



TO: City Council
 Jason Ogden, Interim City Manager
 Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Planning, Building and Engineering Department Report for December 2024

The Planning, Building, and Engineering Department consists of the City's Building, Planning, Engineering, and Parks and Recreation programs. The following is a summary of activities and notes on current projects from December 1st to December 31st, 2024.

1. BUILDING

- Summary of Building Program Permits Issued.

Permit Category	December, 2024	November, 2024	2024 YTD	2023 Total	2019-2023 Annual Average
Residential 1 and 2 Family Dwellings	4	0	27	12	24.8
Residential Demolition	1	1	4	10	8.6
Residential Manufactured Dwellings	0	1	5	4	9.2
Residential Mechanical	6	9	112	91	104
Residential Plumbing	0	1	13	24	30.8
Residential Site Development	0	0	0	0	0.4
Residential Structural	1	3	39	33	50.4
Commercial Alarm or Suppression Systems	0	0	2	2	3.6
Commercial Demolition	0	0	0	5	3.6
Commercial Mechanical	1	0	19	11	16.4
Commercial Plumbing	0	1	7	11	9.8
Commercial Site Development	0	0	1		
Commercial Structural	1	3	28	26	36.6
Total Permits	14	19	243	230	300.4
Value Estimate of All Permits	\$1,171,667.00	\$332,328.00	\$17,738,221.41	\$10,728,408.94	\$19,600,417.90
Fees Collected	\$14,802.35	\$6,255.43	202,214.77	\$133,127.61	\$246,251.26

- Developments of note: For your reference, below are some developments of note that were previously reported. Changes are noted with **bold text**.

- Mountain Fir Subdivision: a 5 lot plus 1 remainder lot subdivision extending Mountain Fir Street and adding 'Street A' (to be renamed prior to development). The applicant plans to develop the 5 lots with senior living cottages similar to those the abutting lot. The Planning Commission approved the Subdivision on November 21, 2024.
- Duck Hollow Phase III Subdivision: 51-lot single-family home subdivision located adjacent to the existing Duck Hollow Subdivision (41st Avenue and Long Street). This subdivision received planning approval in 2020, however there was a long delay due to wetlands regulations administered by the Oregon Department of State Lands. State approval has been granted, however there is no timeline available on actual construction.
- Live Oak Subdivision: 8-lot single-family home subdivision located between the two existing portions of Live Oak Street. The subdivision was approved in 2021, however the property changed hands, which delayed development. The new owner is planning on constructing 8 duplexes (16 housing units) on the lots. Development of the road and infrastructure is complete, and construction of the first buildings has begun. **The developer is moving forward with development and submitted 2 new building permits.**
- Foothills Ridge Subdivision: A single-family home subdivision located at the west end of Foothills Drive was originally approved in 2021, however the property changed ownership, and the previous subdivision expired. The Planning Commission approved a new subdivision for the site consisting of 27 lots, on September 18, 2024.
- Santiam River Development Phase 1 : 42-lot single-family home subdivision located at the north end of Clark Mill Road. Planning approval was granted at the beginning of this year, however some of the property is being sold to a different developer. A pre-application meeting was held for a redesign of the subdivision incorporating current development zoning code. The application is pending.
- Clear Water Subdivision: 18-lot single-family home subdivision located on the west side of 45th Avenue, just north of Kalmia Street. Planning approval was granted in June. Road, sidewalk, and other infrastructure construction is complete. **Construction has been steady, development is moving forward, and homes are beginning to be sold.**
- Coulter Subdivision: The Sweet Home Planning Commission recently approved a 157-lot low-density residential subdivision located at 43rd Avenue and Coulter Lane. This subdivision will be built in four phases; however, it is unclear when construction will start. The property includes wetlands, and development will require mitigation and permitting through the Department of State Lands, which will likely decrease the number of lots that are ultimately developed. The initial phase is unhindered by wetlands and will likely move forward as soon as market conditions warrant construction.

2. PLANNING

- Summary of Final Decisions of Planning Division Applications:

Application Type	December, 2024	November, 2024	2024 YTD	2023 Total	2019-2023 Annual Average
Adjustments	0	0	1	1	N/A
Annexations	0	0	0	0	0.4
Code Amendments	0	0	0	3	1.4
Conditional Use	0	0	4	3	7.4
Partition	0	0	3	4	11.8
Planned Development/ Subdivision	0	1	3	0	1.8
Property Line Adjustments	0	0	6	3	13.4
Vacation	0	0	0	1	0.2
Variance	0	0	1	4	3.0
Zoning Map Amendment	0	0	1	2	2.2

- 0 Land Use Applications were submitted in December.
- 3 Land Use Applications are pending final approval.
- 0 Fence Permits were issued in December.
- 0 Temporary RV Permits were issued in December.
- The City received a grant from the State to update our Transportation System Plan and created an Area Plan for the undeveloped land on the north side of the City. The project is fully underway. Completion has been delayed and is now expected in the Spring of 2025. **The Technical Advisory and Public Advisory Committee met with consultants on January 9th to discuss technical memo #6. There is a City Council and Planning Commission work session scheduled for January 28th at 5:00 PM.**
- Work is now underway on the City's Housing Production Strategy. This project is grant funded and fulfills a state requirement. **The City Council conducted the 3rd reading of the Ordinance at the January 14th meeting and passed the Ordinance unanimously.**
- The Planning Commission last met on for a regular meeting on December 19th. There have been no meeting since December due to lack of business.

3. ENGINEERING

City Projects:

- Reviewing plans for Sankey ADA paths and park materials

GIS & Engineering Housekeeping

- Regular address/tax lot GIS updates
- Updating digital records of Comprehensive and Zone maps
- Map exhibit creation for various illustrative purposes
- Reviewing plans and processing right of way permits
- 13th Avenue/Festival Street final design and implementation

- **Zipty Fiber internet installation pending right of way permit submissions.**

4. PARKS

- The Park and Tree Committee last met on December 18th. Their next meeting will be January 15th.
- Staff have applied for a grant from the Oregon Park and Recreation Department for Phase III of Sankey Park improvements, which will include a replacement structure for the now-demolished bandstand and trail connections to the upper portion of the park. The engineers will have a 90% review set ready for staff review by the beginning of December. **The engineers have been working with staff to finalize project materials before submitted the 100% design documents.**
- The park at 42nd and Osage is on hold until funding can be secured for the infrastructure design and construction. The park is proposed to include a playground, restrooms, a sport court, parking, and half street improvements on Osage Street.
- The staff has applied for the Oregon Department of Forestry Community Green Infrastructure Grant. If approved, the grant funds will support the DEQ water quality project, which serves as mitigation for the fines issued to the WWTP in 2023. The City plans to collaborate with the South Santiam Watershed Council for project management and implementation.
- Park & Tree Committee members will be reaching out to Mill City regarding their campaign to save their bridge. The Committee members hope to gain some insight into how to move forward with a successful Weddle Bridge campaign.

5. OTHER PROJECTS

- Willow Street Neighborhood LID: Staff have finalized a financing plan and received approval from the financing agency. A Request for Proposals was issued, however new information on current conditions has come to light which requires the RFP to be reissued. The City is utilizing its Engineer-of-Record contract to do the initial engineering design, after which an RFP for construction will be issued.
- The ODOT Foster Lake Sidewalk Project: Construction is complete. Staff are working with the Railroad and ODOT on a plan to construct the portion that lies under the railroad trestle.