

▪ Tuesday, November 21, 2023

- Provided an overview of the items, updates, and actions taken at the November 19, 2023, Council Meeting.
- Police Department (TPD):
 - This week Sgt. Hollis and Lt. Troxel met with our wellness application Cordico's Phycologist to talk about our wellness application and what your Police Department is doing regarding our wellness program. Sgt. Hollis and I were invited to participate in a webinar in December highlighting our good work. We are very proud and excited to get recognition.
 - Lt. Troxel met with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles Program Coordinator for At-Risk Drivers Control Programs to set up a training for all our staff to learn about the programs offered through this program.
 - Officer Saddler and Officer Fitzgerald attended the Oregon Peace Officer's Association's annual training conference. Both were super excited to attend, and they look forward to sharing all their knowledge with the rest of the Team.
 - School Resource Officer Olson attended a training course with the Tillamook School District staff regarding Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. SRO Olson is also looking forward to sharing what he has learned with our Team.
 - Lt. Troxel, City Manager George, and Public Work's Assistant Director Fetzer all attended a tour of the City of Vancouver's response to those experiencing houselessness in Vancouver. Their creative and innovative ideas are inspiring. While the City of Tillamook may not have the money to respond at the level Vancouver is responding to, there are ideas and strategies we can explore.
 - This week the rest of the Police Department team attended firearms training in low light and no light situations. This training is always a highlight of the year for firearms training.
- Public Works (PW):
 - Our PW crew continues to set up our light displays, many of which are at City Hall, and we are excited to announce that our 21st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. The lighting of the Christmas Tree serves as the centerpiece of the City's beloved annual holiday traditions in Tillamook. The tree will remain illuminated throughout the holiday season. Our family-friendly events unite our community to enjoy free, local entertainment for adults and children of all ages and abilities. Along with the lighting of the Christmas tree followed by a Christmas light parade, there will be food &

drink, pictures with Santa, entertainment, a coloring contest, prizes, & more!

- Don't forget to spread the word by telling your friends, family, and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there. See our Facebook page or website for more details and updates! Please contact Megan Kjenslee at publicworks@tillamookor.gov or text/call 503-812-5945 for all questions and inquiries regarding the Christmas program.
- Fun Fact: Did you know that during the Great Depression, when the unemployment rate hit 25 percent, the government employed millions of Americans to complete public projects such as building schools, airports, and roads? In fact, between 1933 and 1939, more than two-thirds of federal emergency expenditures went toward public works.
- The City will again be sponsoring a Holiday Light House Outside Decoration Contest for residents within the City. The winner will receive free utilities for a month. More information will be provided in the future on both the City's website and in the City's social media platforms.
- Last week Police Lt. Troxel; Assistant Public Works Director, Kyle Fetzer; and I (City Manager) had the opportunity to tour several of the sites in Vancouver, Washington that the City has provided for those who are houseless. We met with representatives and employees of the City of Vancouver and visited both a pallet house community and an RV (recreational vehicle) and car/truck camping area. The tour was very beneficial and provided many ideas on how to try and help our community.
- Also last week, Assistant Public Works Director, Kyle Fetzer; Public Works Project Manager, Madelyn Orton; Water Treatment Supervisor, Levi Beachy; and I (City Manager) met with the City's engineers and several representatives of the Port of Tillamook Bay, including the Executive Director, Michelle Bradley, to hold the first of several workshops to help determine the location of the new water transmission main for Phase 1. We are very pleased with the partnership with the Port of Tillamook Bay and look forward to working together on this very important project. Again, we thank Senator Weber for her hard work in obtaining the \$12 Million for this project.
- Yesterday, Lt. Troxel and I attended the Tillamook County Coordinated Houseless Collaborative. This group of dedicated individuals and organizations are working hard to help find solutions for our residents that are experiencing homelessness. We are pleased to be a part of this team.
- The City is pleased to announce that we have a new employee in the Planning Department who has filled the position of Planning

Technician. We welcome Isaac on board and are pleased to again have a full Planning Department.

- We have several technician positions available in the Public Works Department. Please visit our website or stop by City Hall for an application.
- A reminder that if you see something, say something by calling 911 for emergencies or Dispatch for non-emergencies.
- City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, November 22 and Thursday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving and the Day After Thanksgiving. We will reopen as usual on Monday, November 27 at 7:30 AM. We wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving!
- The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, December 4 at 7 PM. We encourage everyone interested in your local government to attend virtually or in person.