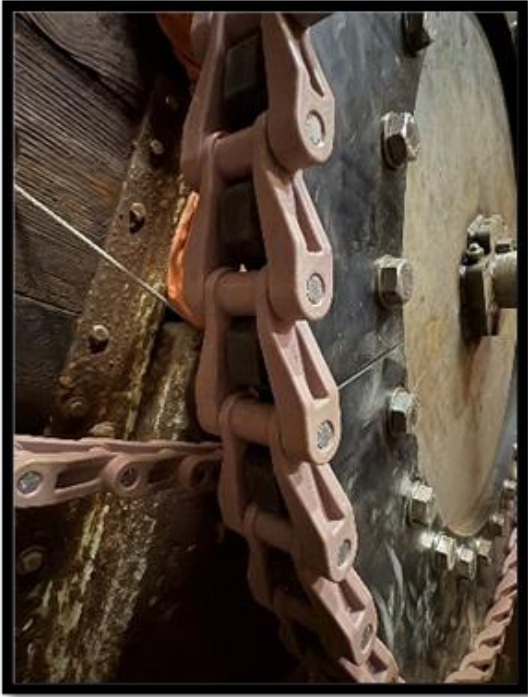
Water Treatment Plant



- Replaced Filter # 2 Media
- Replaced the check valve on Clearwell pump #1
- Flocculation project complete
- Received and installed New river intake pump



Water Treatment Plant



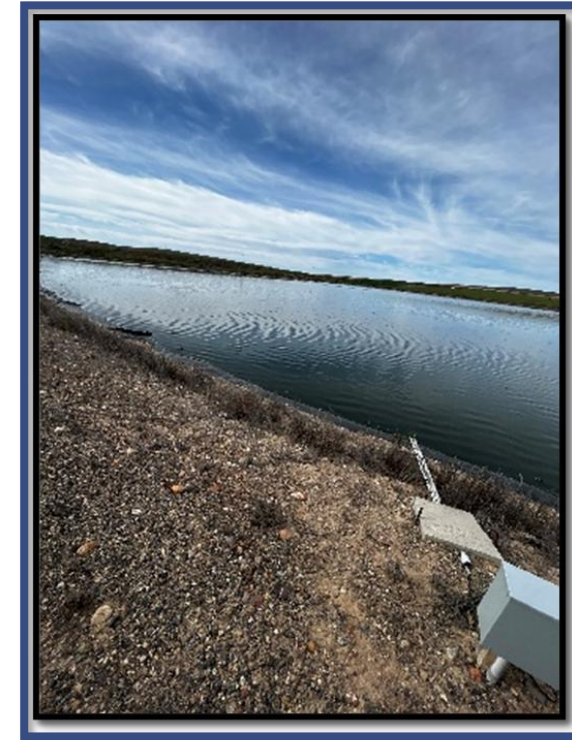
Wastewater Treatment Plant



- Replaced the level sensor in Skyline Lagoon
- Replaced Cells in the Micro Chlor generator
- Started flowing to outfall 003 (Skyline) in early March
- Partnered with Pheasants forever in an herbicide application on the Malheur Farm
- Received the new NPDES permit



Wastewater Treatment Plant



Buildings, Parks & Cemeteries



- Applied spring application of herbicide at the Airport, fencelines and edge of asphalt
- 14 funerals at Evergreen and 2 funeral at Sunset Cemetery
- Annual equipment maintenance complete for the start of the season.
- Applied pre-emergent in the planter strip along E. Idaho Ave.
- Tree trimming in the Cemeteries and SW 4th St.



Building, Parks & Cemeteries



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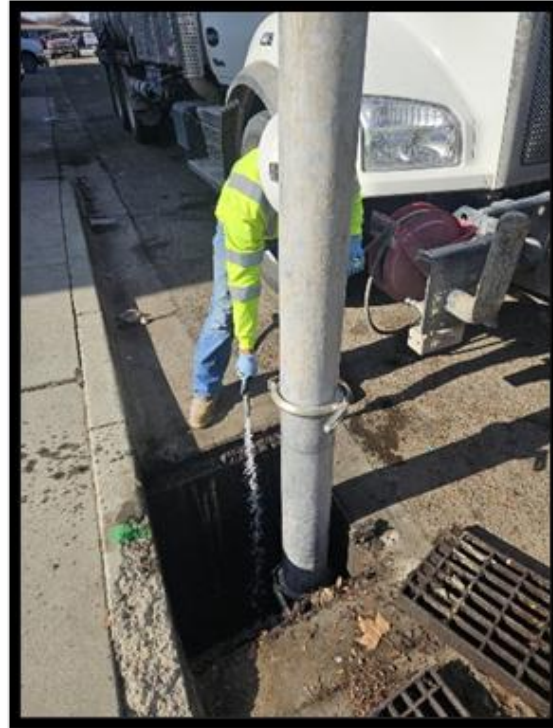
Field Services



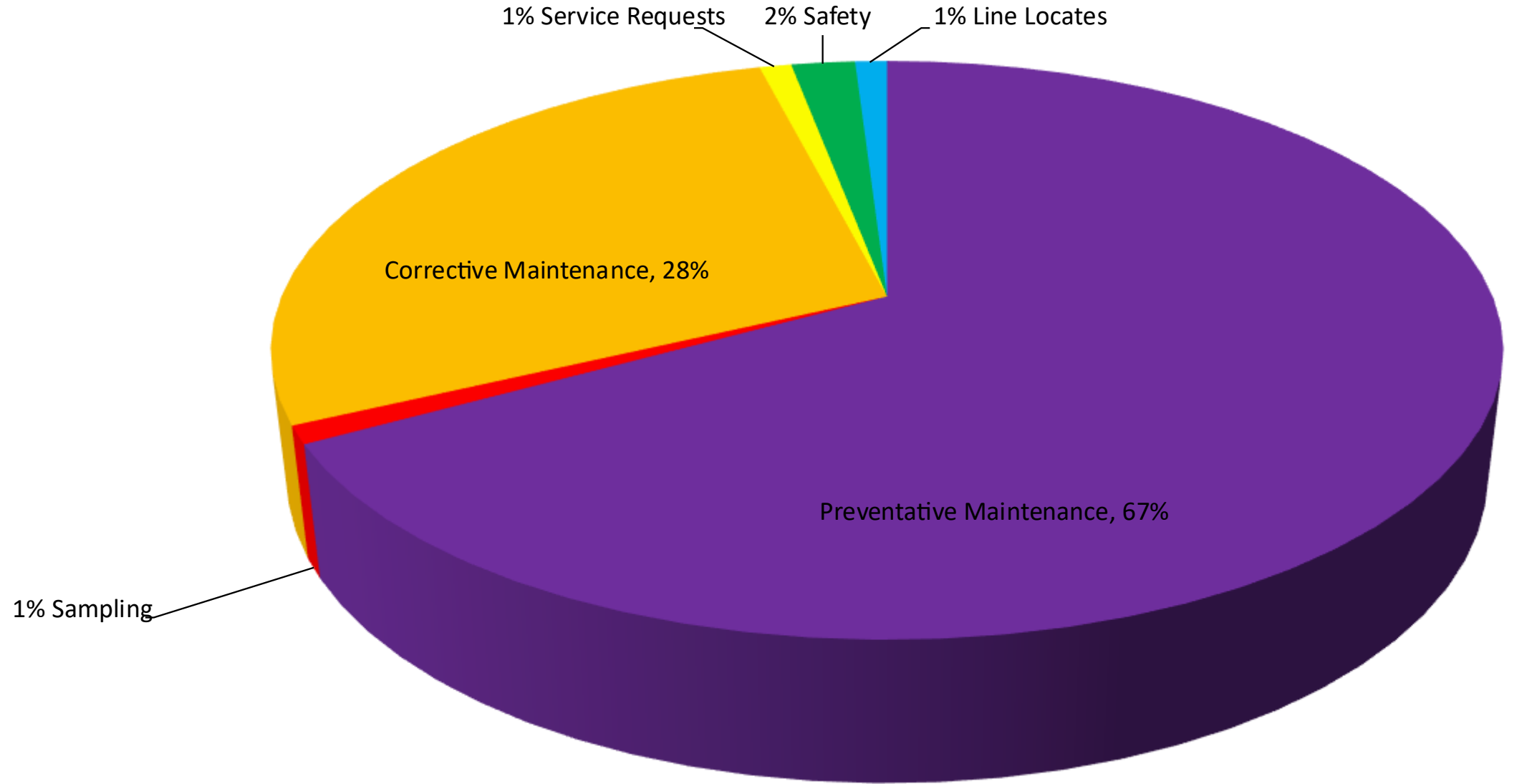
- Installed 10 new water service
- Replaced 61 water meters that failed
- 113 utility locates completed
- Holiday banners and lit decorations removed
- Primary and secondary routes swept, full town sweeping completed as well
- Pothole repair through out town
- Cleaned 130,000 feet of sewer line



Field Services: Streets & Collection/Distribution



Department Summary





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Questions?



BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT FOR
MALHEUR COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW)	RESOLUTION NO.
PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL)	R26 -
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM FOR)	
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MALHEUR)	
COUNTY; AND OREGON)	

This matter came before the Malheur County Court during its regular meeting on April __, 2026.

WHEREAS, the State of Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) does not allow electrical or plumbing apprenticeship programs for high school students; and

WHEREAS, the pre-apprenticeship program builds skills and permits students to explore electrical and plumbing careers but it does not grant the hands-on training and classroom instruction to directly apply or count toward an Oregon plumbing or electrical apprenticeship license; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions, including our border state of Idaho, have:

- high school plumbing and electrical apprenticeship programs;
- provide such apprenticeship programs beginning at the age of 16;
- supports apprentice to journeyman ratios much lower than Oregon's apprentice to journey ratios. For instance, Idaho allows 1 journeyman to an unlimited number of plumbing apprentices and 1 journeyman to 6 electrical apprentices; and

WHEREAS, Malheur County implores BOLI to work with Malheur County, the Career and Technical Education (CTE) center through Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) and our high schools to develop a high school apprenticeship program; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of a genuine high school plumbing and electrical apprenticeship program in Malheur County include:

- More timely approach to fill the gap in our workforce as Eastern Oregon does not have enough plumbers and electricians for construction projects. Reciprocity in licensing between Idaho and Oregon does not fill this gap.
- Provides a direct head start to high quality electrical and plumbing careers.
- Keeps students in Oregon as opposed to them attending apprenticeship programs in nearby Idaho at College of Western Idaho in Caldwell or Idaho on-line programs.
- Stabilizes costs to build affordable housing. A shortage in workforce results in higher costs for electrical and plumbing work.

WHEREAS, this resolution is supported by City of Ontario, City of Vale, TVCC, Malheur County Education Service District, the school districts of _____ the Malheur County Building Official, the City of Ontario Building Official and electrical and plumbing contractors _____; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be sent to: Governor Tina Kotek and BOLI Commissioner Christina Stephenson.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Malheur County Court resolves to support high school students participating in a new plumbing and electrical apprenticeship program created with a curriculum, classroom instruction and job-training wherein a students' time, costs, knowledge and successes are directly honored toward the Oregon apprentice plumbing and electrical qualifications.

DATED this _____ day of April 2026.

County Judge Dan P. Joyce

County Commissioner Ron Jacobs

County Commissioner Jim Mendiola

RE: Resolution in support of apprenticeship program

From : Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@malheurco.org> Thu, Apr 02, 2026 01:49 PM
Subject : RE: Resolution in support of apprenticeship program
To : 'fm_rhill@fmtc.com' <fm_rhill@fmtc.com>

Riley:

I just got off the phone with CWI. Its electrical apprenticeship program starts at age 16 (curriculum). Students find their own hands-on experiences – CWI does not provide it. Whether a 16 year old can begin hands on training is up to each company/employer. She could not name any off the top her head – but generally family owned companies allow students/sons/daughters to work at age 16. This program DOES count toward State of Idaho’s legal educational requirements for apprenticeship/journeyman.

Stephanie

From: Stephanie Williams
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 8:33 AM
To: 'fm_rhill@fmtc.com' <fm_rhill@fmtc.com>
Subject: Resolution in support of apprenticeship program

Riley:

This is what I came up with for a rough draft.

I don’t think the court will support one school district (e.g. 8C); but all high schools.

Re: Resolution in support of HS Apprenticeship

From : Mark Redmond <mark.redmond@malesd.org>

Thu, Apr 09, 2026 03:37 PM

Subject : Re: Resolution in support of HS Apprenticeship**To :** Riley Hill <fm_rhill@fmtc.com>External images are not displayed. [Display images below](#)

Hi Christy, this looks good to me, and Riley mentioned that Ontario High School was on board, so I don't see any problems with it.

On Thu, Apr 9, 2026 at 9:22 AM Riley Hill <fm_rhill@fmtc.com> wrote:

Good morning Mark,

Attached is a document containing an email from Stephanie Williams and a Resolution in Support of the High School Apprenticeship program. I know Riley talked with you about it and would like your feedback.

Thank you,

Christy

Greystone Builders, LLC
Riley J. Hill
Ontario, OR 97914
208-250-9113 cell
541-889-9113 office

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Mark Redmond
Superintendent
Malheur ESD

"You can't memorize understanding."



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From : Mark Redmond <mark.redmond@malesd.org>

Thu, Apr 09, 2026 11:08 AM

Subject : Re: Resolution in support of HS Apprenticeship

comments

From : Adele Schaffeld <adele.schaffeld@bldgmalheurco.org>

Fri, Apr 10, 2026 11:34 AM

Subject : comments

To : fm rhill <fm_rhill@fmtc.com>

BOLI requires a high school diploma or equivalent in addition to an age start date of 18. Our request needs to include the age reduction and diploma status. I added a suggestion.

Please fee free to edit.

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions, including our border state of Idaho, have:

- high school plumbing and electrical apprenticeship programs;
- provide such apprenticeship programs beginning at the age of 16; Students are on track to graduate from high school.

Thanks for all your work on this.

Adele Schaffeld, CBO

Building Official

Malheur County Building Department

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES

April 15, 2026

The regularly scheduled meeting of the County Court was called to order by Judge Dan Joyce at 9:02 a.m. with Commissioner Ron Jacobs and Commissioner Jim Mendiola present. Judge Joyce led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the media, public and staff had the opportunity to join the meeting electronically or in person. Present in the meeting room were Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois, County Counsel Stephanie Williams and Economic and Community Development Coordinator Taylor Rembowski. Notice of the meeting was posted on the County website, Courthouse bulletin board, and emailed to the Argus Observer and those persons who have requested notice. The agenda is recorded as instrument # [2026-01347](#)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ONTARIO ASA AND NYSSA/ADRIAN ASA

Ambulance Service District (ASD) Coordinator Keith Ishida met with the Court and discussed a request for proposal for ambulance services for the Ontario and Nyssa/Adrian Ambulance Service Areas (ASA). Also present were: Heather Land and Jelisa Pantoja from TVP; ASD Advisory Board members Doug Dewar and Jim Maret; and ASD Advisory Board member Tim Rines joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Public member John Messick joined the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Mr. Ishida shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding Paramedic care. Oregon Administrative Rule defines Advanced Life Support (ALS) and it does not limit the title of ALS to Paramedics only. OAR outlines EMS licensure levels. If a provider is authorized to perform ALS skills they are functioning at ALS level. Advanced Life Support in Oregon is not one uniform level of care; rather it is on a range depending on the certified provider level. A Paramedic has full ALS capability. Advanced and Intermediate EMTs are considered Limited ALS. In summary, Oregon defines ALS broadly, and includes Advanced and Intermediate EMTs. However, the State clearly distinguishes between limited and full ALS – and only paramedics provide the full scope of advanced life-saving interventions. Mr. Ishida briefly shared information on four medications that only Paramedics can administer (Adenosine, Calcium Chloride, Diltiazem, and Labetalol); and reviewed the following Paramedic procedures - Rapid Sequence Intubation, Cardiac Pacing, Cardiac Cardioversion, Needle Decompression, and Surgical Airway. A Paramedic is a licensed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider in the State of Oregon who practices at the highest level of Advanced Life Support (ALS) as recognized under Oregon Health Authority (OHA) EMS regulations. (See instrument # [2026-01360](#) for the complete PowerPoint presentation)

Mr. Ishida explained the difference between ALS Advanced, ALS Intermediate, and ALS Paramedic. As outlined by the administrative rules advanced life support is not a single level of care; it exists in a spectrum. While Advanced and Intermediates providers operate with a Limited ALS level, only Paramedics provide the full scope of advanced life-saving interventions, including medications, procedures, and decision-making capabilities. That distinction matters when considering system design and patient outcomes.

The current contract (has been amended twice) is structured to provide one ambulance, staffed with a Paramedic and EMT; and a second ambulance staffed with an ALS provider, which could be most of the time an Advanced or Intermediate. The amendments to the contract were driven primarily due to provider staff shortages. Mr. Ishida explained that Malheur County is growing, call volume, expectations and system demands are increasing, so the question becomes, not what we can get by with, but what we should be working toward. The ASD Advisory Board believes that, if possible, the system should be designed to provide one Paramedic and one EMT on Ambulance One; and one Paramedic and one EMT on Ambulance Two; and, if needed, attempt to at least have a Paramedic on the backup call unit for Medic Three. (Written support from the ASD Advisory Board for moving forward with the draft Request for Proposal for ambulance services for the Ontario and Nyssa/Adrian ASAs was received; see instrument # [2026-01348](#))

Mr. Maret expressed support for increasing the Ambulance Service District assessment (would need to go to a vote of the people).

Ms. Land also expressed support for increasing the ASD assessment. Ms. Land explained that TVP staffs Paramedics as much as possible. There is a nationwide Paramedic shortage; Weiser, Idaho recently went to BLS only.

Commissioner Jacobs noted that he was not unsatisfied with the current ambulance service provider, but he was agreeable to soliciting for providers as proposed in the draft RFP; and motioned to authorize publication of the RFP. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

CROSSING PERMITS

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Crossing Permit #18-26 to CenturyLink/Crown Utilities for an emergency project on Hope Road #569; and Permit #19-26 to CenturyLink/Crown Utilities for an emergency project on Cloverdale Avenue #556. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Vote: JM/RJ/DJ in favor. Approved.

COURT MINUTES

Commissioner Mendiola moved to approve Court Minutes of April 1, 2026 as written. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: JM/RJ/DJ in favor. Approved.

BUDGET TRANSFER – AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT

Acting as the Governing Body of the Ambulance Service District, Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Resolution No. R26-13: In the Matter of Fund Transfers Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.463. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Funds in the amount of \$9,500 are transferred from the ASD Coordinator line-item to the Disposable Medical Supplies line-item. See instrument # [2026-01349](#)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH, LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Community Mental Health, Local Alcohol and Drug and Development Disabilities Advisory Committee recommends that Holly Dominick be appointed to the Advisory Committee due to the retirement of Christine Phillips. Commissioner Jacobs moved to appoint Holly Dominick to the Community Mental Health, Local Alcohol and Drug and Development Disabilities Advisory Committee. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Dominick replaces Christine Phillips on the committee. (Additionally, Annette Volk and Anna LaRosa resigned from the committee.)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jacobs moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R26-14: In the Matter of Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Supplemental Budget by Resolution Under Local Budget Law ORS 294.471. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The purpose of the supplemental budget is to allocate funds from the City of Vale in the Sheriff's budget that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted – these funds are to be used to pay for a radar detector for a Vale Deputy. The City of Vale was instructed to pay the invoice directly but instead included into the City of Vale quarterly reimbursement. See instrument # [2026-01350](#)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

CIS INVOICE

Ms. DuBois explained that a CIS invoice for a claim was received in the amount of \$100,000 and inquired if the Court wanted the invoice paid from the LATCF budget or the General Fund budget. Consensus of the Court was to pay the invoice from LATCF.

LETTER OF SUPPORT – CITY OF VALE

Commissioner Jacobs moved to sign a letter of support for the City of Vale's Small City Allotment Grant Application through Oregon Department of Transportation for 15th Street improvements. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument # [2026-01351](#)

OPPORTUNITY ZONES (OZ)

Nick Green, President of Catalyst Public Policy Advisors and Managing Director of R3 Strategies Consortium met with the Court regarding the Opportunity Zone 2.0 program. The Treasury Department released the final list of eligible census tracts that governors can nominate. Each governor can nominate one out of four eligible tracts (25%). On April 13th, Business Oregon began accepting applications through the local nomination process; applications are due on May 22nd. There are three eligible tracts in Malheur County; a separate application is required for each tract to be considered. Governors have 90 days to submit up to 25% of eligible tracts for OZ designation to the Treasury Department. Treasury will compile the final list that takes effect January 1, 2027. The local nomination application requires addressing three categories: investment readiness; capacity to support private investment; and strategic alignment with the comprehensive plan, local city plans, economic development strategies, and statewide policy. Each application must be tailored to the specific context of that census tract.

Mr. Green explained that one eligible tract is in the Ontario area and basically covers the downtown core of Ontario; urban revitalization, addressing blight, and repurposing abandoned buildings and structures could be addressed in an application for this tract. The tract in the Nyssa area could be compelling for workforce housing; housing will be a need with the Grassy Mountain mine project – both during construction and operations. If more than one application is submitted, the applications will need to be prioritized and ranked. Where is the most opportunity for private equity investors to come in and put money into the community? Is it in subdivision development and housing? Is it revitalization of older infrastructure that has potential opportunities? Census tracts that don't have a strong market driver for private equity to flow into would be prioritized lower. Investors are looking to maximize their internal rate of return; they want to invest in products that are going to generate rents and appreciate quickly.

Mr. Rembowski suggested that if the Court believes the Opportunity Zone 2.0 program is something the County should be looking towards then funding to contract with a consultant could be taken from the Technical Assistance line-item in the Economic Development budget.

PROCLAMATION

Undersheriff Dave Kesey met with the Court and presented the Public Safety Telecommunications Week proclamation. Undersheriff Kesey read the proclamation:

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK - APRIL 12-18, 2026

WHEREAS, since 1981 the Congress of the United States, and the President of the United States have established one week in April as National Telecommunicators Week; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that telecommunicators are critical to the interest and well-being of the community, the Malheur County

Court, recognized our local Telecommunicators as "First Responders" in resolution number R20-28 on July 15, 2020; and WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time of the day and night. They can range from a serious medical emergency, to an active fire or need for law enforcement assistance. Often when an individual encounters an emergency they reach for the phone and dial 911. The men and women who answer these calls for help are trained to gather essential information, dispatch the proper resources and provide vital information and instructions to a caller in distress; and

WHEREAS, public safety telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice at the end of the phone. They are the sentries standing guard over us at night. Alert and ready to answer that call for service with whatever help that caller needs at the time. Knowledgeable, skilled and certified professionals who work closely with law enforcement, fire and medical personnel; and

WHEREAS, our County enjoys a high standard of public health and safety and we owe a great deal of gratitude to them. During this special observance we extend a profound thank you to each operator who answers our request for help -- Tom, Kathy, Stephanie, Ashley, Michele, Brooke, Jason, Genesis, Jami, Brittany, Charlotte, and Ashley.

NOW THEREFORE, the Malheur County Court Proclaims the week of April 12th – 18th to be Malheur County Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. We invite all residents to observe this week in honor of our telecommunicators who help protect our health and safety.

Commissioner Jacobs moved to proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2026 to be Malheur County Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week; and expressed appreciation and thanks to those who serve in that capacity. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

MCDC BOARD

Two individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Malheur County Development Corporation (MCDC) board. A total of three board members are needed. Additional interested persons to serve on the board will be sought.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judge Joyce asked for comments from the public. No public comments were received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e) to conduct deliberations with designee on real property transaction negotiations with Judge Joyce presiding and Commissioner Jacobs and Commissioner Mendiola present. Also present were County Counsel Stephanie Williams, Treasurer/Tax Collector Jennifer Forsyth, Tax/Treasurer Management Assistant Angie Micheli, and Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois. No decisions were made during the session.

5611 WILLIS STREET, BROGAN

Commissioner Jacobs moved to authorize expenditure of funds, up to \$25,000, for Freedom Cleaning to cleanup Tax Lot 1600 in Brogan. Commissioner Mendiola seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (The County acquired this property through the tax foreclosure process and will be listing the property for sale through a realtor.)

Vote: RJ/JM/DJ in favor. Approved.

COURT ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mendiola moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jacobs seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vote: JM/RJ/DJ in favor. Approved.



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m. MT

The scheduled meeting of the Public Works was called to order by committee member Pat Woodcock at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Committee members present in person or attended via Zoom were Pat Woodcock, Mac McMillen, Gus Bezates and Brooks Warrington.

Others present in person or via Zoom were Casey Mordhorst, Al Haun, Marshall Pierce, Alicia Cardozo, John Kirby and Susan Mills.

AGENDA

The press was notified; this Agenda was posted on January 13, 2026. Copies of the agenda and minutes are available at the Public Works Headquarters and on the city's website at www.ontariooregon.org.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. McMILLEN, SECONDED BY MR. BEZATES TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

RESOLUTION, ACTION &/OR MOTION:

- Mr. McMillen nominated **Mr. Christiani for Public Works Committee Chairman**; Mr. Bezates seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Mr. Woodcock nominated **Mr. McMillen for Public Works Committee Vice-Chairman**; Mr. Bezates seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Mr. Woodcock nominated **Mr. Warrington for Public Works Committee Secretary**; Mr. McMillen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

OPERATIONS & PROJECT UPDATES

- *WATER TREATMENT PLANT FLOC MECHANISM REHABILITATION*
- *COLLECTION SYSTEM REHABILITATION*
- *EAST LANE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION*
- *SECONDARY RIVER INTAKE PROJECT*

ADJOURN ~ 3:34 P.M.

McMillen moved; Bezates seconded **TO ADJOURN**: Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Albert Christiani
Signature

4/21/2026
Date



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Airport Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

The committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Shawn Coleman at 6:00 pm.

- 1) **Roll Call:** Bill Hager-present, John Freeburg-present, Pete Morgan-present, Charlotte Hatch-present, Michael Franks-present, Rick Todd-present, Chairman Shawn Coleman-present, Alternate Jim Beaumont-excused.

Ex Officio members: Ken Hart (City Council)-present, Dan Cummings (City Manager)-present.

Airport Manager: Andy Wood-present

FBO: Silverhawk: Absent

- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chairman.
- 3) **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA:** *Pete Morgan moved to adopt the agenda. Charlotte Hatch second. Roll call vote: Bill-yes, John-yes, Pete-yes, Charlotte-yes, Mike-yes, Rick-yes, and Shawn-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.*
- 4) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Rick Todd moved to approve the minutes from 3/2/2026. John Freeburg second. Roll call vote: Bill-yes, John-yes, Pete-yes, Charlotte-yes, Mike-yes, Rick-yes, and Shawn-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.*
- 5) **REPORTS**
 - A) **Helicopter Parking Pad Bid Results:** Andy Wood reported to the committee that the city received three bids, the lowest being from Gyllenberg Construction Inc. at \$195,687.10. The original engineer's base bid estimate was \$165,995.00. Lee Unterwegner from JUB Engineering confirmed that the lowest bid was better than they had expected. The next steps will be to take the bids to the City Council for approval. *Pete Morgan moved that the Ontario Airport Committee finds the bids acceptable. John Freeburg second. Roll call vote: Bill-yes, John-yes, Pete-yes, Charlotte-yes, Mike-yes, Rick-yes, and Shawn-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.*
- 6) **HAND-OUTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A) **January 2026 Airport Budget Status Report:** Andy Wood presented the January 2026 Airport Budget to the committee. Tie down fees started to come in during the January budget. There was an expense for fertilizer for airport maintenance. Pete Morgan asked about the amount under Petroleum Supplies and mentioned it seemed low.



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Andy Wood said he would check into that. Otherwise, everything on the budget was tracking according to plan.

- B) *Silverhawk FBO Services – Subcommittee meeting update:* Andy Wood summarized the subcommittee meeting between the City Manager and Silverhawk. Silverhawk will put together a 5-year plan for the FBO. The fuel farm updates and location are still being discussed. The FBO Manager sent Andy a fuel flowage report with TVCC and public fuel sales separated. There was no clear plan by Silverhawk to employ a full-time Ontario manager. There was a spoken agreement that Silverhawk intends to renew their lease. The next subcommittee meeting is planned for April 15th. The city must make the final decision by June to renew Silverhawk's lease, which expires this October.

Discussion continued about the most beneficial course of action for the airport. Rick Todd stated that successful FBOs work with corporate operators to negotiate fuel rates to increase sales and corporate traffic to the airport. Ken Hart asked if there was another option for the FBO if the city decides not to renew Silverhawk's lease. Dan Cummings mentioned there are no other interested parties at this time. With no FBO, the city could sell fuel, but that would require city personnel to staff it, even for fuel station maintenance. This would not be sustainable for the city. Rick Todd suggested a co-op of Ontario-based pilots could purchase fuel. Bill Hager suggested getting avionics shop on the field.

The discussion ended on the note that the city should plan for contingency in the likelihood that Silverhawk will request to renew their lease. In the event that the required FBO services continue not to be met, the committee suggested the city look into other options to protect the airport.

- C) *20240801 – Airport Master Plan:* Andy Wood presented previous airport projects, as listed in the Airport Master Plan excerpt attached to the meeting agenda. Andy also included figures on the validated aircraft based in Ontario from 2017 to 2026. The airport occupancy has trended up to nearly 100% over the past four years. Andy mentioned that this is also another reason he has pushed for there to be more hangars built on the airport to make space for more occupants.

7) CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Lee Unterwegner from JUB Engineering reported that the helicopter parking pad plans are set to start in June or July. The FAA funding is pending for the parking pad. The city could pursue grant funding, which would be faster than FAA funding. However, FAA funding is more flexible.



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The BLM plans are being reviewed in two weeks. They are currently at 65% design process. The plans have been downsized to exclude the helicopter section due to budget restrictions.

- 8) **ADJOURN** *Moved by Bill Hager. John Freeburg second.* Roll call vote: Bill-yes, John-yes, Pete-yes, Charlotte-yes, Mike-yes, Rick-yes, and Shawn-yes. *Motion carried 7/0/0.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, May 4, 2026 at 6 pm at Ontario City Hall.

Shawn Coleman - Chairman

Charlotte Hatch - Secretary