

MANAGER'S MINUTE

February 2020

February 2020 has started with a significant potential for a major worldwide viral pandemic. This horrible disease, coronavirus or COVID-19 virus started in China and has now spread to numerous countries worldwide including the United States. There has now been a death associated with the virus in Washington State and the first case has been found in Oregon. As a result, I felt it was timely to share some protective measures, courtesy of the World Health Organization, that may help you from acquiring the disease. They include the following:

- Wash your hands frequently using alcohol-based hand cream followed by soap and water.
- Maintain social distancing meaning a minimum of 3 feet, to avoid particles sprayed from coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.
- Practice respiratory hygiene this means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early, stay home if not feeling well.
- If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing when seeking medical attention, call in advance. This way you will know exactly where to go and avoid further contamination.
- Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider

Along the lines of public health, the City installed a syringe collection box in Riverbend Park as a result of a recommendation of one of our citizens. The syringe collection box did not cost the City a dime as Aids Alliance provided the box, installation and manages the collection of the syringes from the box. The box was installed in late October and to date there have been approximately 4,000 syringes collected in this box. Out of the 4000 collected, approximately 50% of the syringes are prescription, such as diabetes syringes, and the other 50% come from illicit activity. Reports from around town are that there has been a tremendous drop in found syringes laying on the ground.

The City Council has given City Staff direction to prepare a ballot measure on recreational marijuana on the November ballot. The ballot title would be something like the following "Should the City of Winston amend its code to allow and regulate recreational marijuana dispensaries in the City"? The reason for the November ballot timing is that along with the action of allowing recreational marijuana, the City would also run a taxing ballot measure, which can only be done in November.

In January your City Council acted on the following:

Approved Ordinances and Resolutions

- Resolution 20-938 Replacement of Siding on Riverbend Park Pavilion.
- Resolution 20-939 Surplus miscellaneous unusable and non-functioning public works tools.

- Set a workshop to meet with the Friends of the Winston Community Center.
- Set a Workshop for Council Goal setting.
- Conducted a discussion on a new Avista Franchise Agreement.
- Discussed moving forward with a COP's Grant.
- Discussed becoming part of the new Sobering Center in Roseburg.

Police Statistics

<u>02-09-20 through 02-15-20</u>	<u>02-16-20 through 02-22-20</u>	<u>January 1 to current date:</u>
• Arrests: 13	Arrest: 11	Arrest: 118
• Traffic Stops:49	Traffic Stops:52	Traffic Stops: 505
• Citations: 7	Citations:4	Citations: 85
• Warnings: 39	Warnings: 25	Warnings: 327
• Criminal Cases Taken:14	Criminal Cases Taken: 20	Criminal Cases Taken: 151
• Drug Cases:1	Drug Cases:1	Drug Cases:8
• DUII Cases:2	DUII Cases: 0	DUII Cases:5
• Fugitive Cases:6	Fugitive Cases: 6	Fugitive Cases:41
• Reports Taken:17	Report Taken: 23	Reports Taken: 185
• <u>Total Calls for Service: 86</u>	<u>Total Calls for Service: 113</u>	<u>Total Calls for Service: 712</u>

Other police activities for the month:

- Staff completed the Oregon State LEDS/NCIC audit with flying colors. They said that the police department and municipal court did an outstanding job!
- Staff attended recertification on DUII field sobriety testing.
- Staff is working with the other chiefs in developing procedures on how our staff will be working with the new sobering center.
- Staff is working on a new Ordinance to present to council. Sergeant Miller will explain in detail at next council meeting. We are looking into a new program called "Leads online" which helps law enforcement agencies across the country solve property crimes. Currently Sutherlin, Roseburg, Douglas County have this program and have been very successful in solving property crimes. The ordinance will require pawn shops to do a different style of record keeping when taking in property. The City of Roseburg advised me that their "problem pawn shops" are now looking at moving to Winston to conduct their business because we currently don't have this ordinance in place. I want to fix this before we have a problem.
 - Staff attended two different meetings with Battered Person's Advocacy in Roseburg.
 - Staff attended training with ODOT to learn how to collect data from the new speed signs on Hwy 42.
 - Both Sergeants are attending Sergeant's Academy for the entire work week.
 - Staff is still working on a couple of different grants.
 - USDA for parking lot.
 - Fire House Sub Grant for 10 vests for reserves and cadets.