

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: January 3, 2020

Happy Retirement Officer Chris Joyce

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 was Officer Chris Joyces last day as a police officer. In his career, he worked at Nyssa PD, Madras PD, and was in Cottage Grove for 22 years. Chris was a D.A.R.E. officer, member of the Special Response Team, K9 Handler, Sergeant, and School Resource officer. On his final day, Chris thanked family (Wife, Robin, children, Sarah, Chelsea, and Chase) friends and colleagues. A final radio call was done at the end of Chris's shift. The radio call and a police escort were recorded and are on the Cottage Grove Police Department Facebook page (CottageGrovePolice). Congratulations Chris Joyce. Thank you for your service and good luck in future endeavors.

Roller Skating

Because of the huge success of the November Roller Skating at the Cottage Grove Armory there will be more sessions in 2020. Come out and celebrate the New Year on Saturday, January 4th with three skating sessions: 12:00 to 2:00pm – all ages; 3:00 to 5:00pm – all ages and 6:00 to 8:00pm for 18 & older only. The cost is \$6 for rental skates and \$2 for entry with your own skates.

Additional skating dates with the same hours and costs are set for January 11th, February 29th, March 21st and March 28th.

Youth Advisory Council

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will be meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:45pm. They will be holding their election of officers and making plans for the Youth Town Hall that is scheduled for early March.

Budget and Audit Committee Recruitments – Deadline Extended

Currently there are three positions vacant on the Budget Committee. If you have ever wanted to be involved in creating the City Budget here's your opportunity. The City Council invites registered voters who reside within the City limits to apply for participation on the City's Budget Committee. The Budget Committee generally meets twice in the spring of each year to consider the budget proposed by the City Manager for the following fiscal year. The committee makes any changes they feel are needed and then approves the budget and forwards it to the City Council.

The Audit Committee meets on a very limited basis to review the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, or in other words, the annual audit statements prepared by an outside auditing

firm. The Committee after reviewing the annual audit document with the auditors, recommends action to the City Council regarding the audit. The Audit Committee is comprised of two City Councilors and three citizens. Presently, there are two vacant citizen member positions.

Applications for both of the Committees are online at: www.cottagegrove.org or can be picked up in the City Manager's Office at 400 Main Street. Applications will be received through Friday, January 17th, at 5:00pm. A subcommittee of the City Council has been appointed to review the applications and make recommendations for appointments to the committees. For more information, contact the Finance Director, Roberta Likens.

Audit Report Issued For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) for fiscal year 2018-19 was issued December 31, 2019, meeting the deadline established by law. The report has been provided to S&P Global Ratings as the City has debt outstanding that is currently rated by them and posted on the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA), which is a service of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and meets the continuing disclosure requirements of the Exchange Act. The Audit has also been posted on the City's webpage.

The Audit Committee will be meeting sometime in January or February to review the Audit with the City's Auditors. Members of the Committee, the City Manager, and the Finance Director will receive the document and review the information presented. The Audit Committee will fulfill its responsibilities for oversight of the City's financial reporting, and make a recommendation concerning the report to the City Council once they have finished their review.

Silk Creek Restoration Update

The Kennedy School Conservation Corps, under the leadership of Matt Hall, has been undertaking riparian restoration at Silk Creek Park. Blackberry, ivy, Knotweed, and other invasive plants have been removed from the river bank. Native bushes and trees will be planted in these areas in a few weeks, to provide soil cover and stabilization and habitat for native wildlife. The students' work on this property is greatly appreciated by the City.

Volunteers Needed

The City of Cottage Grove is partnering with Lane County for the Unsheltered Point in Time (PIT) Count on Thursday, January 30, 2020. All volunteers will be required to participate in a training prior to the count. To sign up for Unsheltered PIT count, you can register at www.LaneCounty.org/HomelessCount. For more information on volunteering please contact Teresa Cowan or Jessica Klarr at (541)942-1185.

Happenings at the Cottage Grove Library

The Library will have some great activities this weekend:

Saturday, January 4th

- Drop-In Tech Help from 10:00 to noon.
- Crafternoon at 1:00pm
- Legos & a Movie at 2:00pm

Monday, January 6th

- Legos for Big People (13+) at 5:00pm
- Bi-Lingual Family Fun Night at 6:30pm

Chamber Business After Hours

The January Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be at the Cottage Theatre on Thursday, January 16th from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The 71st Annual Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards and Installation Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the Cottage Grove Armory. Social hour begins at 5:00 pm.

Quote of the Week

*“Oh, listen a lot and talk less. You can't learn anything when you're talking.”
~ Bing Crosby, ~*