

CITY of LA GRANDE THE HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON

Staff Report April/May 2011

City Manager's Top Priorities for 2011

Item	Date of Change	Item	Comments	Lead
No.	in Status			Department
1	Updated May 13, 2011	Develop and Implement Strategy(ies) to	The Budget Committee approved a balanced budget for FY 2011-12. Key to the budget was the new/extended labor agreements that provided	City Manager
		address General	significant savings over what was projected for the	
		Fund resource	FY 2011-2012, most notably the change in	
		shortfall	healthcare coverage. Work will continue on	
			annexation efforts and formation of a Parks and	
			Recreation Special District following formal budget	
2	Completed	Develop Objectives	adoption. The City Council approved the objectives as	City Manager
2	May 13, 2011	in support of City	presented.	City Wallager
		of La Grande	Feeders	
		Vision and Goals		
3	No Change	Support Business	In partnership with UCEDC. Task Force of 12 has	Community
	February 16,	Retention and	been formed; scheduled launch date of April 1 to	and Economic
	2011	Expansion Program	begin visitation process with 50-60 Union County	Development
			businesses over the next 12 months; City Staff is providing a variety of support and participant	
			services toward the effort.	
4	Updated	Implement	Work session scheduled for May, 2011. Work	Community
	May 16, 2011	Economic	Session rescheduled for June 6, 2011.	and Economic
		Development		Development
		Strategy for La		
5	TIndoted	Grande Continue	Chart town force on continuing managements intent	Cammunita
3	Updated May 16, 2011	Implementation of	Short-term focus on continuing program with intent of shifting responsibility to the La Grande Main	Community and Economic
	Way 10, 2011	Action Phases of	Street Board, phased approach where the City's	Development
		the Oregon Main	active participation changes to a supporting, not lead	20 veropinent
		Street Program to	role. Likely initial steps will be to shift RARE	
		Include	participant to the LGMS Board's supervision, with	
		Development of	continued funding by the City. Big H Streetscape	
		Projects; Begin	Project approved for funding by UR Agency.	
		Transition to La Grande Main Street	Washington Ave. Sidewalk project bid awarded,	
6	No Change	Capital Capital	project to begin May 23. Develop a program to address replacement of	Finance
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	January 2011	Improvement	General Fund capital equipment including, but not	
		Program	limited to ambulances, police cars, fire apparatus,	
			and other capital needs within available resources.	
			Continue to pursue grant opportunities.	
7	No Change	Create a Railroad	Pursue funding opportunities as they become	Public Works
	January 2011	Quiet Zone	available to make the safety improvements required	
			to create a quiet zone. The costs associated with	
			this project are in excess of \$1 million.	
8	Updated	Riverside Pavilion	Design work is complete and fund raising efforts are	City Manager
	May 13, 2011		ongoing. Waiting on payment for contents and	
			settlement amount for structure from CIS.	

2011 Council Regular and Work Sessions

<u>DATE</u> <u>TYPE</u> <u>TOPIC(S)</u>

Monday, March 14 Work Session URD Proposed Project Presentations

Wednesday, March 16 Regular Session

Monday, April 4 Work Session Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 6 Regular Session

Monday, April 11 Work Session Public works Update (immediately following an Urban Renewal Special Meeting)

Monday, April 18 Work Session (added) Parks and Recreation Fees/Annual Report/Pavilion

Monday, May 2 Work Session Economic Development Plan Implementation/Update

Wednesday, May 4 Regular Session

Monday, May 9 - Thursday, May 12 BUDGET HEARINGS [To be continued to the following Monday, if necessary]

Monday, June 6 Work Session City Participation in Community Events/Event Insurance

Wednesday, June 15 Regular Session [Budget Adoption Scheduled]

Wednesday, July 13 **Regular Session Work Session** Wednesday, August 8 Wednesday, August 10 **Regular Session** Wednesday, September 7 **Regular Session** Monday, September 12 **Work Session** Wednesday, October 5 **Regular Session** Monday, October 24 **Work Session** Wednesday, November 2 **Regular Session** Monday, November 7 **Work Session**

Monday, December 5 Work Session
Wednesday, December 7 Regular Session

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Commissions Include:

Air Quality Parking, Traffic Safety, and Street Maintenance

Arts Parks and Recreation

Community Landscape and Forestry Planning

Landmarks Substance Abuse Library Urban Renewal

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1	No Change February 14, 2011	Elimination of expired permits	The building department staff is going through all of the files and getting them cleaned up and transferred to the basement archives.	CEDD Building
2	No Change March 5, 2010	New Permit Software	BCD is projecting starting up with this program in 2012 with a few pilot jurisdictions.	CEDD Building
3a	Updated April 12, 2011	Monthly activity (March, 2011)	Permit Type/#: Fees \$: Valuation \$: Building, 29 18149.95 \$1,330,467. Demolition, 0 0.00 \$1,330,467. Electrical, 60 6991.26 Mechanical, 26 2297.12 MFG Homes, 3 1098.00 Plumbing, 23 3387.28 Farm Exempt, 1 0 Totals: 142 31,923.61 Total inspections performed = 203	CEDD Building
3b	Updated May 18, 2011	Monthly activity (April 2011)	Permit Type/#: Fees \$: Valuation \$: Building, 32 21,961.35 \$1,564,757. Demolition, 0 0.00 \$1,564,757. Demolition, 0 5404.28 Mechanical, 20 2514.40 MFG Homes, 0 0.00 Plumbing, 15 2713.20 Farm Exempt, 2 0 Totals: 106 32,593.23 Total inspections performed = 218	CEDD Building
4	Updated May 16, 2011	URA projects fund updates Fiscal YTD	\$250,000 current FY URA Projects Budget Project: Approved: Spent YTD: NTS roof \$13,000 \$13,000 BP property \$17,467 \$17,447 Fire Museum \$25,400 \$19,030 Wash. Parking lot \$35,000 \$0 IOOF Bldg. \$2,145 \$2,145 NTS streetscape \$29,500 \$28,750 Frontier streetscape \$15,000 \$0 Additional facades \$50,000 \$0 Totals: \$187,512 \$80,371 Available: \$61,350	CEDD Economic Development
5	Updated May 16, 2011	Implement façade grant program	11 projects are complete this fiscal year, one is in progress, two are approved but not yet started and 10 others are pending approval. 11 projects are in discussion.	CEDD Economic Development
6	Updated May 17, 2011	Monthly Main Street program updates	La Grande Main Street finalized its budget for the calendar year 2011. A transition task force consisting of City Council, City Staff, and LGMS representatives met in April to begin planning for the eventual program separation from the City of LG. Initial steps in this process include creating a finance sub-committee for LGMS and holding a City Council work-session towards the end of the calendar year. Downtown public restrooms have been closed due to the relocation of the visitors center.	CEDD Economic Development

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7	No Change March 7, 2011	Assess feasibility of forming a multi- county economic development marketing cooperative	Smaller planning group meeting held in La Grande August 3. Planning work underway. Attending a trade show planning meeting in Portland on Sept. 23 with statewide partners. Staff will be attending the AWEA trade show in Anaheim in May along with UCEDC staff.	CEDD Economic Development
8	Updated May 17, 2011	Assisting UCEDC with economic development plan implementation	Actively assisting with overall plan management and implementation and with the implementation of the UCEDC-specific tasks of Business Retention & Expansion, Business Recruitment and Business Cultivation. BR&E program to officially launch in March with two rounds of volunteer visitor training sessions. Cooperatively attending AWEA trade show in Anaheim May 21-26.	CEDD Economic Development
9	Updated May 17, 2011	Urban Renewal projects updates	IOOF: (\$200,000) property transfer negotiations ongoing Liberty: ongoing meetings and discussions with Main Street committee Big H: (\$1.6 million) reviewing design/engineering options & cost estimates; reviewing loan options Wash. Ave. Sidewalk: (\$35,000) bid award to Challis, project to start week of 5/23 The Marketplace: (\$65,000) agreement drafted, awaiting client review; project still being designed Frontier streetscape: (\$15,000) continuing to work with company on design and timing	CEDD Economic Development
10	Updated May 17, 2011	Urban Renewal "call for projects"	Approved for funding: Jefferson Clinic: (\$75,000) will build next fiscal year, preliminary site plans being reviewed by Public Works, Planning, CEDD, etc. Fallow remodel: (\$17,000) agreement signed Maridell remodel: (\$25,000) applicant working on providing additional project detail Bud Jackson expansion: (\$20,000) project tentatively delayed as the applicant makes revisions	CEDD Economic Development
11	Updated May 16, 2011	Calendar YTD Planning Statistics (through February '11)	Land Use Applications: 7 Zoning Approvals: 19 New Business Permits: 18 Revenue (Land Use Fees): \$1,175 Revenue (Park SDC): \$0	CEDD Planning
12	Updated May 19, 2011	Goal 9 – Phase 2 Public Facility Plan Updates (ODOT Grant)	Consultant negotiations have been completed and the Project is underway. The Consultants will be visiting La Grande on June 22 and 23 to conduct stakeholder interviews and a field survey. Staff is setting up a designated web page for interested citizens and stakeholders to stay actively informed in the Project. A draft Plan is anticipated to be ready for presenting to the public during open house schedule for late August. This project is schedule to be completed (final adoption) by June 2012.	CEDD Planning
13	No Change February 15,	Conditional Use Permit City	In January, the La Grande Planning Commission approved a request by AT&T to partner with the	CEDD Planning

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	2011	Fire/AT&T	La Grande Fire Department to install a 150' tall cell tower on the Fire Department's site. The Fire Department's 20' service antenna will be located at the top of the tower. The City Manager is currently in contract negotiations with AT&T for the placement and management of the tower. The tower is proposed to be constructed this Spring 2011.	
14	Updated May 19, 2011	Annexation	Staff will be submitting a request to the City Council during its June Regular Session, recommending that the City Council declare an election for the annexation of the "North Side". This annexation is anticipated to be placed on the November 2011 ballot.	CEDD Planning
15	No Change May 27, 2010	Downtown EOU Visitor Parking Permits	Considering providing a permit that would allow the EOU visitors permit to exempt those with temporary permit to park longer than two hours downtown in an effort to increase shopping opportunities. EOU is receptive; concept would be to encourage those who are here for campus visits to be able to also spend more time in our downtown. Ideally the local merchants would provide coupons or other incentives to make the program more viable. Next steps are to explore with Chamber and La Grande Main Street.	City Manager
16	Completed May 13, 2011	Budget Committee Department Tour	Conducted the tour of City Departments for the Budget Committee to allow the members of the Committee's to see first-hand each City Department and receive an overview of the functions of each Department.	City Manager/ Assistant to CM
17	Updated May 13, 2011	Pavilion Fundraising Effort	In cooperation with the Friends of Riverside Park Pavilion—a group formed by Soroptimist and Legacy Ford—work on outreach and education regarding how members of the community can contribute to the rebuilding and equipping the Pavilion. As of May 13 the effort has raised over \$7,000.	City Manager
18	Updated May 13, 2011	Pavilion Design	Council conducted work session on April 18 th and reached consensus on the design.	City Manager
19	Completed May 13, 2011	Council Meetings Back on Cable	Meetings are being televised again.	City Manager / Assistant to the CM
20	No Change February 23, 2011	Franchise Agreements— Potential Franchise Fee Increases	Will provide notice of intent to renegotiate the Franchise Agreement prior to deadline to preserve ability to address LTBSAC recommendation.	City Manager
21	Updated May 13, 2011	UCEDC Annual Work Plan Update	Joint Review Team met and reached agreement on Goals and Objectives subject to a specific timeline. Next step is Council and UCEDC approval.	City Manager
22	Completed May 13, 2011	Tourism Promotion Annual Update/Budget	The agreement between the City, County, and Union County Chamber of Commerce for tourism promotion services requires an annual update and proposed budget. Presentation was completed on	City Manager

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			April 4, 2011.	
23	No Change March 14, 2011	Charter Cable Franchise Agreement	Received a request from Charter to renew the Franchise Agreement. Current agreement has expired, all parties have continued to honor the agreement that was in place. Extension is on the Council's March 16 th Agenda.	City Manager
24	Updated May 13, 2011	Blue Mountain Conference Center Funding Request	The City is being asked to provide funding for the Conference Center—current budget projections indicate the Conference Center will not be able to continue to operate beyond this coming fall. The budget as approved by the Budget Committee does include funding for BMCC.	City Manager
25	Updated May 13, 2011	Urban Renewal Budget 2011-2012	Budget Committee approved budget.	City Manager
26	Updated May 13, 2011	City of La Grande Budget 2011-2012	Budget Committee approved budget.	City Manager
27	No Change February 23, 2011	Parks and Recreation District Effort	Next step is to seek volunteers to begin process.	City Manager
28	Completed May 13, 2011	Fire Association Negotiations	The City has reached agreement with the Fire Association.	City Manager
29	Completed May 13, 2011	Police Association Negotiations	The City has reached agreement with the Police Association.	City Manager
30	Updated May 13, 2011	Employee Association Negotiations	The negotiation teams have reached agreement on terms between the City and the Employees Association. Ratification to follow.	City Manager
31	No Change December 8, 2010	La Grande Business and Technology Park Land Certification	The State certification for the land at the La Grande Business and Technology Park has expired. UCEDC has completed the required documentation. The State has indicated that additional work regarding wetlands must be completed before recertification. UCEDC is working through this issue.	City Manager
32	No Change February 23, 2011	UCEDC Marketing Video	UCEDC is working on a video project that will promote La Grande and Union County. UCEDC's Board previewed the rough draft video and provided feedback to Valley Video. Subsequently Valley Video closed for business, however, the owner has committed to completing the project.	City Manager
33	Completed May 13, 2011	ATT Cell Tower Lease	The parties have reached agreement on the language and the City Attorney has reviewed and concurred with the revisions.	City Manager
34	No Change November 17, 2010	Eastern Oregon Fire Museum Lease	The current agreement between the City and the Volunteers states that the Volunteers will sublet the property and use the revenues from the rent to maintain the building. Union County Tourism is no longer a tenant and the City received a copy of a letter from Union County Chamber of Commerce to the Volunteers indicating that they are evaluating their options regarding location. It is also believed that the other major tenant will leave within the next two years. While the City doesn't have	City Manager

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			responsibility for the property, we do have an interest in what happens given our ownership of the building and we will monitor the situation.	
35	No Change May 27, 2010	Citizen Survey	Draft complete and currently being reviewed.	City Manager
36	Updated May 24, 2011	Annual Work Sessions with Advisory Commissions	This process will continue throughout the balance of this calendar year, with some modifications. As you will recall, the City Manager and appropriate Staff brought to the Council's attention earlier this year the need to address a variety of issues related to your Commissions established by Ordinance. Of primary concern is the inability to ensure a quorum on a regular basis for several of those Commissions and the need to facilitate the process by which changes may be made to Commission-establishing documents. A Council Work Session to address these issues has now been scheduled on Monday, June 27, to be referred to as "Commission Restructuring." Staff will be prepared during that Work Session to respond to Council questions and/or concerns related to recommendations that will be set forth in a Staff Report that will be provided to the Council in advance of that Work Session.	City Recorder
37	Updated April 15, 2011	Personnel Policy Manual	In an effort to conserve Staff time for day-to-day administrative tasks requiring immediate attention, the City Manager has accepted an offer from Akin Blitz to coordinate the update of the City's Personnel Policy Manual with the assistance of CIS staff, based on their model Policy and Procedures Handbook. City staff will, of course, continue to be involved to provide appropriate input and to direct the organization and submission of the information essential to completing this task in a timely manner at a nominal cost.	City Recorder
38	Updated April 15, 2011	Draft New Procurement Ordinance	With the Personnel Policy Manual off the "hands on" radar screen, more time and attention can now be devoted to the City Manager's request that an Ordinance streamlining and clarifying our existing Public Contracting Grid and other purchasing practices governed by State Statute and current City policies and regulations be drafted. A final version may have to wait until the Legislature adjourns, inasmuch as there are several public contracting Bills still in the hopper.	City Recorder
39	Updated May 25, 2011	Develop Records Management Policies and Procedures/Rehab Records Center	Again, the Legislature's final action on Bills submitted by Attorney General John Kroger related to his Government Transparency Initiative will affect the final versions of these policies. In deference to the City Manager's recommendation and the City's considerable budget constraints, we are regrettably but understandably postponing indefinitely a request to purchase the necessary records management software program(s) that would allow us to maintain a more accurate records access system; as well as equipment required to update our Records Center.	City Recorder

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40	No Change February 22, 2011	Complete requirements for becoming a Registered Parliamentarian	Currently researching on-line distance learning opportunities, in preparation for the three-hundred question final exam.	City Recorder
41	Updated May 25, 2011	Commission Vacancies	As you are well aware, this has been a problematic area for a number of years. While we're closing in on having all of our Commissions filled, this continues to be a "revolving door" process~ just about the time we gain some, we lose some. For example, having just finally filled the Landmarks and Planning commissions, we are losing a third Library Commissioner, which will again leave a Commission without a quorum of voting members. We continue to advertise all of our Commission vacancies (19, as of this writing); and, as previously noted, a Work Session has been scheduled on Monday, June 27, to discuss Commission restructuring.	City Recorder
42	No Change March 4, 2011	Directors Job Descriptions	Three are remaining to be completed. (Fire, Police and Public Works) Review and update all department directors' job descriptions. Fire is waiting final approval from City Manager, Public Works and Police are still in progress	Finance/ Personnel
43	No Change November 12, 2009	Community Service Policy	A final draft of the recommend policy will be completed shortly and presented to the City Manager. Form a committee and come up with a Community Service Leave Policy. The committee has met once and will be meeting again to refine the policy to present.	Finance/ Personnel
44	No Change January 4, 2010	Create and Implement a standard process for hiring new employees	We have created an outline of the hiring process. We are currently refining this process and will be testing before implementing as a standard procedure with all departments. Currently, each department conducts their own new hires and with changing personnel the process is many times incomplete in complying with the law and City Policy. This form being designed will guide departments through the process so all City departments are consistent and accurately completing the hiring process. This process was discussed in staff and input given by each department. A newly revised outline is being created.	Finance/ Personnel
45	No Change March 4, 2011	Implement GASB 51	GASB 51 requires accounting and reporting for intangible assets. Our implementation date will be 6/30/2010. Public works has been working with Auditors in the progress and we are about 80% complete. After reviewing with Public Works, it its estimated a completion date of prior to June 30, 2011	Finance
46	No Change November 1, 2010	GASB 54	This GASB statement will apply to financial reports (audit) and will enhance the usefulness of fund balance information. Fund balances that are	Finance

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			nonspendable (such as inventory) will be identified as well as committed funds. (Those funds that include amounts that can be used only for specific purposes as determined by a formal action of City's highest level of decision-making authority)	
47	Completed April 30, 2011	Computer Software upgrade	Effective with the passing of the 2010/11 budget, the finance office will receive a computer software upgrade. Currently, this is scheduled to happen in March 2011. The original download of the database will be 12 weeks prior. We will be without computers for 2 workdays prior to the actual upgrade. The new server will be installed by February 24 th . There will be a software custom code review in February also. Currently, we are on track with the timeline. The new server was installed and we are still awaiting 1 new computer. One webinar on our new software was held with one more in March prior to the conversion. A PSA will be issued explaining our limited services that will be available on March 17 th and 18 th , due to no access to our data base. We have also been reviewing processes and programs that will disappear with the new software, determining what water bill statements will look like, check styles we will use and have reviewed our custom code and determining if we still need.	Finance
48	No Change December 13, 2010	Risk Management Incentive Program	This is a CIS program that provides financial incentives to the City to help create safer workplaces. We qualify for \$10,000 over a 3 year period of time. Department directors have been asked to submit projects that may qualify. The next step will be to meet with CIS and review the suggested projects to see which qualify.	Finance
49	Updated April 18, 2011	Statistics	For the month of February 2011: Monthly Revenue (all funds) \$1,236,231 Monthly Revenue (general fund) \$433,369 Monthly expenses amount (all funds) \$1,367,608 Monthly expenses (general fund) \$639,881 # of Accounts Payable Checks issued: 232 # of Payroll Checks issued: 134 Monthly Payroll expenses: \$686,818 # of Water accounts billed: 5157 # of LID accounts billed: 1 # of NSF checks the City received: 4 Pieces of mail processed 5,474	Finance
50	Updated April 18, 2011	Statistics	For the month of March 2011: Monthly Revenue (all funds) \$ 974,453 Monthly Revenue (general fund) \$ 277,783 Monthly expenses amount (all funds) \$1,149634 Monthly expenses (general fund) \$ 567,804 # of Accounts Payable Checks issued: 207	

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			# of Payroll Checks issued: Monthly Payroll expenses: # of Water accounts billed: # of LID accounts billed: # of NSF checks the City received: Pieces of mail processed 134 \$ 656,976 5161 27 # of NSF checks the City received: 4 Pieces of mail processed 5,273	
51	Updated April 18, 2011	FY 2010-11 Budget Process	Budget calendars, budget worksheets with instructions have been distributed to all departments to begin the budget process. The first phase is estimating what the current year revenue and expenditures will be. Approved changes have been determined with the conclusion of the budget hearings. Estimated, requested, proposed and approved numbers for the budget will now be entered into the accounting software with the final step being the adoption.	Finance
52	Completed	Contingency Funds	Looking into transferring contingency funds for operating costs that will be associated with the clean up and reconstruction of the Riverside Pavilion prior to insurance money reimbursement. A resolution was passed March 16 th , 2011 allowing for the transfer of contingency funds	Finance
	No Change March 4, 2011	Street Fund Budget	Monitor Street Fund to determine if and when there may need to be a resolution prepared to account for the unanticipated Revenues received from the increased gas tax and increase appropriations for personnel costs.	Finance
53	No Change March 4, 2011	Fixed Assets	Begin preparing the fixed asset inventory for updating by each department for the current fiscal year.	Finance
54	Completed April 18, 2011	911 Fund	Resurrect and prepare a 911 Fund for the City Budget. With GASB 54 requirements and state mandates in designated spending accountability, it has been determined a resurrected 911 Fund will be re-established. This fund was approved in the budget hearings	Finance
55	No Change March 4, 2011	Grants	Semi Annual review of grants received to date and bring to date, paperwork associated with these revenues and expenditures.	Finance
56	New Item April 13, 2011	Hire Part-time employee	We have advertised in-house to fill our part-time position that was vacated in March 2011	Finance
57	No Change February 12, 2009	Implement a smoke alarm inspection and replacement program	We were unable to get grant funding this past year to implement a smoke alarm replacement program. We'll be applying for funding again this year (2009). We applied for and received train-the-trainer training and support materials for a fire safety and fall prevention program for elderly citizens in our community through the Office of State Fire Marshal. We did this in partnership with	Fire

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			Community Connections of NE Oregon, Inc. in January and will be presenting the program to our senior citizens over the next 10 months.	
58	Updated May 17, 2011	Statistics	Response statistics for Mar. 2011 Medical: 224 Fire/Other: 6 (2 fires, 1 arching wire, 1 false alarm, 1 CO check, 1 gas leak) Response statistics for April 2011 Medical: 178 Fire/Other: 17 (5 fire alarms, 2 public assists, 5 open burn complaints, 1 structure fire, 1 mutual aid structure fire, 1 CO leak check, 1 natural gas leak)	Fire
	Updated May 17, 2011	Fire Code Inspections	New inspections for Mar: 2 April: 1 Re-inspections for Mar: 0 April: 0	Fire
59	Updated May 17, 2011	Juvenile Fire Setter	1 Intervention(s) conducted in April	Fire
60	Updated May 17, 2011	Child Safety Seat Installations and Bicycle Helmets	Mar: 3 and April: 3 families instructed in proper car seat with 8 being provided with reduced priced child safety seats. Mar: 0 and April: 7 families assisted with proper bicycle helmet use and supplied with 11 helmet(s).	Fire
61	Updated May 17, 2011	Traffic School	Mar: 7 and April: 11attended traffic school. Fees collected: \$900	Fire
62	Updated May 17, 2011	Training/Conf.	April Training/Conferences 8 members attended various 2 day classes at Spring Fire School in Pendleton. 2 members attended 3 day course in Salem at DPSST Academy in conjunction with annual OFIA firefighter training.	Fire
63	Updated May 17, 2011	Fire Safety House Trailer	With the exception of few minor details, the fire safety trailer refurbishment has been completed. The trailer was donated to the City by the Office of the State Fire Marshal in 2009 and thanks to numerous donations of materials by local businesses, and grant dollars received for this project the work is complete. The safety trailer was a big hit at the annual Safe Communities county wide $K-3^{rd}$ grade health and safety program held at held Blue Mt. Center in April.	Fire
64	Updated May 17, 2011	EO Fire Museum	The UC Chamber of Commerce has vacated the office space they occupied for the past several years in the old fire station. The loss of this once active partner of the EO Fire Museum creates a couple of challenges. The loss of revenue from the rent is a real concern and threatens the future of the museum. Also, having UCCC and UC Tourism as tenants and partners in the early development of the museum, the museum was able to be open for self guided tours during their regular business hours. Hundreds of visitors to La Grande and the downtown were able to access this free amenity each year. The	Fire

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			museum is now only open by appointment. Another consequence of UCCC's move is the loss of the public restrooms, which have been a nice amenity for the downtown. The EO Fire Museum board hopes to find another tenant or tenants for the space soon.	
65	Updated April 13, 2011	Development of Fire Training Facility	The first floor of the 3 story training tower has been framed. Just waiting for good weather to continue framing phase.	Fire
66	Updated April 13, 2011	Weed/Tall Grass Complaints	Permits are being sold for the spring open burn period. The burning of dry yard debris is allowed beginning April 1 st and ending May 31 st .	Fire
67	No Change March 10, 2011	Literacy Center	In an effort to make the budgeted money go as far as possible, we did not open the Center until mid-January since historically we do not have consistent good attendance until after that point. We have added several more adult volunteers to the afternoon schedule so we are tutoring more students one-on-one or in groups. Our high school volunteer comes on Thursdays. Saturday volunteers have not been as easy to find or as reliable. We presently have no one willing to open that day so will not offer those hours until we find people. We have had more requests for materials with which parents work with their children. Two families who live out of town and cannot get to the Center consistently to use our services particularly would like these materials. One professional tutor brings her student to work with him here. The Coordinator took requested materials to one young mother who has a newborn and two eight year olds and taught her how to use them.	Library
68	No change March 10, 2011	Page Turners Book Club	The book club discussed Alice Walker's <i>Now is the Time to Open Your Heart</i> . Book Club meets at White House Coffee on the third Tuesday of the month and newcomers are always welcome.	Library
69	No Change Feb. 16, 2011	Friends of the Library	Friends donated their time to help out at the Elvis' Birthday fundraiser for the Teen area which is under development. Seventy people attended and \$500 was raised for the library.	Library
70	No Change October 6, 2010	Archives	 Five collections were taken in and processed at the Archives. They range from pictures to a 1915 La Grande High School Mimir. Terri Washburn and Sandra Boren attended a Preservation Planning Meeting in Pendleton, Oregon on September 28. This was put on by the Oregon Museum Association and funded by a grant from the Federal Institute for Museums and Library Services. Lyn Craig of the Libraries of Eastern Oregon had 	Library

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			a positive response in connection with our request for her to apply for other grants for the Archives.	
71	No Change March 10, 2010	Statistics	2011 2010 12,229 9,189 Circulation 24,205 18,165 Door count 10,125 11,244 Card holders 409 330 Overdue notices 58 10 Library2Go patrons 88 34 Library2 Go titles checked out 28 23 Events in community room 91 30 Homebound deliveries 15 59 Adult program attendance 380 668 Children's program attendance 27 25 Volunteers 227 210 Volunteer hours	Library
72	No Change Dec. 10, 2010	Young Adult Area	A 40" television and wii were purchased for the new teen area which is in development. Furniture has been ordered from Demco. Two chairs have arrived to date.	Library
73	No Change Dec. 10, 2010	Programs	Ka-No Foster Kalama of the Warm Springs tribe was here with his 30 flutes and drums. The library co-sponsored a poetry reading with the Blue Mountain Writers.	Library
74	No Change Feb. 16, 2010	Department Activities	Sage Consortium migrated to open source Evergreen software the end of December. Considering that the consortium covers 70+ multitype libraries over 10 counties, the migration has been very smooth. Winter Festival was held in January. There were over 500 attendees utilizing the library, ODS, and the walkway between the buildings. A 55" TV was installed in the check out area to promote library events. This will eliminate a lot of the paper sign clutter.	Library
75	No Change October 19, 2010	Greenway	The ODFW has extended their deadline to allow us additional time to secure matching funds for their Restoration & Enhancement Grant for possible acquisition of property. We have applied for special program funding from the State of Oregon Parks Department and should receive a response in the near future.	Parks - Admin
76	No Change March 15, 2011	Greenway	The Grant to construct a bike/pedestrian bridge to link Riverside Park to the Greenway has been approved in the amount of \$841,100. Staff is currently reviewing the Agreement and the next step will be to select an engineer.	Parks - Admin
77	No Change October 19, 2010	Morgan Lake Camp Host	Staff is researching other agencies and compiling information regarding facilitating a camp host for Morgan Lake Park. Some of the issues under consideration are a volunteer vs. paid position,	Parks - Admin

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			hiring criteria; cost vs. cost savings; duties; writing new rules pertaining to Morgan Lake and overnight camping; criteria for fee schedules; mapping; and site designation.			
78	Updated April 15, 2011	Training	Superintendent Roberts attended a class presented by the Arthritis Foundation in Portland and is now certified to teach water arthritis classes. She received a \$75 scholarship for the class, making the cost only \$25 plus the travel cost of \$122.10.			Parks - Admin
79	Updated April 15, 2011	Grants	Staff is exploring the additional possibilities for energy savings identified by the engineer from BPA. The bid received on the dehumidification system was \$246,000. Avista would pay \$53,680 and we could get a business tax credit of \$63,620. The savings are estimated to be approximately \$17,000 a year for gas. Staff is checking to see if there would be additional savings from electrical.			Parks - Aquatics
80	Updated	Pool Statistics	8	2010	2011	Parks -
	May 20, 2011	March	ATTENDANCE	2,753	4,084	Aquatics
		April Statistics Unavailable	REVENUE FY TO DATE NOTE: In 2010, we grade lesson program receive until June this	in March whi		
81	Updated May 20, 2011	Pool Update	A second Gentle Exercise Class has been added to the pool curriculum on Monday and Wednesday evenings, 5:30 – 6:15 pm. It is also being taught by volunteers and is averaging 11 participants. A Lifeguard Training Class with 8 participants started the first Tuesday in April and will continue through the month of May.			Parks - Aquatics
82	Updated May 20, 2011	Pool Maintenance	The outdoor pool was re-plastered the last week of April, costing approximately \$11,000 from the reserve account that was established with the EOU funding.			Parks - Aquatics
83	New May 20, 2011	Morgan Lake	Inspector and Distriction rap rock and boulde the strength. As an awas used to lower the been temporarily closes.	theavy rain a diliary dam on sed leakage on the advice of the Water Masters against the added precaution he water levelsed to vehiculars.	and snow, which the west side of in the down siren the State Dam er, we placed rip dam to increase on, a siphon pipe dl. The park has ar traffic but open ment is actively	Parks - Maintenance

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84	Updated May 20, 2011	Little League Size Baseball Field	Field is almost complete and was recently named the Kory Vaughn Memorial Field by City Council. Dedication ceremonies will be held on June 4 th .	Parks Maintenance
85	Completed May 20, 2011	Parks Maintenance	Volunteers Brian Bell (excavator) and crew, Fred Bell, Jr. (backhoe and dump truck), Mike Hampton and crew (mini excavator, bobcat), Dewayne Craft (24" auger, soft excavator machine, dump truck & 3-ton roller), Rob Lane, Lee Atkinson, Ryan Givens, Mike Wisdom and Jay Coleman donated their time and equipment to lay 520 feet of pipe in Mel Fischer and Community fields to correct the drainage problem. Materials for the project were purchased by the La Grande High School Softball Team (\$1,000) and La Grande High School Baseball Team (\$500); La Grande Little League purchased all of the rock for the project at a discounted price from R.D. Mac.	Parks - Maintenance
86	Completed May 20, 2011	Southwestern States League of Professional Baseball Clubs (SSL)	Financing for the League was apparently unsuccessful, so La Grande will not have a team.	Parks
	Updated May 20, 2011	Adult Recreation Program	Ten teams are participating in the League this spring. Games started the first week of May and have been fighting the weather, but have managed to play a couple of nights each week.	Parks - Recreation
87	Updated May 20, 2011	Children's Recreation Program	Staff is working to put together the summer schedule, which should be available the first week of June.	Parks - Recreation
88	Completed May 20, 2011	Arts for All	The Arts for All Festival, sponsored by the La Grande Arts Commission, was held on April 16 th , We were able to purchase the necessary supplies thanks to the following who donated monies to support both the festival and the children's recreation program: Oregon Community Foundation, \$4,000; Wildhorse Foundation, \$1,000; Joe and Cathy Petrusek, \$500; and the Eastern Oregon University Community Choir Festival, \$1,480.	Parks - Admin
89	Completed May 20, 2011	Planting, Maintenance and Removal	Four trees damaged by Riverside Pavilion fire removed; dead pine tree removed from Island Avenue Greenway. Terry Rich Tree Service donated cost of removal and stump grinding of one hazard tree at Riverside Park.	Parks – Urban Forestry
90	Updated May 20, 2011	Community Outreach March &	Responded to 88 questions/concerns from the community.	Parks - Urban Forestry

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		April	Prepared teaching unit materials f classroom visits and gave four clapresentations.		Week	
91	Updated April 15, 2011	March Statistics		MAR	YR TO DATE	Parks - Urban Forestry
			ROW Trees Planter	0	0	-
			Park Trees Planted	0	0	
			Street Trees Removed	19	24	
			Park Trees Removed	5	6	
			Street Trees Pruned	33	180	
			Park Trees Pruned	0	22	
			Field Evaluations	18	23	
			Nuisance Responses	1	2	
			Community Responses	35	63	
			Ordinance Enforcement	1	2	
			Tree Service Permits	2	4	
			Site Plan Reviews	0	0	
92					YR TO	
				APR	DATE	
			ROW Trees Planter	20	20	
			Park Trees Planted	1	1	
			Street Trees Removed	5	29	
			Park Trees Removed	0	6	
			Street Trees Pruned	33	180	
			Park Trees Pruned	4	26	
			Field Evaluations	18	23	
			Nuisance Responses	1	3	
			Community Responses	53	116	
			Ordinance Enforcement	1	3	
			Tree Service Permits	1	5	
			Site Plan Reviews	0	0	
93	Updated April 14, 2011	Crime Statistics	The crime stats listed for the Janu March.	ary, Febr	uary and	Police
			Crimes against persons: (assaults	, robbery	, sex	
			crimes)			
			Jan: 8 Feb:17 Mar: 11			
			Crimes against property:			
			(burglary, vehicle theft, NSF/acct	. closed)		
			Jan: 40 Feb: 38 Mar:28			
			Crimes against society:			
			(drug laws, DUII, liquor laws, di Jan: 24 Feb: 42 Mar:40	sorderly c	conduct)	
			Traffic Crimes:			
			(DWS, Hit &Run, eluding, reckle	es driving	7)	
			Jan: 2 Feb: 5 Mar: 7	oo arrviilg	5/	
94	Updated	Operations	Following are the statistics for Mar.	arch:		Police
7 7	May 20, 2011	Division Statistics	Case Reports turned in: 137	(11.		
	1.10, 20, 2011	For March and	Total Traffic: 240			
		April, 2011	Arrests: 43			
			March Calls for service: 1465			
			Following are the statistics for Ap	oril:		

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			Case Reports turned in: 167 Total Traffic: 268 Arrests: 57 April Calls for service: 1642	
95	Updated April 14, and May 16, 2011	Communications Division Statistics	These statistics reflect the total calls for a multitude of agencies within Union County. Following are the statistics for March Traffic/Air: 480; All Calls: 2899; Actual legitimate 9-1-1 calls for service: 267; Case reports taken by LGPD and UCSO: 186 Following are the statistics for April Traffic/Air: 400; All Calls: 2909; Actual legitimate 9-1-1 calls for service: 291; Case reports taken by LGPD and UCSO: 186	Police
96	Updated May 20, 2011	Training	OPERATIONS MARCH TRAINING: All officers attended a 4 hour SFST refresher course. All Officers/Reserves completed a 2 hour block on firearms qualification. Rifle team completed a 4 hour block of training. Two officers attended a background investigation school. One Sergeant completed the 40 hour mandatory supervision training in Portland. The SWAT team completed a 4 hour block of training. The Sniper team completed a 4-hour block of training. APRIL TRAINING: 3 officers attended a 4 hour block of training regarding people with autism. The SWAT team had an 8 hour block of skills training. Chief and Lt. attended the Oregon Association Chief of Police conference A detective attended the 4 day Child Abuse/Family Violence Summit. COMMUNICATIONS MARCH TRAINING: All dispatchers completed 2 hours of bloodborne pathogen recertification training and 2 hours of hazmat recertification training. The Communications Manager attended the APCO-NENA conference. One dispatcher attended the 3 day EMD training.	Police/Comm
97	Updated May 20, 2011	Union/Wallowa County Drug Task Force February, 2011	March: New Activities: 24 Activities year to date: 58 Arrests: 4	Police

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		Activity	Arrests year to date: 9	
		Summary	April stats were unavailable at this time	
98	No Change Feb. 15, 2011	Communications Strategic Plan	After extensive evaluation and testing, we have determined that the vehicle mounted repeaters will not resolve our communication deficiencies as needed. We are working with Union County Emergency Management to evaluate other approaches.	Police
99	No Change March 20, 2011	Department Activities	March: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance involving assault and strangulation. The man, who was later arrested, had arrived at his former girlfriends, the mother of their child, after midnight to visit the 2 year old child. When the girl said it was not to happen at that time, he became enraged and began assaulting her. The Grandmother, who was asleep in the house, heard the commotion and called 911. During a traffic stop, the Officer was given false information regarding the driver identity. Following an investigation and consent to search the vehicle, it was learned that the driver had a valid warrant for her arrest. One parolee passenger violated his release order and his Probation Officer issued a detainer for his immediate arrest. The other 3 passengers were found in possession of Meth and other unlawful items. April: Officers responded to, and arrested a man who was threatening another with a board. A female was arrested for action involving a domestic disturbance including resisting arrest. The female using force against an officer and she was subdued after the officer was forced to use pepper spray on the woman to gain control in a confined area. A man was arrested for numerous charges after a domestic disturbance involving the man's wife, 4 year old son, Mother-in-law and grandparents. The man had forced entry into the home, causing damage to the Door and casing, physically taking custody of the 4 year old and attempted to leave the property when the Officers arrived	Police/Comm.
100	No Change February 17, 2009	NPDES permit	NPDES permit with DEQ has been submitted. Application is in to DEQ for review.	Public Works
101	No Change September 15, 2010	GASB 54	Evaluate and inventory all Public Works infrastructure for water, sewer, storm sewer and streets. This will be a lengthy process and we are currently collecting data and educating ourselves on the rule requirements. Staff met with the auditor and he estimates the work is 80% complete.	Public Works
102	No Change	South 12 th Street	Union County has been successful in obtaining	Public Works

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	December 7, 2010	Reconstruction	grant funding for the reconstruction of South 12 th Street. Mike Becker has completed construction. The road is now paved from Gekeler Lane to Highland Drive and the paving is continuing south. The detour route was in the process of being repaired with gravel. Patching of these areas will happen in the spring.	
103	No Change December 17, 2009	'B' Avenue Right- of-Way	The 'B' Avenue right-of-way is being evaluated as a result of The Ridge development. Property owners are being visited with for right-of-way dedication.	Public Works
104	No Change November 1, 2010	Street User Fee Projects	The Parking, Traffic Safety & Street Maintenance Advisory Commission has made recommendations for project prioritization for maintenance. Staff is preparing the extent of what projects can be accomplished. These projects will be the direct benefit of \$300,000 savings on the Gekeler Lane project. Following is a list of the projects: **Depot Street and Elm Street Seal Coat** – The contractor will be overlaying with a seal coat Depot Street and Elm Street from Washington Avenue to Jefferson Avenue. This project was awarded to Mike Hampton and should start within two weeks. The funding is from Street User Fees and is estimated at \$30,000. Planned to be completed in the Spring of 2011. **S' Avenue Overlay** - This project will overlay 'S'	Public Works
			Avenue from Monroe Avenue to Spruce Street and is estimated at \$56,000. The water taps will be replaced this winter with the overlay to be completed in the Spring of 2011.	
105	No Change October 25, 2010	CMAQ Grant for Cars	The intergovernmental agreement has been signed. This will allow for the purchase of 4 cars (2 for the Police Department, 1 travel car for City Hall and 1 travel car for the Public Works Department). Currently, Public Works is waiting on the EPA to publish a complete list of the emissions qualifying vehicles.	Public Works
106	New Item May 20, 2011	Second Street from Penn Avenue to Spring Avenue	Plans have been started by the consultant to correct hillside slippage area.	Public Works
107	Completed May 20, 2011	Sewer Repair	Crews have completed the replacement of the sewer mainline on 'O' Avenue between Cherry Street and Willow Street.	Public Works
108	No Change November 1, 2010	Intake Permit	Staff is working with the USFS on a permit. This permit was a 1-year renewable permit, but because of the progress made in addressing the migratory fish passage issue, the USFS has indicated that they are looking at a 30-year permit. This may be ready for Council review in the next couple of months.	Public Works
109	Completed May 20, 2011	Street Evaluations	Street crews have completed road surface evaluations to determine the streets that are in need	Public Works

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			of resurfacing and prioritization to meet current	
			funding levels.	
110	New Item March 15, 2011	Water, Sewer and Stormwater Master Plans	Staff is currently working with the consultant to determine the extent and cost of updating the Water, Sewer and Stormwater Master Plans. It has been over 10 years since the last update. On the Stormwater Master Plan, the consultant is looking at evaluating the area west of 12 th Street for the first time.	Public Works
111	New Item May 20, 20011	Street Patching	Patching will begin the week of May 23, 2011	Public Works