



City Manager's Update March/April, 2019

It is with very mixed emotions and a somewhat heavy heart that I am sharing my final City Manager Update with the citizens of Clearlake. I have accepted a position as City Manager with the City of Suisun City, a city of approximately 30,000 located in Solano County, about two hours from Clearlake.

It has truly been a great honor to be the City Manager of Clearlake for these last nearly four years and I am extremely proud of the strides we have made to improve this city. Our success is directly due to my tremendous staff and the leadership of the wonderful Councilmembers with whom I was fortunate to work. There is still a long way to go, but the City definitely has positive momentum and a plan in place to make the necessary improvements.

City of Clearlake Awarded "Special Star" Award

The City of Clearlake had a great evening on Saturday, February 9th at the "Stars of Lake County" Community Awards Celebration put on by the Lake County Chamber of Commerce. The first award of the night went to the City of Clearlake which was presented with the "Special Star" award based on significant achievements over the last few years, which included making Clearlake a Cleaner, Safer, Better community.



National Champion Lower Lake High School Competitive Cheer Team

The City Council recognized the achievements of the Lower Lake High School Competitive Cheer Team for winning a second national championship in four years.



Sgt. Ryan Peterson and ACO Willow Goldtooth Swearing In

Chief Andrew White swore in new Sergeant, Ryan Peterson, and new Animal Control Officer, Willow Goldtooth. Sergeant Peterson has been with the Clearlake Police Department since 2007 and has held a variety of positions, including patrol, field training officer, and detective. Sergeant Peterson has developed a reputation as one of the top detectives in Lake County. Willow Goldtooth has been employed by the Animal Control Division as a part-time Kennel Technician since March, 2018. She loves animals and hiking and is looking forward to becoming an Animal Control Officer and making a positive impact on the community.

Flooding

The City of Clearlake fared well overall during the winter considering the flood level and while the County and the City of Lakeport were forced to declare emergencies, Clearlake managed to avoid that step thanks to the vigilance of the Public Works Department's efforts keeping culverts and drains clear prior to winter. City Staff did have to close Thompson Harbor once the lake level reached 8' Rumsey and rising for safety reasons. We hope to have Thompson Harbor reopened in the next week or so.

Lake Level

For those of you interested in the lake level and the future projected lake level, we have added a link on our webpage to the following website:

<https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=sto&gage=clkc1>

This site factors in projected runoff into the lake against projected flow out through the Cache Creek Dam.

Projects

This year is going to be a busy one in Clearlake for construction projects. There will be road projects, frontage improvement projects, grading and pothole paving projects, and a major park project. The following is a little synopsis of what's in store:

- **Measure V: Harbor Lane Construction Contract Award**

The Harbor Lane development project was postponed last year when bids came in substantially over budget. This year the project was rebid and construction bids came in substantially under engineer's estimate. This project includes rehabilitating the roads in Highlands Harbor and will begin as soon as the rainy season is over. This project is funded by Measure V revenues.

- **Measure V & County Funds: Moss/Davis Construction Contract Award**

This project is rehabilitation of the roads leading to the county landfill. These roads saw substantial damage as a result of the thousands of trucks that supported the cleanup from four years of fires. The County of Lake will be picking up 71% of the costs and the City will pick up the remaining 29% utilizing Measure V funds.

- **Asphalt Pavement Repair Equipment Purchased**

The City recently purchased approximately \$300,000 in equipment designed to repair asphalt roads. Expect to see the crews out this year utilizing this new equipment to put in permanent "hot asphalt" pothole patches rather than the temporary "cold patch" product that has been used in the past. The funds to purchase the equipment came from Measure V.

- **Gas Tax/SB 1 Funding: Civic Center Construction Contract**

On March 28th the City Council will consider approving a contract to install frontage improvements (curb, gutter, and sidewalk) along the frontage of City Hall and up Olympic Drive to Pine Street. The funds for this project come from SB 1 Local Partnership Program funds and Series A bond funds.

- **Redevelopment Series A Bond Funding: Austin Park Project Update**

The City should be going to bid soon on the renovation of Austin Park. The renovation will include a new stage, new parking, a dog park, and a new children's playground area.

Midyear Budget Workshop

The City held a midyear budget workshop and discussed how to utilize some money from salary savings from vacant positions and from higher than expected revenues. The Council directed staff to use the money toward paying down future retirement costs to help keep the City on good financial ground.



Reception for Retired District 2 Supervisor, Jeff Smith

The City of Clearlake held a reception for retired District 2 Supervisor, Jeff Smith, to honor him for his efforts over the last two decades as a Board member on the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

Reception for Outgoing City Manager

The City of Clearlake also held a reception for the outgoing City Manager (me) to wish him (me) well in my new endeavors. Thank you to everyone who came out to wish him (me) farewell.



March 21st Special Council Meeting with Adventist Health

On March 21st, a special Council meeting was held at the Community Center with Adventist Health. At the meeting, Adventist CEO David Santos presented Mayor Nick Bennett with a check for \$100,000. This donation was a result of fundraising at Adventist Health's 50th Anniversary Gala held in November, 2018 and is to go toward a new children's play area in Austin Park. Huge thank you to Adventist Health and the many donors who made this donation possible.



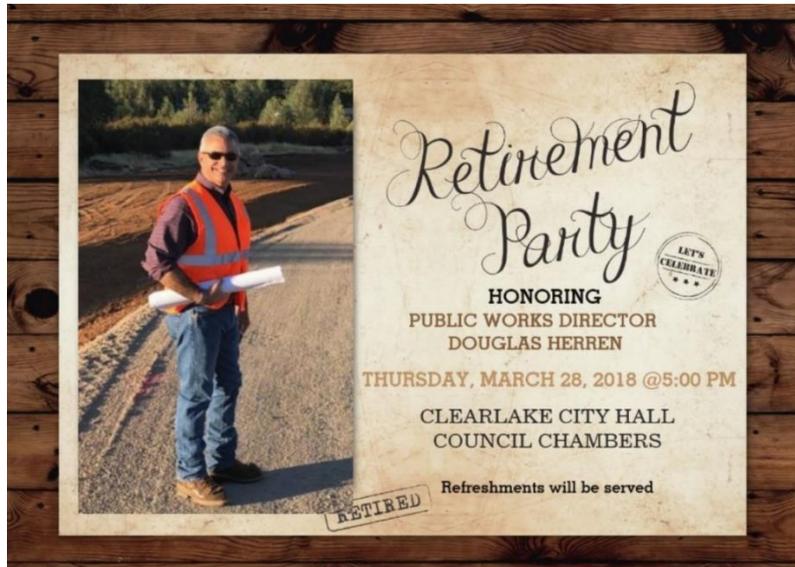
Dispatch Center

The remodel of the Dispatch Center is completed and is ready for the 911 equipment upgrades later this year. The Dispatch Center now has the same new flooring as the rest of the Police Department and is a huge upgrade to how it used to look.



Public Works Director Retiring

Doug Herren is retiring from the City of Clearlake after almost ten years as the Public Works Director. Doug was a critical staff member in many aspects including responding to the numerous disaster challenges over the last few years and was responsible for bringing in millions of dollars in grant funds for road improvements over the years and was overall largely instrumental to the improvements the City has undergone recently. There will be a retirement reception for Doug at 5pm on March 28th at City Hall to honor Doug's contributions to Clearlake. Big congratulations to you, Doug, and thank you for all your support and hard work!



New City Manager Hired

I was fortunate over the last year to have hired and “mentored” an Assistant City Manager. Alan Flora has been a tremendous asset to the City and a great help to me. The City Council recently approved hiring Alan as the next City Manager for Clearlake. Having worked with Alan over the last year, I am pleased to assure you all that I am leaving the management of the city in very capable hands. I have no doubt he will continue to maintain the positive momentum Clearlake has going into the future. Good luck Alan!

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- March 28th Farewell Reception for Public Works Director, Doug Herren – 5pm
- March 28th Regular Council meeting
- April 11th Regular Council meeting
- April 25th Regular Council meeting
- April 27th Clearlake CleanUp Day

In conclusion, I can't even begin to give "thank you's" to everyone who has helped and supported me in one way or another over the last four years, but please know that I appreciate each and every one of you very much. While I am looking forward to new challenges in a new city, I will never forget the friends I have made in Clearlake and throughout Lake County. My wife and I truly love Lake County and fully intend to maintain a presence (we are keeping our home in Clearlake) with the hope of retiring here and intend to visit regularly.

Regards,

Greg Folsom

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City of Clearlake