

▪ Monday, March 12, 2024

- Gave an overview of the March 6, 2024, Council Work Session discussion, which was: (1) Police Department 2023 Annual Report Presentation, (2) Police Department 6 Pillars of Law Enforcement standard from the Federal Government and how the TPD has implemented this and meets or exceeds all standards, and (3) Overview of the City's Wastewater System, both treatment and collection, the shortfalls, challenges, and issues the City is experiencing—this was in direct response to members of the City Council that would like the City to take over ownership and maintenance of private sewer lines between the property line and point of connection. The role of staff is to provide information so that the Council can make informed decisions for the City's residents.
 - Both departments put a lot of work into the presentation preparation and delivery. I was very pleased.
- The City would like to thank Senator Weber, Representative Javadi, and all others working to help secure funding for our community and County for infrastructure upgrades, especially wastewater, sanitary water, streets/roads, and stormwater. We appreciate their recognition of the seriousness of these issues and the funding that is necessary to fix these problems.
- The City was privileged to host the PSU (Portland State University) and DLCD (Department of Land Conservation and Development) Forecasting Meeting for City and County Stakeholders last week here at City Hall. We appreciate everyone who was able to participate.
- Police Department (TPD):
 - Lt. Troxel attended the public safety collaboration meeting at Adventist Health Hospital. Thank you to the hospital for their continued support and partnership with our public safety partners.
 - Sgt. Hollis, Executive Assistant Larson, and Lt. Troxel worked closely with Public Works staff to prepare storage space for the Police Department. This partnership is invaluable.
 - School Resource Officer Olson and Lt. Troxel attended the Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meeting. After this meeting Lt. Troxel attended the Child Abuse MDT Executive Committee meeting. There are excellent partnerships in place. Tillamook County is doing great work regarding trauma informed, and child centered work.
 - Lt. Troxel met with the Tillamook County Library Director regarding solutions for people leaving trash and staying overnight in their parking lots. This was a great discussion, and several ideas were developed. Thank you to the library management and their continued partnership with the City of Tillamook.

- Lt. Troxel met with the Northwest Accreditation Alliance regarding the Police Department's progress with becoming accredited. This is a very exciting time for our department.
- Lt. Troxel attended the Opioid Use Reduction Team meeting. This meeting has several community partners at the table doing very hard work. Our TPD Officers are trained and prepared to respond to overdoses.
- Public Works (PW):
 - This is just a reminder, which I will continue for several months; since 1970, residents have been responsible for maintaining their private sewer lateral lines and fixing them when problems occur. Fortunately for our community, the Tillamook City Council has recently changed the compliance timeline from 60 days to 365 days (one year), with possible extensions available for qualifying residents up to an additional six months (180 days). Currently, the City has severe rainwater issues that are coming into its treatment system. Fifty to seventy percent of this issue is on the private side of the City's system.
 - Ordinance violation notices are slowly going out to residents with failed sewer laterals. The City will be working on this a little at a time. Again, the goal is compliance to help our community, for the residents are paying at least \$1.4 million annually to treat rainwater. This is a significant cost for something that should not come into the system.
 - Additionally, the City would like to encourage and remind citizens of the Service Line Warranties of America policy available through HomeServe. This very low-cost warranty can help provide financial assistance when fixing sewer laterals and even the waterline to your home. More information about this policy is available at City Hall or <https://www.slwofa.com/>.
 - The Water Distribution Division is in the process of reading water meters throughout this week. Please refrain from parking on or obstructing access to your water meter during this period to ensure an accurate reading. Accurate meter readings are crucial for billing precision and detecting potential water leaks that may not be immediately visible.
 - Unusually high meter readings can indicate leaks or issues, such as a running toilet, which could result in unexpected spikes in your water bill. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining unobstructed access to the meters.
 - Please remember that utility payments are due on the 15th of this month. Convenient payment options are available on our website at tillamookor.gov or by phone at 503-842-2472.

- The Streets Division is preparing for a proactive phase of routine maintenance, embodying our commitment to the community's well-being and the City's sustainability. Our dedicated team will be engaged in various tasks, including sweeping streets using a specialized street sweeper, filling potholes to ensure smooth and safe roadways, and diligently maintaining local parks for the enjoyment of residents.
- Throughout these endeavors, the safety of our employees and the preservation of our equipment remain paramount considerations. We take pride in our hard work, recognizing its crucial role in upholding the aesthetic appeal, functionality, and sustainability of our City. Your cooperation and understanding during these maintenance activities contribute to the overall enhancement of our community's quality of life.
- I would like to give a huge shoutout to our Public Works Department. Since my arrival over three years ago, the entire department has embraced a culture of systems thinking, work processes, accountability, and empowerment of employees to do their job. When they come to work now, they go straight to where they are needed, work hard and smartly, and are now doing twice the work with the same number of employees than was formerly performed.
- The City's new website is now live and exists at the same homepage, www.tillamookor.gov. Citizens can go in and not only see information and content but can sign up to receive updates in any or all areas they desire. That way when a notice is posted anyone following that topic will be notified. It is a work in progress, so if you see or experience any problems or can't find something you are looking for, please either email cityrecorder@tillamookor.gov or call our main number and follow the prompts to the City Recorder's Office. Even if you can't remember the correct person to contact, just call us and we'll get you to the correct person, which is our Deputy City Recorder, Tammy Heitsman.
- We have several positions available at the City of Tillamook including Public Works Technicians and a part-time Urban Renewal Agency Administrator. 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.
- The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, at 7 PM. We encourage everyone interested in your local government to attend virtually or in person.

- On Saturday, April 13 at 9 AM, the City Council will hold a Council Planning and Goal Setting Work Session, which will be held at the Tillamook Main location of the Tillamook County Library.