



City of Umatilla

"NATURE'S HOMETOWN"

INTERIM CITY MANAGER PROJECT UPDATE

REPORT DATE: March 3, 2015

ORANGE AVENUE:

- The city is in possession of the Tax Deed for the property at 240 N. Orange Avenue and is moving forward to abate the property. Utilities have been removed and preparation for the demolition of the house is underway. We expect to have the demolition completed within the next week. Engineers are in process re-submitting permit to include the new retention pond in lieu of the underground vaults.
- Construction Easements by homeowners along Orange Avenue have been obtained by staff with 3 remaining unsigned. Staff is continuing to work to secure the remaining easements.

AIRPORT:

- The lights at the airport were again evaluated due to continued light pollution complaints. The suggestions has been made and approved to lower the angle of the head to 0 degrees (horizontal) and it has been confirmed that adequate light coverage for the tiedown area can be sustained with that adjustment, eliminating the objectionable light pollution. Staff will be making that adjustment during the next week.
- A parcel along the west side of the airport is being studied by a prospective buyer. This hangar parcel is one on which the hangar was destroyed by storm several years ago. Staff and consultant met by conference call today to discuss issues and options relative to building a new larger hangar on that lot, including pilots' lounge. Further discussions are planned relative to access, building size and height.

CITY HALL PARKING LOT:

- Construction on this project is proceeding and Fire Station apron and is the remaining concrete work to be done. The conduit was put in for the lighting array which will consist of nine lights and utility service account has been established.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL – CASSADY/GUERRANT AND CENTRAL AVENUE:

- The construction work is substantially complete with the remaining delay being the final connection between the signal box and Duke Energy power. The city has paid for and set up a work order with Duke Energy for the power to be hooked up to the signals. Please take notice that Cassidy is now a thru-street and the stop sign has been removed at Budd/Lakeside intersection on Cassidy. There is a notice posted on the bottom of the stop signs, but we expect a problem or two from that but no accidents have occurred yet.

MAIN WATER PLANT UPGRADES:

- Engineers held an on-site visit to the plant to insure that everything that is necessary for this project will be included in the plans for the Upgrade Project and cost proposals are accurate. This design work is being fast-tracked by the engineers in order to stay as close as possible to the original schedule.

CADWELL PARK RESTROOMS:

- Push plates and deadbolts have replaced the door knobs which had been vandalized.

SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE:

- The Swimming Pool Committee met on January 27th with architect CPH John Baer and Engineer Dennis Matula to discuss the options for the municipal pool. Mr. Baer said the pool had outlived its usefulness and it would be more cost effective to look at the construction of a new facility. Cadwell Park was suggested as a possible site. Staff will be taking a look at other possible sites for consideration. The next Pool Committee meeting was set for March 10 at which time Mr. Baer will return with cost estimates for proposed amenities. Discussion of possible funding sources took place and staff will research to determine if there are as of yet unknown funding sources. Update will follow after next meeting March 10th.

CITY HALL ROOF:

- City Hall Roof subsequent contractor Daniel DiVenanzo – Jacob Smith Builders contract has been signed, and an additional addendum to specify insurance requirements for the sub contractors has been prepared for signature, and Daniel has been on site doing preliminary measurements for the trusses that are required for the roof construction. He has advised he will be ready to mobilize within the next 2 weeks, pending open Request for Information to the Architect regarding anchor points. Keep your fingers crossed.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS:

- I met with Rep. Jennifer Sullivan and her assistant to go over the funding requests I had filed for this session. I explained the 4 individual requests we submitted and also discussed our progress and status on the currently active projects and priorities.