



*Where Life is Sweet*

Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of October 24, 2022

**Title/Subject**

Update on Goal Setting Report

**Summary and Background**

On February 2-3 of this year, the Hermiston City Council and the senior staff of the City met in a goal setting session facilitated by Sara Wilson. Nineteen goal tasks were adopted and this is an update on the progress in these areas.

I am going to update on those goals where progress is happening. If there are questions on other goal areas feel free to let me know.

- *Workforce Development.*
  - Pac/West has been helping us build relationships with groups that are working to build a training center in our region.
- *Housing*
  - Met with a new potential rental housing developer.
  - Revisiting Green property with new potential developer that has some expertise in senior housing development.
- *Wellness*
  - Preliminary conversations are being conducted with potential partners for a Health and Wellness Facility.
- *Homelessness*
  - PATH project IGA is before the council at this meeting.
  - Various other projects have been reviewed by City officials as possible local options.
- *City Facilities*
  - City Hall is occupied!!!
  - Finalized lease for construction of the grass fields at EOTEC is before the council tonight.
  - Working with stakeholders to construct barn expansions with funds from the State.
  - Plans are being made to transition EOTEC management to City.
- *Water*
  - Finalized purchase of ground water rights from the Port of Umatilla

- Beginning discussions with the Port of Umatilla on the addition of water rights to the Regional Water System.
- *Digital Infrastructure*
  - Completed broadband surveying. Examining funding opportunities.
- *Arts+Culture*
  - Assigned a liaison to a community group working on the idea of a Hermiston museum.
  - Working with Umatilla County to create a resource center for minority populations.
- *Advocacy*
  - Continue to work with regional, state and national partners to secure funding for City projects.

### **Tie-In to Council Goals**

Update on said goals.

### **Fiscal Information**

N/A

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

Recommended Action/Motion

No action is requested.

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