



From Mayor Todd McKnight



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We are excited to be able to officially announce the **Oregon Only Project** which has been in the making for a few years now. If you haven't heard, go to the website that **President, Bruce Brunette**, and his Team have put together for the project. It's mind blowing to think we will have all of that here in Sutherlin! The jobs it is creating is phenomenal, both in the construction phase and in the completion of the entire project.

If you didn't see the post-

ings on our website or on our Facebook page please go online by clicking on the following link: www.oregononly.com to see the entire development that is planned to come just off of Exit 135 east of S. Comstock on 91 acres, also known as the old airport property. Another link to check out is the following: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Oregon+Only+-+the+location

We are thrilled that this amazing project and concept is coming to Sutherlin. It still takes a lot to get this to the point of actual groundbreaking but it's well on its way, and is projected to be open and in full operation in 2021!

AutoZone is nearing completion and that whole

corner look awesome! It doesn't look like much longer until they open their doors to the public. We'll keep you posted for their grand opening and hopefully a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Paving is set to begin on Central Avenue starting June 18th and will begin at Church Road and move east doing a section at a time. Construction time is set at 7pm until 7am to help avoid traffic delays and tie-ups. As mentioned last month it will be completed before the Blackberry Festival weekend.

Building continues to rise in Sutherlin with the count now at 70 building permits issued since Jan 1 2018. In just the month of May we were up by 16!

Enjoy the sunshine folks ☀

Michele Sumner Joins Council

At the Monday, May 14th City Council meeting the Council accepted the resignation of Councilor, Dennis Riggs, from his spot on the Council. He submitted his resignation on April 30th directly to the Mayor, who then directed staff to advertise the

vacancy. The deadline to apply was 5pm on May 11 and we received one application from Michele Sumner who has been serving for several years on the Planning Commission, as well as the Budget Committee.

Michele and her hus-

band, Larry have lived in Sutherlin for the past 8 years where she is employed by the Dept. of Health & Social Services in Roseburg.

Council's vote was unanimous in appointing Michele to fill the remainder of Riggs' term through December 2018. Welcome Michele!

Special points of interest:

- 2018-19 Budget Adopted
- Fire Chief Lane presents proposal to City Council
- Police/Fire Appreciation Pictures
- Library Hours Change
- Upcoming Events
- Hanging Baskets Up

Job Fair at West Intermediate



Mayor Todd McKnight and Community Relations Director, Debbie Hamilton, attended the Annual West Intermediate Schools' Job Fair on May 4, 2018

This is the second year for them to attend. Both have enjoyed interacting with the students and teachers. Most students don't understand what an elected official is so that is explained and the Mayor will fill them in on what some

of his duties are as Mayor. He's asked questions from an information form they work on as they work their way through the sea of "jobs" that are set up during the fair.

This year we took some of our historic photo's that we have displayed in City Hall. We were both surprised at the attention they brought both to the students and teachers, especially when they could recognize the old bank building that still sits at

the corner of W. Central and State Street. The pictures dated back to 1911 and 1924. We also included a picture of Fendel Sutherlin, who founded Sutherlin.

Also attending from the City was the Police Department School Resource Officer, Jake McGarvey, and the Fire Department, Chief, Mike Lane and Deputy Chief, Dan McCormick.

Students really seemed to enjoy the event!

Budget Adopted for FY 2018-2019

At the May 14th City Council meeting the 2018-19 FY budget at \$39,396,879 was adopted by Council by a vote of 6-1.

After accusations of the City headed towards bankruptcy the auditing firm of Pauly, Rogers, & Co. P. C., Kenny Allen, CPA, CFE, and Partner in Charge, wrote a statement to be read by the Budget Chair, who asked Senior City Recorder to read for the record as follows:

Quoting Mr. Allen, "Over the past five years audited fiscal years the General Fund has been trending upward and has almost doubled from 2013 to 2017, which shows improving financial capacity. We also obtained City's unaudited April 30, 2018 General Fund ending fund balance (note we have not audited, reviewed or verified

this number) from Management, and it stands at \$2, 240,700.

The City budgets similarly to other City's we audit and we have had zero budget related audit comments (over the past five audits, 2013-2017).

Having said all that, we don't see any threat, as of now, of a looming inability to pay your bills for the City of Sutherlin. If we did see an imminent threat of financial hardship we would need to perform additional audit procedures as well as discuss this issue with the Council and Management. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on the audit process."

You can find the Adopted FY 2018-19 Budget on the City's website where the proposed, as well as the

approved budget has been posted for viewing.

Municipal Budgets are very different from a standard business budget so you may have questions. After looking through the budget if you have any questions or concerns we invite you to call or come in to City Hall and speak with the Finance Director and/or the City Manager or any one of the Department Heads to get your questions answered.

The Budget Committee is comprised of the 7 members of Council along with 7 members from the community, all are volunteers. We thank them for their time, efforts & commitment to the Committee.

We currently have one vacancy on the Committee, call us if you're interested in applying.



Fire Chief's Proposal Approved by Council

Fire Chief, Mike Lane, proposed to City Council a plan to enhance the Fire Department and its services after first running it by the Fire Services Working Group who unanimously approved making the recommendation of the plan to City Council.

At the May 14th Council meeting, after watching a video and listening to the presentation describing a new fire services business model for the City of Sutherlin, Council was asked to consider adopting Resolution 2018.05 in recognition and support of the Fire Services working Group. Several of the Group members were in attendance and a few spoke highly in favor of the recommendation at the mic.

We knew in 2015 that as a growing community, the demand to return to all medical calls, general emergencies, lift assist calls and public request calls would very soon become a necessity. Therefore, prior to continuing the "fire only" and "mostly volunteer" model, with a vacancy in the Fire Chief position, council asked that we take a look at what we are doing now, compare to where we would expect to be in the very near future and explore what that structure might look like in terms of staffing, skill-set of the Fire Chief and impacts to

the budget. Mayor McKnight with the consensus of council established the Fire Services Working Group (FSWG) which was facilitated by an independent consultant, retired Fire Chief, Rick Allen.

After returning from a short hiatus, Chief Lane, finalized a model that was brainstormed prior to his departure that was unique and possibly groundbreaking that while as staff we felt it had enormous possibilities; members of the FSWG were needed to review and give their ideas at our staff meeting. So for our staff meeting, we created what we called a "sub-committee" and shared the concept with mostly the citizen-members. After sharing his vision and showing the video to the sub-committee and considering their ideas, we then re-played this sub-committee/staff-meeting to the entire FSWG on April 26, 2018. Where it was met with a unanimous vote to recommend to City Council for their approval. Hence Resolution 2018.05 was approved.

Expectations: The Fire Chief, under the supervision of the City Manager, will:

- Restructure the fire department so that there will be one full-time, fully qualified firefighter/engine operator/EMT staff-member (Duty Officer) working in the fire station every day, 24-

hours per day.

- Continue the active recruitment process and use of volunteers; enact ongoing training that incorporates unified training of all paid staff, volunteers, city employees and student-interns.
- Establish a student-internship program. There will be two students, if possible (up to a maximum of 6), in exchange for tuition support and free housing supplied by the city. There will be one student on duty each and every day working in the fire station 24-hours a day. This student intern will serve as a first-responder providing support to the Duty Officer.
- Continue the active use of paid city employees from Public Works and City Hall as principally day-time first responders and off-hours "on-call" responders as needed and as per agreement.

Organization:

- Combination Fire Department consisting of five paid employees, volunteer firefighters, crossed trained City employees, and student/interns.
- Fire Station will be staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Staff positions generally

"The City is growing and we need to be growing along side of them with a full-service Fire Dept. that's covered 24/7. Our citizens are our greatest concern."

work a 40 hour work-week. Volunteer firefighters will respond as normal, when available. Cross-trained employees will respond as requested based upon the situation.

- Timeline - August 1, 2018

Finance - Budget approved amount is \$1,194,431.

Tactical Response:

- Respond to all calls normally associated with a full service fire department. Fires, motor vehicle accidents, medical calls, public assists, gas leaks, etc.
- Specified desired skills: firefighter I, apparatus operator, EMT, Aerial Operator.
- Continue to train on firefighter skills but enhance training to include higher levels of training for more experienced staff, volunteers and employees (Incident Command, A/O,

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Aerial Operator)

Timeline: August 1, 2018 with on-going training

Personnel Response

- Response times: Continually monitor, provide a bi-annual report to Council on response types, response times, and number of personnel responding.
- Timeline: Begin November 26, 2018 Council Meeting, then every six months thereafter



Resolution No. 2018.05 was adopted by the City Council on May 14th at their regular council meeting upon the unanimous recommendation of the Fire Services Working Group to take to Council for approval. Resolution stated: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW CITY OF

SUTHERLIN FIRE SERVICES MODEL AND PRESCRIBING OPERATIONAL AND REPORTING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE YEAR-TO-YEAR SUCCESS



Public Safety Appreciation Day held May 3, 2018 was another success! Thank you to all the groups who put this together!

Police Chief, Troy Mills & Fire Chief, Mike Lane



Library Hours Change June 1st

Beginning June 1st the library hours will now be Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11am until 5pm. They're closed Monday, Thursday and Sunday.

What does your Sutherlin Library have to offer?

Available to Check Out:

- Fiction and Nonfiction Books
- Children's Books
- Books on CD or Tape
- DVDs and VHS movies
- Large-Print books

Available to use in the Library:

- Reference Materials

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Low Vision Reading Machine
- Monitor to watch DVDs or VHS Movies

Also available:

- Computer Lab
- Study Rooms
- Meeting Room

For Kids:

- Children's Room with Books and Games
- Young Adult/Teen Room with Books
- Preschool story time: Wednesdays at 11am
- Summer Reading Program Wednesdays 2pm

to 4pm

- Fun Fridays: First and Third Friday from 2pm to 4pm

Services:

- Copies or Computer Printouts @ 15 cents/page
- "Library To Go" coming soon!



Sutherlin Public Library

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Sutherlin, OR 97479

Phone - 541-459-9161

Email:

SutherlinLibrary@gmail.com

Please stop in and say hi!



Around Town

Updates on a few of the projects and such around town...

Construction on the Wastewater Treatment Plant began on Tuesday, May 29th. YAY! Completion of the project is expected to be November or December 2019.

If you travel on Highway 138W you may have noticed the work being done at Dovetail Lane and the installation of a right

tail Lane. That should make for safer turns and less congestion in that area.

The Fire Department is in the process of having their lot repaved now that a cement curtain was put at the bay entrances that will better withstand the weight and wear and tear of the fire trucks exiting and entering the area.

In case you didn't read the message from the Mayor...Central Avenue paving will begin on June 18, 2018 beginning at

Church Road and moving east. It will be done in sections and will be working from 7PM until 7AM, Monday through Friday to help alleviate some traffic problems, hopefully!

There has been a cougar sitting out on the property near Ford's Pond. We've posted signs out there but please be aware of your surroundings if visiting the area. According to ODFW don't run! "Its normal prey is deer and when a deer recognizes a cougar

around, a deer will turn and flee. That's what triggers that mechanism for a cougar to chase." Make yourself look big and make noise and officials with ODFW say fight back if attacked. Please report if you see any cougar sightings to help keep residents safe.



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Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 2nd - (Chamber's) City Wide Garage Sale
- ◆ June 2nd - Free Fishing at Cooper Creek Reservoir
- ◆ June 11th - Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ June 14th - Flag Day
- ◆ June 15th-17th - Plat I Water Fly-In Umpqua Valley Radio Control Modelers
- ◆ June 16th - Woofstock in Central Park 10am
- ◆ June 16th - Historic Flag Walk in Central Park - by Chamber
- ◆ June 17th - Happy Father's Day!
- ◆ June 25th - City Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ July 4th - City Offices Closed
- ◆ July 9th - City Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ July 21st - First day of Summer!
- ◆ July 23rd - City Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ July 27 & 28th - Sutherlin Stampede Rodeo 7pm

Hanging Baskets Go Up!



Well we told the Sutherlin Downtown Development Committee that we would have the light poles ready for the hanging baskets the first part of June, hopefully. We did it June 1st to be exact!

Our thanks to the Public Works Crew for getting them plumbed with water lines for automatic watering and they got that done and the baskets up on Friday, June 1st.

Check it out! They look pretty great! What do you think?

