

CITY of LA GRANDE THE HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON

MONTHLY REPORT

September 2019

City Manager's Top Priorities for 2019

Item	Date of	Item	Comments	Lead Department
No.	Change in			
	Status			
1	No Change	Fiscal management: Continue to	The City continues to perform within budget and the	City Manager
	June 18, 2019	manage the City's finances	General Fund's ending cash increased again this	
		within limited resources to	most recent fiscal year. The 2019-2020 Budgets	
		provide highest possible level of	were adopted by the City Council and Urban	
		service to the City of La	Renewal Agency in June as approved by the	
		Grande.	respective Budget Committees.	
2	Updated	Economic Development:	Business Development/Recruitment	Economic
	October 11,	Continue to implement the	 Partnering with OTEC and Golden Shovel 	Development
	2019	Urban Renewal Plan and	to develop and implement new Economic	
		economic development strategy	Development Website. Developed draft	
		as approved by the City	website content with pictures. Participated	
		Council/Urban Renewal Agency.	in virtual reality video filming.	
			Will continue to discuss Comprehensive	
			Plan changes.	
			 Listing agent has been selected for Business 	
			Park. Properties are now individually listed	
			on MLS and Oregon Prospector.	
			 Continuing to work with a re-location client 	
			on finding location. Looking at zoning	
			options to accommodate this business.	
			 Working with Building and Planning to 	
			ensure that Brickyard Lanes is moving	
			forward with required project components.	
			Building Department conducted site visit.	
			 Received approval from LGMSD Board and 	
			NEOEDD to partner on a Business Plan	
			Competition for the Lottes Building.	
			 Met with EOU Business Dean regarding 	
			Business Plan Competition and to outline	
			partnerships moving forward.	
			 Met with former JC Penney building 	
			stakeholders to conduct planning meeting.	
			Received approval to start pursuing pop-up	
			businesses for this space. Partnering with La	
			Grande Main Street for holiday pop-up s in	
			former JC Penney Building.	
			 Work is continuing on first floor expansion 	
			of local business that has not announced in	
			the Pennington Property. It is anticipated	
			that this business will open in mid-October.	

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			 Attended Business Oregon Training and 	
			Team Oregon Planning in Portland.	
			Met with EOU/PSU students to talk about	
			economic development and urban renewal.	
			Met with two clients regarding projects.	
			Retail Development Project:	
			 Partnering with La Grande Main Street 	
			Downtown Business Development	
			Committee to conduct an inventory of	
			available downtown retail space.	
			Working with local property owners for	
			potential development of additional retail space. Following conversations at Retail	
			Conference, two leads through Buxton are	
			still working to site in La Grande/Union	
			County.	
			Presented SCOUT 101 Training to La	
			Grande Main Street and NEOEDD	
			Directors.	
			La Grande Main Street Downtown	
			LGMSD Biz Dev Committee has completed	
			parking survey analysis. We are working	
			on creating a multi-year strategic plan to	
			submit to the Parking Committee and	
			ultimately City Council.Participating on La Grande Main Street's	
			Board of Directors, Business Development	
			(Biz Dev) and Organization Committees.	
			Assist with planning for Biz Dev activities	
			including "Hot Topics." Organizing Hot	
			Topics for October.	
			Continue to collaborate with Rotary so that	
			next year's event will be a "Clean up and	
			Beautification" day.	
			Chair, LGMSD Design Committee and facilitated greation of project list	
			facilitated creation of project list.Work with Main Street for implementation	
			of the Façade Grant Program.	
			Drafted and filed annual report for Oregon	
			Main Street Grant – Pennington Project.	
			Entrepreneur Center/Entrepreneurial	
			<u>Development</u>	
			 Through a partnership with Rural 	
			Development Initiatives, Ignite received a	
			\$35,000 grant from the Kauffman	
			Foundation, which is the premier researching and supporting entrepreneurial	
			development.	
			Discussed joint ROI grant application with	
			EOU.	
			Submitted Community Development Block	
			Grant to Business Oregon.	
			 Conducted planning for Ignite fall 	
			workshops with NEOEDD.	

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	Status		 Partnering with LGMSD and Chamber on Hot Topics sessions. Presented Economic Development 101 at SPARK women's mentoring group— Developing volunteer leaders who can assist in facilitating the group. Members are continuing to leading short topic workshops. 19 women have attended SPARK meetings with a core group of 8-10 at each meeting. 	
			 Urban Renewal Programs: Draft Grant Agreements for 2019/2020 CFP and met with award recipients to review. Continued working with CFP awardees regarding project questions and funding. Closed out grants for Direct Music Source, BR Office Condominiums and Countertop Solutions. 	
3	No Change June 18, 2019	General Fund Capital Improvements: Identity funding sources and strategy to address major capital needs including but not limited to the Library Roof and the Police Department.	The 2019-2020 Budgets that were adopted by the City Council and include funding for the Library Roof as well as matching funds up to \$50,000 for ADA improvements at the Arts Center. The City Council approved a revised policy at their June meeting that includes dedicating 75% of any unanticipated increase in General Fund ending cash to capital improvements.	City Manager
4	Updated August 19, 2019	Quiet Zone: Upon approval from the FRA, complete the required improvements and initiate necessary City Council legislation actions to establish the Quiet Zone for La Grande.	FRA has approved our Application to use ASM/SSMs has been submitted to FRA for review and approval. At the August City Council meeting, the City Council authorized the Mayor and City Manager to take all required actions to finalize the Quiet Zone. Once all improvements are completed the City will submit final notices required to enact the Quiet Zone. Public Works is working on the improvements, see Public Works section below for additional details.	City Manager
5	No Change April 1, 2019	Housing: Complete housing study and identify recommendations for addressing findings.	See update under Planning below.	Planning
6	Updated August 19, 2019	Staffing: Develop a plan to address critical staffing issues including, but not limited to hard to fill positions and succession planning for key positions.	Committee has been appointed and continues to meet.	City Manager

Council Sessions, Significant Deadlines, and Events Schedule September 16, 2019

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.
The meeting dates listed here are place holders; meeting dates and topics are subject to change.

2019

September 26 – 28 LOC Annual Conference

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Wednesday, October 2	REGULAR SESSION
Monday, October 21	WORK SESSION Storm Water Plan and/or System Buy in Sewer Water Ordinance Update
Monday, November 4	WORK SESSION Urban Renewal Training
Wednesday, November 6	REGULAR SESSION WORK SESSION City Manager Evaluation
Monday, November 11	HOLIDAY
Monday, November 18	WORK SESSION Economic Development Strategy Update
Monday, November 25	WORK SESSION TENTATIVE: Visioning
Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29	HOLIDAY
Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29 Wednesday, December 4	HOLIDAY REGULAR SESSION
	REGULAR SESSION
Wednesday, December 4	REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday, January 1 HOLIDAY

Monday, January 6 WORK SESSION

Audit Report

Wednesday, January 8 REGULAR SESSION

Monday, January 13 WORK SESSION

September 2019 4
La Grande Staff Report Blue=new item Red=completed item

Monday/Tuesday, January 27 & 28

RETREAT

Additional topics with dates to be determined: ATV use on City Streets, New Targeted URA Project Program, Police Department Building, Urban Fire Interface

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1	Updated October 2,2019	Monthly activity (September)					Plan Review	Building	
	0000001 2,2019	(Beptember)	Permit Type	<u>Permits</u>	Permit	<u>-ees</u>	<u>Fees</u>		
			City of LG Building:	7	\$3,8	17.00	\$2,234.70		
			UC Building:	11	\$7,76	67.00	\$4,468.75		
			City of LG MFH	0		\$0.00			
			UC MFH	0		\$0.00			
			City of LG Mechanical	13	\$1,1	09.00			
			UC Mechanical	21		55.00			
			City of LG Plumbing	6	\$9	43.50			
			UC Plumbing	8		77.50			
			City of LG Electrical	21	\$2.0	32.50			
			UC Electrical	28		45.50			
			City of LG Demolition	0		\$0.00			
			UC Demolition	0		\$0.00			
			AG Exempt						
			permits	3					
			TOTALS:	118	\$23,4	47.00	\$6,703.45		
			Fiscal Year Running Totals:	381	\$99,8	12.20	\$34,859.15		
2	Updated	Library Director Search	Five finalists w					City Manager	
	August 19, 2019		and provided p selection has no						
			checks at this t	ime. We a	re contrac	ting wit	h Aletha		
			Bonebrake to s we continue the		oart-time i	nterim l	Director while		
3	Updated	Waste Pro Franchise	City garbage so	ervices are				City Manager	
	September 13, 2019	Agreement	an outdated but have provided						
	2019		proposed revisi	ion that wa	as reviewe	d by the	e City		
			Attorney and a						
L				Ordinance at the October Council meeting, assuming the revisions are acceptable.					
4	Updated	Personnel Policy/Employee	Draft policy ha	s been dev				City Manager	
	September 13, 2019	Handbook Update	Department Di planning a wor						
			September 19 th	to make r	evisions.	Once th	ne draft is		
			complete, we value adoption.	vill work v	vith barga	ining gr	roups prior to		
5	Updated	Market Place Family Foods	The grocery sto					District	
	August 19,	Agreement Amendment	Foods. There l					Manager	
	2019		amending the a received the fir						
			regarding empl	oyment ar					
			with the Agenc	cy.					
			The Agreemen	t includes	the CLIE	NTS—N	Market Place		

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6	No Change	Planning/Building Process	Family Foods, LLC, and Town Square, LP. The owner of Market Place Family Foods has declared bankruptcy and the grocery store is currently closed. The Agreement needs to be amended to reflect the removal of Market Place Family Foods and to clarify items such as the completion date of the project and specifically identify the timelines related to when the window for loan forgiveness ends. There are additional revisions contemplated and the Agency is working with Town Square LP on this. Additionally, the Agency has granted permission to Town Square, LP, to reopen the grocery store with a different operator. Staff is reviewing how we respond to potential and	City Manager
	September 18, 2018	Enhancements	actual project proposals in an effort to assure the right people are aware of projects that they can assist with or where they will have review/approval roles. The goal is to streamline the process and reduce confusion where possible. We are currently looking at how we can modify our correspondence to be more helpful. We have identified a process for including more Staff earlier in the timeline.	
7	No Change February 26, 2019	Traded Sector Policy Update	Based on the Urban Renewal Agency Retreat, Staff will work on a revised Policy for the Traded Sector Program that identifies provisions for a streamlined approval process for exceptional recruitment leads.	District Manager
8	No Change February 26, 2019	Urban Renewal Targeted Project Policy Development	Based on the Urban Renewal Agency Retreat, Staff will work on a new policy for targeting specific properties for Agency initiated grant funding.	District Manager
9	Updated September 13, 2019	System Development Charges/Water and Sewer Connection Fee Review	The City Council met with the Staff in a Work Session to discuss the existing methodology for assessing water and sewer connection fees and potential revisions that could be made. Staff will do additional research before moving forward with any changes. Also discussed were needed revisions to the Sewer Ordinance and Fee Resolution that will be presented to the City Council for consideration in the near future.	City Manager
10	No Change January 29, 2019	Police Building	During the Council Retreat the need for addressing the situation with the Police Department was discussed. Recently improvements to the building and increased maintenance efforts have helped with the situation, but the need for a permanent solution remains. Staff will work on potential solutions as part of an overall capital improvement strategy for the City's General Fund.	City Manager
11	No Change September 18, 2018	Surplus Property Disposal and Procurement Resolution Update	The current policies related to the acquisition and disposal of City property have not been fully reviewed and updated in a number of years. Staff is working on updating these for Council consideration.	City Manager
12	Updated August 19, 2019	В2Н	The City Council voted to approve an agreement for mitigation with Idaho Power related to the B2H project and is awaiting a signed copy from Idaho Power. The City's response to the Draft Proposed Order is due August 22 and is being drafted.	City Manager
13	No Change November 20, 2018	Union Dues Court Case	Due to a recent Supreme Court Ruling regarding employers deducting union dues from paychecks, the City is working with the bargaining groups through their legal representation to have all employees sign a new authorization to withhold the dues. This will protect	City Manager

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	III Status		both the Cit	ty and the	employees.			
			employees.	Addition	dated author ally, there a	re other asp	ects of the	
					re modificat g Agreement			
			Memorandi	ım. Once	we have the	Memoran	dums	
				the City C	Council will	be asked to	approve	
14	No Change	Advisory Commission	them.	ng table o	utlines the e	visting vac	ancies	City Recorder
1.	July 31, 2019	Vacancies	The follows	ing table o	diffies the c	misting vuc		City Recorder
			Advisory		<u>on</u>		ancies	
			Air Qualit	.y		3/7		
			Building I	Board of A	appeals	4/5		
			Budget Co	ommittee		1/7		
					ape/Forestry	2/7		
			Landmark Library	S		1/5 0/5		
				Traffic Safe	ety and Stre			
			Maintenar	nce				
			Parks and	Recreation	n	0/7		
			Planning Union Co	unty Touri	iem	0/5		
			Urban Rei		15111	3/7		
15	Updated	URA projects fund updates	2019-2020	Call for P		•		Economic
	October 11, 2019	Fiscal YTD	Business BR Office	Address 1902 4 th	Project Renovation	Funds \$63,211	Status Completed	Development
			Condo. Assoc.	Street	for business expansion			
			Countertop Solutions	1415 Jefferson	Renovation of historic	\$36,789	Completed	
					property for business			
			Grande	2400	expansion New	\$75,000	In Process	_
			Ronde	Adams	Construction	1		
			Animal Hospital	Avenue	for New Business			
			Lottes Building	1413 Adams	Renovation/ Restoration	\$75,000	In Process	
					of Historic			
			Steve's	316	Property New	\$75,000	Not Started	-
			Outdoor Adventures	Antelope Dr.	Construction for business			
					Expansion			_
			2018-2019 Business	Call for P	rojects Project	Funds	Status	-
			Valley	401	Structural	\$35,000	Not started	1
			Vet Kehr	Adams 1802 4 th	Upgrades New	\$50,000	yet Complete	-
			LT Dev	Street 1012	CrossFit Restoration	award \$50,000	In process	-
				Adams		Award	1	_
			Texaco	1508 Adams	Retro Suit	\$50,000 award	Not started	_
			Direct Music	1206 Adams	Store Exp.	\$15,000 award	Complete	
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			Call for Pr Business	ojects car Address		Funds	Status	_
			Baum Smith			\$20,000	Complete	

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	III Status		2017		Imp.	award		
			Dannington	1106	Rehab	\$140,000	In muc cocc	
			Pennington 2017	Adams	Kenao	award \$50,000 remaining	In process	
			Brickyard Lanes 2014	1212 Jefferson	Bowling alley	\$80,000 award \$40,050 remaining	In Process	_
16	Updated October 11, 2019	Façade grant program	issued. One 1. **V Ave 2. Boy	As of December 2018, there have been (4) façade grants issued. One was in process and has since withdrawn: 1. **Withdrawn**Philip Merrick, 711 Adams Avenue – Window Replacement				
17	No Change September 18, 2018	Business Development Assistance Program	Three loans a have been ma	are in the re-			new loans	Economic Development
18	No Change June 6, 2019	Retail Development Program	Reported Ab	ove				Economic Development
19	No Change February 14, 2019	Chart of Accounts Review	Form a committee involving all departments to update and refine all Accounts within the Chart of Accounts to reflect descriptions that are more appropriate to the types of activities that are being completed as well as combining accounts that are similar in nature. In December, the committee met and reviewed the Chart of Accounts and discussed recommended changes.					Finance
20	Updated October 10, 2019	Statistics	Month of A Monthly Revent Monthly Revent Monthly expens Monthly expens # of Accounts P # of Payroll Che Monthly Payroll # of Water acco # of LID accoun Pieces of mail p	ugust, 2019 ue (all funds) ue (general fund) es amount (all fur es (general fund) ayable Checks is cks/AP issued: expenses: unts billed: ts billed:	sued:	Current 1,753,735	YTD \$ 3,467,092 \$ 882,534 \$3,874,247 \$ 1,750,891 424 396 \$ 2,021,664 9,657 23 999 4,972	
21	Updated October 10, 2019	Springbrook Software access updates to include more employees and departments	Access is being created by groups which is a new concept to the current access set up which is for Finance only. Allowing access to department personnel will allow each department to view real time information and give the ability to print reports for themselves as needed. There will be education provided to departments on how to use. Security and user permissions have been set up in the system. A user guide is currently being created and ESD has been notified to create access to Springbrook for those that don't already have it. IT is currently working to give access to those who are approved and education has begun on how to use. There are four department remaining to be trained.				Finance	
22	No Change September 5, 2019	Employee Self Service (ESS)	Currently Cit time worked with the Fire	ty Hall and L on line, thro	Library em ough ESS.	ployees ent Currently	working	Finance

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			entry in ESS with Fire Department Employees. We are scheduled for a webinar to view a module that may help with this. Full time parks employees have been updated to use ESS and the Fire Department will be reviewed after the software upgrade.	
23	Updated October 10, 2019	Software upgrade	We are working with Springbrook Software to identify our custom code. Once this is completed, we will be able to determine which upgrade level we will move to. It has been determined that we will not be able to remove all custom code due to the Utility Reading System. A request to a software upgrade has been made and we are awaiting the system requirements and quote. All quotes have been received and workorders have been placed for both the hardware and software. IMESD and Springbrook are working together to work out Software/Hardware details and will notify us when this is complete. Currently we are scheduled for our upgrade process from 1/6/20 – 3/16/20.	Finance
24	No Change July 23, 2019	Transient Lodging Tax Ordinance	Update language in the current Transient Lodging Tax Ordinance to incorporate definitions to clarify intermediaries and other language as recommended by LOC. The 1 st draft has been completed and passed on for another review.	Finance
25	Updated October 10, 2019	Annual Audit	The annual audit has been scheduled for October 7 – 11, 2019 for FY 2018-19. Preliminary field work was completed on June 24 and 25. Audit field work is currently in process.	Finance
26	New Item October 10, 2019	Cross Training	We continue to cross train employees so in the absence of an employee we are able to perform most functions without much delay. This process is continually ongoing with Fiscal Year End and Calendar year end processes.	Finance
27	Updated October 10, 2019	System for Award Management (SAM), DUNS	This is the government program to make the process of doing business with the government more efficient. (Grants). We currently have two DUNS numbers with different departments managing. City Manager Strope wants this program managed by the Finance department moving forward. Currently we are in the process of changing over the administrator to the Finance Director. The changes are in the process of being made.	Finance
28	Updated October 7, 2019	Response Statistics	Sept 1, 2019 – Sept 30, 2019 Total Calls: 255 YTD: 1974 Medical: 199 Fires/other: 44 MVC: 12	Fire
29	Updated October 7, 2019	Fire Code Inspections/Fire Prevention Activities	Sept 1, 2019 – Sept 30, 2019 Inspections/Activities: • Plan Reviews: 0 • Inspections: 2	Fire
30	Updated October 7, 2019	Staffing	We have 1 new FF/Paramedic on staff working days and being oriented with 1 more that has completed background and awaiting physical should be officially hired by the end of October. We have placed job announcement to fill last 2 FF/Paramedic positions.	Fire
31	Updated	Juvenile Fire Setter	1 - Intervention(s) conducted	Fire

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	October 7, 2019			
32	No Change September 4, 2019	Wildland Fire Interface	Crew participated in going door to door, talking to neighborhood households and handing out flyers.	Fire
33	Updated October 7, 2019	Child Safety Seat Installations and Bicycle Helmets	 (2) Families instructed in proper car seat installation with, (1) being provided with reduced price child safety seats. (2) Families instructed in proper bicycle helmet use with, (2) bike helmets being provided. 	Fire
34	Updated October 7, 2019	Training	 Workplace harassment training for all members. New employees training with FTO's Driver cone course for Pumper drivers 	Fire
35	Updated October7, 2019	Traffic School	• (22) students with a revenue of \$1,100	Fire
36	Updated October 7, 2019	Station Tours	• (1) Station tours given/ with 8 total people.	Fire
37	Updated October 7, 2019	PR Events	 Chief Cornford and Captain Tibbetts participated in Celebrate LG September 5th. Retired Chief Weimer provided fire truck rides Crew attended Farmers market for kids' day. Flag display for 911 remembrance. 	Fire
38	Updated October 7, 2019	Public Education	Crew assisted with a Stop the bleed class	Fire
39	Updated October 7, 2019	Apparatus AFG Grant	 Received notification that our grant request for \$572,095.23 was successful. City match is \$28,604.77. Funds will be used to upgrade the department fleet with a new Pumper to replace the 1968 Columbia. 	Fire
40	Updated October 11, 2019	Current Recruitments	 Library Director Position - Conditional Job Offer Made - 1 Position. Firefighter Paramedic Applications - Interviews/Testing - Pending job applications. 911/Tele. Tech. Posted. Background in process 1 Position Sergeant Position posted - 1 Promotion. Police Officer Position posted - 1 position. Safe Routes To School Program Coordinator posted - 1 position Open enrollment in process. 	Human Resources
41	Updated October 12, 2019	Literacy Center	 We are gathering applications and arranging for tutors to serve all who wish to have one on one time. Drop ins and unstructured times always available The Literacy Center is now open Tuesday-Thursday, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm for the school year. 	Library
42	New Item October 12, 2019	Announcements	Cook Memorial Library welcomes a new director, Kip Roberson, who will be starting on October 14th. Kip joins the library from Seattle.	Library
			Carrie Bushman attended The Association for	

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			 Rural and Small Libraries (ASRL) Annual Conference in Burlington, Vermont. Harvest Share returns to the Library this fall on Tuesdays 10 am-noon, with free produce for everyone. Harvest Share is a collaboration with the OHSU School of Nursing. Fall dates are October 15 & 22 and November 5, 12, & 19. 	
43	Updated October 12, 2019	Statistics	Current Month Last Month 8,936 10,428 Circulation 21,375 22,247 Door count 17,662 17,598 Card holders 69 131 Overdue notices 1,581 1,746 Library2Go e-books &e-audio 6 15 Events in community room 172 6 Adult program attendance 151 146 Children's program attendance 12 12 Teen program attendance 32.25 8.5 Volunteer hours	Library
44	Updated October 12, 2019	Children's/Young Adults	 991 1,054 Total Sage ILL To check on events, visit the library's website, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages. Children from newborn to age five may be signed up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library free book program at the library. Children will receive an age-appropriate book mailed to their home in their name every month until they reach age 5. New children's programming for fall includes LEGO Play on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm and Storytime on Fridays at 1:30 pm. Toddler time is held on Mondays at 10:20 a.m. for children ages 14 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Baby Tot Bop, for those three years old and under, is moving to Thursday mornings at 10:00 am as of October 3. Baby Tot Bop program for children 3 years old and under is held Friday mornings at 10:30 am Teen programs will return this Fall. Teen events are open to youth in middle and high school. A variety of free activities for teens occur at the library each month. To check on events, visit the library's website, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest pages. Teen Book Clubs, one for middle school age and one for high schoolers meet first Thursday 	Library

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			 Teen writing circle meets once a month, second Thursday 4-5 p.m The Teen Writing Circle is a place to exchange ideas, brainstorm, and get feedback from peers. Teens are encouraged to bring their stories and writing ideas to share. Teen iCraft will be held Friday, October 18 at 4 pm. Teens will paint pumpkins. This free activity is open to anyone in middle or high school. Supplies are provided and space is limited to 25 participants. Registration is not needed. The activity will be held in the library's Community Room. New Friday evening event features classic role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons. It has a revolving group of youth to adults of about one dozen people, with actual participation averaging about 9 at each meeting. Sessions vary from 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Digital audiobooks and e-books are available with a library card on two apps: Overdrive and Libby. Perfect for young readers, Libby is a kid-friendly format. Both apps are free and can be used by logging in with a library barcode and password. Contact the library for a password if needed. GO-STEM kits, part of the "Greater Oregon Science, Technology, and Math," regional partnership with EOU have been added to the collection. Kits include components to explore STEM principles and education. Library has also added Blocks Rock! STEM kits to the collection. These fun and colorful kits include blocks, a timer, and cards for ages 4+ to play competitive and educational games. 	
45	Updated October 12, 2019	Adult Programs	 Page Turners book club for adults meets the 2nd Tuesday every month. To check on upcoming book selection, please call or visit the Library around the first of the month. The library acquires. multiple copies for checkout by readers. Four book club kits are now available for patron check out to use in their own book clubs, each with 7 to 10 copies of a title and a sheet of questions. Ballet Basics for adults is on Tuesdays from 12:10 pm-1:00 pm. This free class explores the fundamentals of ballet to build grace, strength, and flexibility in a low-key environment. Dropin, free. Participants should wear work out 	Library

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			 apparel and ballet slippers, if possible. Guided and silent meditation sessions are Wednesdays from 5:15 pm-6:00 pm. Led by Kitia Chambers, sessions explore a variety of meditation and relaxation styles and techniques. No experience or registration necessary. Foreign films are show every second Friday at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Refreshments are provided. meets met Tuesday, August 13 September 10 at 	
			 1:00 pm in the Archives Room. The book for August September is <i>The Island of Sea Women</i> by Lisa See. Feeling crafty? Need inspiration? Check out CreativeBug, an online platform with over 1,000 	
			 classes, from cupcake decorating to planner design. Click the link on our website, cityoflagrande.org/library and login with your library barcode and password. 3D printing is available at the Library. Contact 	
			Ryan at the library or email mcginnis@cityoflagrande.org for details. A video of the printer in action can be seen on Library's Facebook page. Programs for adults include Meditation on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m; Ballet Basics on Tuesdays at 12:10 pm; and Foreign Film Friday. Films start at 4:00 p.m.	
46	Updated October 2, 2019	Parks Maintenance Update	 Completed the installation of a T-Swing at Garden Club (Y Street) Park. Refilled playground wood chip surfacing at Birnie, Y, and Riverside Parks. Getting ready to install concrete dock abutment at Morgan Lake. Shutting down irrigation Finished installing 3 quick couplers on the girls varsity softball field. 	Parks & Rec- Maintenance
47	No Change June 30, 2019	Welcome Sign Improvements	Removed shrubs at the La Grande welcome sign and replaced with perennial flowers and decorative bark. La Grande Rotary may be interested in repainting the sign. Staff is currently getting bids for that.	Parks & Rec- Maintenance
48	No Change May 10, 2019	Recreation Center	The Committee met with the owners of Grande Ronde Fitness to see about a possible partnership. They offered sale of the property for the tax assessed value. Other options are still being explored.	Parks & Rec- Admin
49	No Change August 5, 2019	Current Greenway Easement	 The City has an easement for a small segment of the existing Greenway and have reached agreement with the property owner to transfer City property for the portion of the easement that is being used for the trail. The current owner has continued to use a portion of the easement resulting in conflicts. By transferring 	Parks & Rec- Admin

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50	No Change August 5, 2019	Pioneer Park Concessions Grant	the property this s Staff has received Line Adjustment Attorney's office signatures once the signatures once the signature of the start of the signature of	I notice of the rev Deed and has au to prepare the fine County approve been painted and he end of the wee	vised Property thorized the City hal draft for ves the transfer. the roof should k. Up next –	Parks & Rec- Admin
51	Updated October 10, 2019	Pool Statistics September 2019	ATTENDANCE FY TO DATE REVENUE FY TO DATE	FY 18-19 (thru Sept.) 1294 10,327 8,817 50,668	FY 19-20 (thru Sept.) 1329 9420 10,097 44,338	Parks & Rec- Aquatics
52	Updated October 10, 2019	Pool Programs Update	No programs maintenance	ran in Sept. beca	ause of	Parks & Rec- Aquatics
53	Updated October 10, 2019	Pool Maintenance	 Tile, gutters, contractor. Natatorium I drained for the inspection. Replaced carpool New chloring installed Front end reproduction of the counter and form the counter and form	stainless steel clearge Bryant boile arge Bryant boile he state to do an imera and underwation unit for lap/modeled. Demolframed in a wall. In front entrance, broke by chemic eplaced, ot in the small po	eaned by er had to be internal ater light in small small pool ished front Opened up the cal control panel	Parks & Rec- Aquatics
54	Updated October 10, 2019	Recreation Program Update	 Flag football with 201 kid. The Skatebox 21st. We had ORPA Confe Pee Wee bas registration i The Doggy I huge success more than do year! This ye in attendance The Fall Esca Block 52, op Friday's and For a full list 	is in full swing! is across 20 teams and Tournament to 11 contestants are rence is Oct 14, ketball will start is currently under Howl-a-Ween Cool! The weather was bubled our attender we had 10 dogs. The weather was a week and 10 dogs. The search is a contest of the search is October 18th.	s! took place on Sept and ~40 spectators. 15, & 16! Nov 2 nd and way! stume Party was a as perfect and we ance from last gs and ~30 people be from Cell and runs on gh November 9 th .	Parks & Rec- Recreation
55	Updated October 10, 2019	Urban Forestry Update		rty-six questions/ ding street tree w g program, the F	irewise program,	Parks & Rec- Urban Forestry

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			 care. Coordinated the fall meeting and Eastern Oregon tour for the Oregon Community Trees board of directors. Submitted media announcements for the fall beautification awards, the street tree planting program, and the Neighborwoods community tree planting event. Coordinated fall tree planting: tree shipment, site evaluations, utility locates, planting list, planting groups, and volunteer recruitment. 33 trees were planted by volunteers on October 5th. Met with Miller's Tree Service to coordinate the 2019 street tree pruning program in Zones 3, 4 and 5. 	
56	No Change September 10, 2019	Urban Forestry Tree Inventory Project	Began inventory of parks trees	Parks & Rec- Urban Forestry
57	No Change September 10, 2019	Wildland Urban Interface Committee	Coordinated with Fire Department and members of the LGWUI committee talked with homeowners and distributed information in the Modelaire neighborhood regarding wildfire preparedness.	Parks & Rec- Urban Forestry
58	Updated October 10, 2019	September Urban Forestry Statistics Notable Projects Approved	July 1, 2019 – June 2020 Sept. YTD Street Trees Planted 0 0 Park Trees Planted 0 1 Street Trees Removed 2 13 Park Trees Removed 0 0 Street Trees Pruned 5 84 Park Trees Pruned 0 73 Community Responses 36 71 Nuisance Responses 4 12 Field/Tree Evaluations 28 52 Ordinance Enforcement 0 2 Tree Service Permits 0 0 Site Plan Reviews 2 3 Volunteer Hours 10 16	Parks & Rec- Urban Forestry
59	No Change June 10, 2019	Notable Projects Approved	16 th Street – 55+ housing development: GCT Land Management is constructing a senior housing project that includes 8 single-family homes (one-story) and 22-24 condominiums (2-story). Russell Avenue, near Spruce Street – Veteran Village tiny home development: GCT Land Management is constructing a 10 unit tiny home development in partnership with Veteran Affairs.	Planning
60	Updated September 12, 2019	Calendar YTD Planning Statistics	Aug 2018 Aug 2019 FY 18-19 Current FY 19-20 Land Use Apps 5 2 52 3 Zoning Approvals 6 4 50 5	Planning

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	in Status		New Business Permits	1	6	25	8	
			Revenue (Land Use Fees)	\$975	\$150	\$11875	\$175	
			Revenue (Zoning Approval)	\$150	\$100	\$1150	\$125	
			Revenue (Parks SDC)	\$2,100	\$0	\$8425	\$0	
61	No Change	Housing Needs Analysis	• The City or	f La Gra	ande was	identified	l as being a	Planning
	June 10, 2019	(HNA)	severely rent a State func Analysis (H) being conduct based in Lak will be ince Chapter of t HNA will identify the s types within	burdened ded project NA). Thi cted by F e Oswego orporated he La Gr inventory curpluses a the City.	I city, wh ct to con s analysis CS Grou b. The con the Cit rande Con the Cit and defici	ich qualified duct a H is has coming, which a nclusions of the grant of the grant of the grant of the qualified the grant of the qualified duck of the qua	ed the City for ousing Needs menced and is re consultants of this analysis 10 (housing) we Plan. The ng stock and arious housing	Training
				for accep	ptance by	the Orego	nal documents on Department DLCD).	
			the City C Consultant p a large surpl but approxin 3) zoned lan These findin analysis that	ouncil d resented f us of sing nately a 1 d over th gs were took into erceived	uring a findings style-family 4 acre detent 20 based of consider need based ba	Work Se howing that residential efficit of mu year plar a slightle ration "pened on publ	at the City has I zoned lands, alti-family (R- ning horizon. y progressive t up demand" ic and agency	
			the "pent up more factual based on a consultants h DLCD, ren continues to multi-family surplus of r categories. finding is th	demand' approach ctual stu ave modi- noving the results in residential The sign at the Cit mediately	' justificate be used, idies and fied the field the City all develoolly zoned to will not be used.	ation and r as required l physical inal report t up der having a pment, but land in and import of be required	equires that a at by State law, data. The as required by mand" which need for more at the City has all residential retance of this ired to pursue in the adoption	
			Moving forw City should f includes poss	ocus on d	eveloping	g a strategio	plan that	

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	in Status		housing needs within the City.			
62	No Change May 13, 2019	2019 Sign Code Amendments	Initially, Planning Department St sign code amendments with upda Development Code. Unfortunate complexity of modifying the sign possible to bundle these together	ites to the 2018 ly, due to the code, it was no	Land	Planning
			Staff is currently working sign code for the City Country which will require review.	Council's consider when the consider was a consider with the City at the consider when the consider with the consider when the consider with the consideration with the	deration, ttorney.	
63	No Change February 20, 2019	Code Amendments Floodplain Regulations	As mentioned in past reports by I settled a lawsuit with National M other agencies regarding the prot species and salmon and steelhead upheld that the FEMA regulation within floodplains is inadequate endangered species according to Species Act (ESA). In April 202 Fisheries issued a Biological Opi with Reasonable and Prudent Alt protecting habitat which FEMA in new regulatory requirements by Seadline has recently been extend October 2021. Based on this external planning Department drafting new floodplasting new	arine Fisheries ection of endang habitat. The lass for developme for protecting the Federal End 16, the National nion (BiOp), alternatives (RPA) is required to ad Spring 2019. The ded by 3 years, the state of the	and gered awsuit ent dangered Marine ong) for Idress in his until ne, the off on ns until	Planning
64	Updated October 10, 2019	Taylor Creek Floodplain Mapping	how to proceed. Anderson Perry has completed the will be submitted to FEMA with A work session with the council Monday, October 21, 2019 to revenued and map revisions.	the revised floo is scheduled for	od maps.	Planning/ Public Works
65	No Change September 14, 2018	Operations Division Statistics	Statistic gathering has been temp to lack of dispatch staffing.	orarily suspend	ed due	Police
66	Updated October 9, 2019	Staffing	We currently have a vacant dispatch position. We recently completed the testing process are moving into the background phase of the hiring process. We have one Police Officer position open. We are continuing with the background portion of the hiring process to fill this position. With the retirement of Sgt. John Shaul we conducted a Sergeants assessment and Mike Harris was promoted to Sergeant, effective 10-7-2019.			Police
67	Updated	Detective Division abuse		SEPT 19	YTD	Police
	October 7, 2019	statistics and street crimes	Physical Abuse Cases	5	55	
		The abuse cases are mostly DHS referred cases and not all of them require further	Sexual Abuse Cases Neglect cases- (also includes children exposed to drug activity and dirty homes)	19	55 186	
		investigation	Domestic Violence	3	13	
		Monthly cases reported are	Total number of Child Abuse cases	31	302	
		new cases.	Total number of Senior and	2	7	

October 9, 2019 • The SWAT team had a four-hour block of training. • One officer attended a week long Outlaw Motorcycle Gang investigations training in Spokane • One officer attended a one-day Mental Toughness for LE training in Tigard. • Chief Harvey attended the OACP Conference in Salem. • One officer attended a tactical duty knife use/defense training in Bend. • One Detective attended the 4-day 2019 Oregon Homicide investigations conference in Ashland • One officer attended a two-day Distracted Driving conference in Salem. COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING: • Comm. Manager Griffin attended the APCONENA conference in Bend Several department members traveled to Weiser, Idaho to observe the Zuercher software in use. This is the software that we have purchased and are currently working to get installed. 70 No Change December 11, These are the most recent Type of Crime Crimes against persons 10 95	e/Comm
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October 9, 2019 business practice review with the Zuercher build team will be Oct. 14- 18 th , 2019 72 No Change September 1, This project is on hold until funding is acquired. In the new STIP cycle, the grant funding model has been	

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	2018		updated. The updated model does appear to be favorable for the truck route project, and staff will be working with ODOT to submit an application for the next cycle.	
73	No Change September 12, 2019	Street Maintenance	The street crew is patching utility ditches and repairing potholes. Painting is 90% complete. Weed spraying is continuing as needed.	Public Works
74	Completed October 10, 2019	Otten Drive Turn Around Construction	This project consists of a turnaround at the base of Otten Drive to pull truck traffic away from the roadway during inclement weather shutdowns of the Interstate. Truck stacking has caused multiple problems for State workers as well as the residents living on Otten Drive. ODOT has completed this project and has hauled the removed material to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for City use. ODOT will put the turnaround into operation during the upcoming winter season.	Public Works
75	Updated October 10, 2019	CMAQ Roadway Projects	Project has received approval from the State and Federal levels, and is waiting on an agreement from ODOT to release the funding. As the method of project delivery has changed since the previous disbursement, the process is being forged as we move ahead.	Public Works
76	No Change August 6, 2019	STIP Roadway Safety Projects	ODOT is working with Union County to establish a construction easement at the Senior Center to aid in the construction of the project. The easement would allow access to areas that will provide adequate equipment space, and create an onsite laydown area Materials were ordered on July 30.	Public Works
77	Updated October 10, 2019	Street User Fee	I Avenue was paved on October 7 th and 8 th . This completes the construction of the project. Staff is pulling together the final cost accounting and project documentation, and anticipates closing out the project by the end of the month.	Public Works
78	Updated October 3, 2019	Wastewater Treatment Plant Screening Facility	The screen is currently in operation and is producing approximately 30 gallons every 24 hours. Crews poured a concrete pad and are waiting on a dumpster to be delivered.	Public Works
79	No Change September 12, 2019	Lift station Improvements	The wastewater crew is adding an air ozone blower to the East H Avenue lift station. This will remove grease, odor, and H ₂ S from the lift station. The plans have been sent to Titus Ind for an estimate.	Public Works
80	Completed September 12, 2019	Tule Lake	Tule Lake is online as of September 9.	Public Works
81	Updated October 3, 2019	Sewer Line Inspection and Cleaning	The wastewater collection crew completed performing TV inspections of Area 3 and has begun Area 1. They have also been cleaning lampholes and will be starting to clean the 6 month cleaning list in the near future.	Public Works
82	No Change September 12, 2019	Adams Avenue ADA Ramps	Staff continues to work with ODOT on development of exceptions for ramps within the project that cannot be constructed to ODOT standards. All timelines are dependent on review times with the state and shall dictate when construction will begin.	Public Works
83	No Change September 12, 2019	Quiet Zone ASM/SSM Construction	Construction of all physical improvements has been completed by City forces. Only remaining task to be completed prior to submittal of the Quiet Zone notification is the adjustment of pedestrian lights at the	Public Works

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			Cherry Street Crossing. Public Works staff is working with UPRR to complete this task.	
84	No Change September 13, 2018	Assistant Public Works Director Job Description and Recruitment	This job description is being updated by Public Works Staff. It is anticipated that recruitment to fill the position will begin soon.	Public Works
85	No Change September 1, 2018	Public Works Superintendent Job Description Revision	These job descriptions are being updated and are under review by City Manager Staff.	Public Works
86	Updated October 10, 2019	Safe Route to Schools Grant	Construction of the project has been completed. Staff is working on completing the reimbursement billing and will close out project by the end of the calendar year.	Public Works
87	No Change September 14, 2018	Sidewalk Repair Enforcement Letters – Sidewalk LID Program	The annual Sidewalk LID program sent out approximately 170 letters in Region 5 this year and has received approximately ten (10) requests for estimates. The City-Wide Concrete Contractor is in process of completing these projects. We will be accepting requests for estimates through October 1 st , and anticipate receiving a few more before the cutoff date.	Public Works
88	Updated September 12, 2019	Implementation of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) at Public Works	Anderson Perry (AP) is working on completing the construction of the sewer manhole inspection application, which will be put to immediate use. Additionally, City Staff is working with AP to purchase field equipment that will be utilized for future mapping.	Public Works
89	No Change July 10, 2019	Water Meter Reading System	Crews have focused efforts on one of the larger routes in the City in an effort to move it from construction to maintenance. Currently, the route which consists of over 800 meters has less than 10 to replace. Following completion of this route the crews will move focus to a new route. Staff had Ferguson on site for additional training on diagnostic tools available within the software, and continues to develop knowledge and processes within the program.	Public Works
90	No Change September 12, 2019	Water System Optimization Cohort	Since the first part of July, City staff has changed all light bulbs in wells and reservoirs to LED bulbs. An analysis was done by OTEC to determine which City wells were the most efficient and the City has been running those wells first.	Public Works
91	New Item October 2, 2019	Lilly Loop Water Main Installation	City crews installed a new water main on Lilly Loop off of South 12 th Street.	Public Works
92	Updated October 2, 2019	Beaver Creek	Staff is contracting with a lab out of Seattle to do water sampling for one year in order to identify potential contaminants from surface water to better evaluate the proper size of water treatment plant necessary to bring the Beaver Creek back online. The first sample was pulled on September 4 and staff received results this week. At this point, the results appear to be favorable.	Public Works
93	Completed September 23, 2019	Hydrant Flushing	The City's annual hydrant flushing has been completed.	Public Works