

Falls City Newsletter

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND PLANTING THE
SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

FALLS CITY REPORT

It has been an honor joining the team at City Hall and serving as Mayor during the past few months. My family and I moved to Falls City a few years ago and were overwhelmed with the love support we received from our new neighbors and friends. Though I have not lived here for as long as many of you, I intend to put my love for Falls City into my work as Mayor and do my very best to help represent the City that has been so good to my family and me. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Terry Ungricht, who continues to work tirelessly for the City and has been so generous with his time and expertise during this transition.

Please join us in thanking Falls City resident, Jeremy Kern. Jeremy organized the collection and removal of over 27 junk vehicles in early February. This is significant for many reasons but I will highlight two. First, it helps beautify our City for the benefit of everyone. Secondly, this free service provided properties in violation of Falls City Municipal Code with a workable solution to help them work toward compliance with our Code Enforcement Program. We hope to work with Jeremy to schedule future pickups and will be sure to keep you posted.

We received a Small City Allotment grant (SCA) from ODOT to pave 5th Street and plan to partner with Polk County to increase the length of the overlay. This street is a heavily used artery providing access to the north side of town. Construction for the project will likely begin this summer. Thanks to Terry Ungricht for handling the grant process.

As many of you know, the old doctor's office at 304 & 306 N. Main Street was recently gifted to the City. A big thank you goes out to Drs. Arnella Hennig and Robert Steele for the gift, and City Clerk JoHanna Birr for making it all happen. With Council's approval, I appointed an Advisory Board to help bring options to Council for a private or nonprofit lessee of the property. We will be publishing a Request for Proposals (RFP) soon and welcome everyone's assistance to solicit interest in the property and provide feedback. This is a big opportunity for all of us and for downtown Falls City! Please contact the City if you'd like to help volunteer with yard cleanup.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to hear about your concerns and to get to know my community better. Please call City Hall or email me at mayor@fallscityoregon.gov to request a meeting.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Falls City Garden Club March 29, 2018 at 6 pm

The Garden club meets the last Thursday of every Month at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to become members, hope to see you at the next meeting.

Parent Group Spaghetti Dinner March 10th, 2018 at 6 pm

Come to the Community Center for the Parent Group Spaghetti Feed/Bingo Night from 5:00PM to 8:00PM.

- Bingo- 50 cents per card or 3 for \$1.00
- Spaghetti- \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids under 12

Spring Clean

Don't forget to save your junk for the Spring Clean event coming up on June 2, 2018 from 8:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Old Mill Public Works Lot at the corner of Parry Road and Bridge Street, across from the Post Office.

Curb side pickup for Seniors & Disabled

To add your name to the list: Call 503.787.3631
(Items must be left on public right-of-way, and not on the road)

If any organization has upcoming events that they would like to see in the newsletter, email event information to: mayor@fallscityoregon.gov, before the 15th of each month.

I would like to thank everyone that has supported me as your Mayor and City Manager. Those of you following the Council meetings either in person or on our web page know that I tendered my resignation as Mayor in November and Council appointed Jeremy Gordon. Jeremy has been busy learning the City operations and taking on special tasks like the old Doctor's office, take some time to introduce yourself and welcome him to the new position.

I have also tendered my resignation as City Manager effective February 28th. It looks like Council is going to hire Cody Decamp, our City Recorder, to move up to City Manager. Cody has the office tasks down and is reaching out to learn the rest of the City functions. I will still volunteer to help with the weekly bill paying, the yearly budget, and help with Code Enforcement. I will also be available to help the Mayor and City Manager through this transition.

Once again thanks for your support it has been a huge learning opportunity and I could not have done it without the City resident's support.

Terry Ungricht, back to retired and ready to fish!

Scheduled City Meetings



All meetings are in the
Community Center at 320
N. Main unless otherwise
noted.

City Council
March 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Parks & Recreation
March 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Public Works
March 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm