

## Mayor's Report, Oct. 2016

Every year the City Council sets Goals to achieve during the following year. After the first quarter, it is time to report on some of our progress. Our continuing effort to maintain city streets this year, involved using oil with higher temperature tolerance and adding a fog seal on top to lock in the rock and extend surface life which will save money in the long run.

We need approximately \$8 million to replace the 100 year old wooden Dog River pipe line which supplies about 60% of the city's water. We have saved \$4 million and have tentatively secured a grant/loan package from the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority. Hopefully, permitting will be complete so work can begin in 2017.

Project Design is nearly complete for Phase I of the Wastewater Master Plan to upgrade the sewer treatment plant. That project now includes a design for power generation through the use of methane gas and a design build approach in order to save money.

The city is completing its Transportation System Plan which will address roads, transit needs, pedestrian and bike ways. This plan is required by the Oregon Department of Transportation and has been funded through an ODOT grant. An 18" industrial flow waterline loop extending west on 2nd street is 100% designed. Easements and permits are being acquired. Funding will be provided half by the City and half by industrial partners. The enhancement of our Lone Pine Well has been designed, bid and a contract for construction has been awarded. The project will be ready for construction in early 2017. This will increase its ability to provide additional water for the city by another one third.

You may wonder why I am providing such technical information in this report. One of our goals is to maintain a balanced budget that will provide for sustained city operations and capital improvements while assuring an adequate contingency fund. Not one of the projects mentioned required increasing taxes or imposing a debt load shifted onto the citizens. All this is being done within the available revenue and expected expenditures for 2016-17.

