

City of Union Oregon **NEWSLETTER**

"PROMOTE RURAL VALUES, PROTECT LOCAL ASSETS AND FOSTER COMMUNITY PRIDE"

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CITY HALL

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Open During Lunch

UNION CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

June 2021



From The Desk Of

Doug Wiggins

City Administrator

Council will be meeting to discuss and adopt a budget for the 2021-2022 season. Your input is welcome, and Council will be meeting June 14, 2021.

Please join me in congratulating Heather Daggett on the passing of both her collections and treatment exams to become a certified level II wastewater operator. Heather has done a great job at the plant in odor reduction and operations are running smooth. Hopefully, if the new budget is adopted as presented, there will be a major upgrade at the plant. We have now transitioned effluent to the golf course for the year and are out of Catherine Creek until October/November time frame. Additionally, the fountains at the golf course should be installed by mid-June to aerate the pond to help reduce odor.

All inspections have passed at the Ranger Station and now it is time to insulate and drywall. This should take place over this month as we will use our rainy days efficiently. We now have a contract on the Ranger Station to aid in getting it listed on the National Historic Roles of Historic Places.

The park lighting project has been stalled a bit waiting on supplies and manufacturing of the lights. As they come in, we should get this project going.

The water/sewer rates committee has presented its recommendations to Council. As Council looks them over, there will be some public meetings coming forward as we move forward in this process. It appears if all goes well an ordinance should be in place by the fall for new water and sewer rates.

Our COVID numbers continue to remain low, and Union County continues in the Green phase. The City has received very limited guidance on its soon to be distributed ARP (American Recovery Program) money from the Federal Government. The guidance message from the federal government continues to be centered in economic development, infrastructure, broadband and economic recovery.

As school gets out and the weather becomes water watch for kids and people on the streets. Reminder, please keep your yards and weeds down as it can create a fire danger for you and your neighbor.

The 4th of July will be held at the Buffalo Peak Golf Course. This year it will be held at the golf course in a simple fashion given current Covid guidelines. While there will not be vendors this year, the show will go on.

Thank you all and have a wonderful time at the stock show, glad its back.



Now Hiring!

The City of Union is hiring two part-time seasonal workers. These positions will each work up to 20 hours a week, and will be doing general labor with parks and public works.

Minimum wage at \$12.00 per hour.

Must be at least 16 years of age, and possess a valid Oregon Drivers License.

To apply, contact Laura Dodds at 541-562-5197, pick up application at city hall or email for an application to lauradodds@cityofunion.com

Open Until Filled

FIREWORKS!!

THUNDER AT THE PEAK!

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT BUFFALO PEAK GOLF COURSE!!

Donations may be made at Community Bank on the East end of Adams in La Grande, or mailed to the Union Chamber at PO Box 76, Union OR 97883. Call 541-786-1492 if you have questions regarding donations.

LET'S MAKE THIS A CELEBRATION TO REMEMBER!





New Railings For The Library!

Beautiful new railings finished off the updated Library frontage this month. Benches, table and seating along with new planters and plants make the sitting areas cozy and inviting.



**Come sit awhile
read, eat or just
visit!!**

Community Center Update

The Catherine Creek Community Center board is excited to announce that we have received two new grants over the past month! A grant from the Oregon Community Foundation will enable us to purchase supplies and equipment to open up a Community Resource Center for Union. Watch for more details as those plans come to fruition.

A grant from the Wildhorse Foundation has allowed us to get on the schedule for Installation of a new roof in the spring of 2022! We are so excited to be able to replace the roof on the chapel, as it has suffered from disrepair for many years, resulting in water damage in the historic building. A new roof will be the first step in getting the century-old building back to its original glory.

EXCITTING HAPPENINGS!



The City of Union recently installed three new water fountains in the Golf Course Pond. After draining and cleaning debris from most of the pond this winter, the added aeration and constant mixing will bring healthier water and reduce some of the odors associated with the pond in the later summer and early fall.

CITY OF UNION
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
21/22 Budget Year

A public meeting of the Union City Council will be held on June 14th, 2021 at 7:15 pm at the Leonard Almquist City Council Chambers, Union, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the City of Union Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Union City Hall, between the hours of 10 am and 5pm (Monday-Thursday) or online at www.cityofunion.com. This budget is for an annual budget period from July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Doug Wiggins Telephone: 541-562-5197 Email: admin@cityofunion.com

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2019-2020	Adopted Budget This Year 2020-2021	Proposed Budget Next Year 2021-2022
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,730,765	2,698,615	3,294,060
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	2,648,295	1,544,200	1,696,210
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	571,715	240,000	1,326,500
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt			
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	97,000	111,000	114,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes		1,000	
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	167,053	263,000	155,000
Total Resources	6,214,828	4,857,815	6,585,770

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	690,947	742,846	797,048
Materials and Services	790,691	770,450	781,395
Capital Outlay	1,358,947	1,985,274	3,637,823
Debt Service	180,921	385,107	376,232
Interfund Transfers	97,000	111,000	114,000
Contingencies	166,845	290,745	273,000
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	2,929,477	572,393	606,272
Total Requirements	6,214,828	4,857,815	6,585,770

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Administration	460,321	972,849	1,052,059
FTE	1.3	1.3	1.2
Public Safety	25,161	115,236	588,315
FTE	0.5	0.5	0.1
Parks	21,153	62,322	64,545
FTE	0.4	0.4	0.4
Court	1,817	3,250	3,650
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recycling	649	900	850
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Planning	14,829	21,608	23,711
FTE	0.2	0.2	0.3
Water	368,490	1,022,050	1,854,450
FTE	2.4	2.6	2.7
Sewer	942,620	1,422,150	1,479,000
FTE	2.7	3.2	2.6
Systems Development	60,000.0	65,500.0	126,750.0
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Street	801,299	496,650	634,150
FTE	1.3	1.3	1.5
Library	111,733	149,250	171,500
FTE	1.8	1.8	1.8
Ranger Station	18,509	23,300	39,650
FTE	0.1	0.1	0.1
Downtown Development	32,600	14,200	17,040
FTE	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fire	204,225	243,772	261,475
FTE (Volunteers)	0.8	0.8	0.8
Ambulance	221,946	244,778	268,625

FTE (Volunteers)	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total Requirements	3,285,352	4,857,815	6,585,770
Total FTE	12.4	13.0	12.4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *	
Main changes this year the CDBG Grant and the ARP funding from the federal government. There remains only two outstanding loans City. One for the new fire pumper and the second is the remaining loan on the wastewater treatment plant.	

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2019-2020	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2020-2021	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2021-2022
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 1.57 per \$1,000)	1.57	1.57	1.57
Library Special Tax Levy (rate limit 1.21 per \$1,000)	1.21	1.21	1.21

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$1,408,885	
Total	\$1,408,885	



COUNCIL CORNER:

Current City Council Topics Include:



- ⇒ Water/Sewer Rate Study
- ⇒ CDBG Grant
- ⇒ Continued COVID updates
- ⇒ Monitoring Local Economy/Small Businesses
- ⇒ 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget

City Council Members ~

Susan Hawkins	Leslie McMillan
Tim Cox	Terra Richter
John Farmer	Heidi Denton
Mayor Leonard Flint	



E.O.L.S

JUNE 7TH ~ 13TH

CELEBRATING 114 YEARS!

Horse shows, 4-H & FFA livestock shows and competitions, & livestock auction, Rodeo's & Horse Racing!

Tuesday evening EOLS Queen Corination

Thursday night Ed Miller Extreme Bull Riding @ 6:30pm

Friday Main Street Parade @ 2:00pm followed by PRCA rodeo action @ 4:00pm, Pari-Mutuel races begin @ 4:15pm

Saturday starts off with 4-H & FFA livestock auction

Saturday also plan on another action packed PRCA rodeo and races @ 2:00pm

Sunday wraps up the week with the final day of rodeo and races @ 1:30pm

***following the rodeo each night there are adult dances held at the clubhouse.**

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

SUMMER FUN IN THE PARK

WITH THE SUMMER SUN AND WARMER WEATHER COMES ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK,
BBQ 'S, BIRTHDAY PARTIES, WEDDINGS, ETC.

BE A RESPECTFUL PARK USER....

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- * PARK HOURS ARE DAWN TO DUSK
- * FIRES IN BBQ 'S ARE IN PICNIC AREAS ONLY
- * DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ARE NOT ALLOWED
- * PARK PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL (ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT ABLE TO RESERVE YOUR REQUESTED AREA, WE WILL PUT YOUR ACTIVITY ON OUR CALENDAR AND DISCOURAGE OTHERS FROM USING YOUR REQUESTED AREA.)
- * DOO POO MUST BE PICKED UP AND DISPOSED OF (THERE ARE POO BAG DISPENSERS LOCATED AT THE FRONT AND BACK OF PARK)
- * NOT EVERYONE IS A DOG LOVER, DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASE AT ALL TIMES (ALTHOUGH WE FEEL OUR DOG IS FRIENDLY AND WELL BEHAVED, THERE ARE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO FEAR DOGS, BE RESPECTFUL)

CITY CREWS WORK HARD TO MAINTAIN OUR CITY PARK FOR ALL TO USE AND ENJOY
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A REALLY GREAT SUMMER! !

June Council Meetings

June 14th

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

June 21st

Council Work Session @ 6:00pm

All meetings are held in the Leonard Almquist Chambers at City Hall.

Masks are required when attending meetings.

Meetings are live streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page. Or you can view them any time later on our website www.cityofunion.com

Like us on Facebook!



RUNNING AT LARGE....

We have had numerous reports of dogs running at large within the city. It is unlawful for the owner or custodian of any dog to cause, permit or allow any dog to roam, run, stray or be away from the premises of such owner or custodian and to be on any public place, and public property or the private property of another within the City of Union. Any dog found at large may be seized and impounded by Animal Control. Upon being impounded the owner or custodian may be cited by a Deputy Sheriff or Animal Control for this violation.



Espresso
Coffee, Tea,
Smoothies
Breakfast Burrito's
Pastries
Winger Wednesdays!

RATTLE TALE

Coffee & Such

332 S Main St
Union, OR 97883

Present this coupon to
receive \$1.00 off any
purchase.

Limit one coupon per
purchase.



Union Carnegie Public Library

Summer Reading Program

Starts: June 16th

Time: 10 am

Where: On the side of the library

We will have stories, craft and snack

Table's and sunshades for are available for the craft,
to keep us out of the weather.

Masks Required

We also have our story time on Tuesday's at 10 am

Craft time on Thursday's at 10 starting June 17th

local
BIZ

BLUE MOUNTAIN
PAW SPA

Owners: Savanna McCabe
Established: September 2020
Address: 697 N 11th St.
Phone: 541-805-0668
Hours: by appointment
Website: Blue Mountain Paw Spa on Facebook
Type of Business: Dog Grooming
Specialties: Savanna does breed specific cuts, bathing, deshedding,
nail trimmings for all breeds. Check out her facebook page
Education: Savanna received her Certification from Animal Behavior College
and trained in Hermiston Oregon in June 2020.



ORGANIZATION	MEETING DATE	LOCATION	TIME	PHONE
Awana	Every Thurs/during school year	Baptist Church	6:30pm	541-562-5870
Catherine Creek Community Center	4th Thursday of month	Community Center	6:00pm	
City of Union Chamber	2nd Thurs of the month		6:00 pm	unionchamber@eoni.com
City Council	2nd Mon of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Council Work Sessions	2 nd & 4 th Mon of month	City Hall	6:00 pm	541-562-5197
CUP Medical Association	2 nd Tues of the month	251 S Main	6:00 pm	541-910-6268
Order of Eastern Star	2nd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:00 pm	541-805-0779
EMS Department	1st Mon of the month	Rural Fire Hall	7:00 pm	541-910-6002
EOLS Board	2nd Tues of the month	EOLS Club House	7:00 pm	541-562-5631
Food Bank	3 rd Friday of the month	Union Baptist Church	10-11:00am	541-562-5531
Friends of the Library	2 nd Tues January, April, July & November	Union Library	7:00 pm	541-562-5807
Grande Ronde Valley Masonic	3 rd Wed of the month	Masonic Hall	7:30pm	
Historic Preservation	3 rd Wed of the month	City Hall	6:00pm	541-562-5197
Library Board	4 th Wed of July, Oct, Jan, April	Library	4:00 pm	541-562-5811
Lions Club	3 rd Tues of the month	Sports Complex	5:30 pm	PO Box 337
Mainstreet Union & Economic Development	2nd Thursday of the month	Call contact # for location	7:00 pm	541-910-7048
Planning Commission	3rd Wed of the month	City Hall	7:00 pm	541-562-5197
Senior Lunch	Every Tuesday	VFW Hall	12:00 pm	
School Board	2nd Wed of the month	Athletic Complex	6:00 pm	541-562-5166
South County Health Dist	Last Friday of month / Oct, Jan, April, and July	Health Clinic	1:30 pm	541-562-2222
Union Cemetery Board	2 nd Tues of the month	Union Cemetery Office	9:00 am	541-562-5212
VFW Bingo	Every Wednesday night	VFW Hall	5 pm	541-562-6035
VFW Formal meeting	1st Thursday of month	VFW Hall	7 pm	541-562-6035

Community Calendar