

MONROE MONTHLY

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What's happened, happening, and will happen in the wonderful City of Monroe.

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See calendar on page 2 for upcoming meetings/workshops and city events.

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City Council Members:

- Harry Myers — Council President
- Jeanni Cuthbertson
- Cindy Canter
- Floyd Billings
- Frank Thayer
- Chad Howard
- *Vacant* (Student Councilor)

Planning Commission Members:

- Kathy Smith – Chair
- Tim Eastridge
- Dan Sheets — Vice Chair
- David Mills
- Fred Cuthbertson
- Linda Fredricks
- Cary Thayer

City Administrator:
Rick Hohnbaum

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Terry Koroush
Brandy Logan (janitorial)

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Tracy Jensen

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RJ Theofield

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Main Street Improvement Project



The city was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation to do some upkeep and maintenance on Main Street.

It is the tentative plan to accept the \$50,000 grant and match it with \$50,000 of state gasoline tax revenue to do significant improvements on Main Street between 6th and 7th Street. We are starting the planning phase of this project.

In addition to this we will be having some surveying work done so that we have better documentation relating to street and property lines to assist in the planning process.

We will be seeking public input and ideas as well as concerns as these changes are being considered.

We have also applied for another \$10,000 grant for 6th Street Improvements, from Orchard to Kelly, for next year.

American Legion Hall Building



The American Legion Hall building located at 605 Main Street is undergoing some much needed improvements. These improvements will benefit the community long term and will allow a wider demographic of people, groups or organizations to rent the hall.

The recent improvements include a new roof, new stove and new type 1 hood and fire suppression system. These improvements were funded from money that was recently be-quested to the city by Margaret Hull, specifically for improvements to the hall.

If you are interested in renting the hall please stop by or call City Hall for a rental application and more information on prices and availability.

Ongoing rental activities:

Tuesdays & Thursdays the South Benton Nutrition Program , senior and disabled lunch

Tuesday evenings starting at 7pm Fit Dance Class

Wednesday evenings Cub/BoyScouts

-See event organizers for more information on these ongoing events

Crosswalks Striping on Highway 99 W



Benton County Public Works Staff has starting applying Thermoplastics striping to the 16 existing crosswalks along Hwy 99 within the city limits. Thermoplastics is more than just painting the crosswalk lines as this process involves a matting process which will make the results last longer (about 5-7years) and not require an annual re-paint.



September 2018

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Scheduled Events

All meetings are **open to the public** and are held in the City Hall Council Chambers unless otherwise noted on the website.

September 2018

Sep 3	City Hall Closed	
Sep 7	4:00pm	Public Works and Safety
Sep 10	6:00pm	Planning Commission
Sep 11	4:30pm	Ordinance Committee
Sep 12	5:00pm	Organization Advisory Grp.
Sep 13	5:00pm	Promotion Advisory Group
Sep 18	6:00pm	S. Benton Recreation Alliance
Sep 19	4:30 pm	Design Advisory Group
Sep 19	5:30pm	Beautification/Main Street Board Meeting
Sep 20	5:00pm	Economic Advisory Group
Sep 24	6:00pm	City Council
Sep 27	1:00pm	Small Biz & Start Up Mentor Hours (at the Library)

For the most up-to-date event information, visit the city's website: ci.monroe.or.us

August 27 City Council Meeting Recap



During the council meeting it was decided to accept a 2.81 acre parcel of land on the Red Hills Subdivision for use as a City Park.

The council also approved the expense for the removal costs of a hazardous tree at Kelly and 7th Street and to purchase hand/safety rails for the Library Deck.

A proposal to place security cameras at City owned buildings was discussed and approved pending coordination with the Junction City Police Department.

The City Council reviewed the RFP status for the Gas Station and what the next steps are given that no bids were submitted to purchase this property.

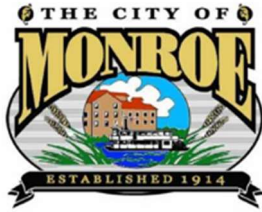
Other items discussed:

- Award of the \$120,000 TGM grant for Monroe Riverside District Plan (*more information to follow next month on this*)
- Approval of the purchase of a water gun for irrigation at city park
- Annual OLCC License renewal recommendations
- Proposed rate increase from Republic Services
- Draft annual finance audit—the City is in compliance with all state and federal laws and no deficiencies were found
- South Benton Nutrition Program Agreement revision and renewal
- Status on current planning projects and public works projects

Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 18-500—Declaring certain cannabis related impacts to be public nuisances and amending Chapter 92 of the Monroe Municipal Code.

Copies of this ordinance can be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours or on our website ci.monroe.or.us





DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION?

Will you please share it with us?

Join the Monroe Vision & Revitalization Committee (MVRC) as we work to design our future. We are a group of community members, business owners and city councilors who really want to see our community thrive. There are a lot of **exciting changes** happening in town including new housing construction as well as construction of the Long Timbers Brew Pub and the Dollar General store. There are even potential buyers looking at remodeling/building a gas station. Now more than ever is a good time to speak up and **share your vision** for the future. We have created the following four advisory groups and **invite you** to participate in the one that most fits your interests. Each group meets for **just one hour** each month.

ORGANIZATION ADVISORY GROUP: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5pm. This group will

- Create a five-year plan to move forward with the Oregon Main Street Program
- Participate in grant writing and other fundraising
- Seek and recruit volunteers
- Improve all channels of communication

PROMOTION ADVISORY GROUP: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 5pm. This group will

- Build on existing assets – including people, buildings, location, heritage and institution
- Encourage local shopping
- Market a positive image of downtown

DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP: Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm. This group will

- Plan downtown's development
- Motivate business and property owners to make changes – link business and building owners to create incentives to attract business to downtown
- Create and be a steward of public spaces downtown

ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUP: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 5pm. This group will

- Participate in the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) Oregon to encourage entrepreneurial development
- Strengthen existing businesses and attract new ones
- Develop financial incentives and capital for business development and building rehabilitation

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT CITY HALL 664 COMMERCIAL STREET