

Potlatch City Council Meeting

Potlatch Senior Center 645 Pine Street – Potlatch, ID 83855

January 23, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council was presided over by Mayor David Brown. Council members present: David Cada, Joan Bender, Martin Anderson and Donna Winther. Also present: Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer, Brennan Pollock, Maintenance and Karin Johnson, Parks.

Guests:

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Bender said the invocation Prayer.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *David Cada made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (being regularly considered by the City Council, these items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a City Council member that one or more items be removed for separate discussion): Minutes from January 9, 2023 City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch bills and payroll.*

Joan Bender seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

Joan Bender, yes

David Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, yes

Donna Winther, yes

2. **FURNACE/BOILER, CITY HALL CLEANING UPDATE**

Mayor Brown gave a brief update on the cleaning and repairs going on at City Hall. The City is still working towards securing someone to work on the boiler and radiators at City Hall. Cleaner's have finished cleaning the walls, ceiling and contents of the main office and council chambers. They will have someone in soon to clean the carpets in the office and start repainting.

3. ELECTRICAL OUTLET/BOX AT 630 LARCH

Hailey Nagle, renter at 630 Larch has requested another outlet be put in the building as she has to run an extension cord for her hair dryers and often trips the breaker.

Martin Anderson motioned to have the City hire an electrician to put in a new outlet. Joan Bender seconded the motion. The motion was approved all ayes:

4. HISTORICAL SOCIETY MOVE TO 1ST FLOOR CITY HALL DISCUSSION

A discussion took place regarding offering room 101 on the first floor of City Hall to the Historical Society to use instead of the basement in order to allow easier access and a nicer area for residents and visitors to view the historical items currently kept in the basement.

Martin Anderson motioned to offer room 101 to the Historical Society. Donna Winther seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

5. CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION

There have been many complaints lately of City code infractions. The City contracts with the Latah County Sheriff's Office to enforce City codes. One of the main issues is regarding parking. The City will contact the

Sheriff's Office to see the best way to have their officers enforce the parking codes as well as other violations.

REPORTS:

1. **Mayor – David Brown** – The restroom has been ordered for Scenic 6 Park. It needs to sit on 6” of gravel. City maintenance will dig and fill the designated area as part of the City’s match to the grant.
2. **Parks – Joan Bender** – Will call Palouse Empire Pest Control soon to eradicate ground squirrels from Scenic 6 Park this spring. Karin Johnson provided Joan with a list of other pest control companies in case Palouse Empire is not available to come out in early spring.
3. **Pool & Cemetery – Donna Winther** – Looking into fundraising ideas for a new pool liner. City will be looking into a commerce grant next year as well for needed pool updates. Pool Manager is still needed for this coming year.
4. **Water & Sewer – David Cada** – During high usage months the City has no problems keeping the reservoir full. Potlatch pulls water from the Onaway Basalts, not the same aquifer that Moscow uses.
5. **Streets – Martin Anderson** – No report
6. **Scenic 6 – David Cada** – No report
7. **Maintenance – Brennan Pollock** – New pick-up has had plow mount installed.

8. **Clerk – Harmony Nowack** – No report. Handed out Personnel Policy second draft for review, will be on next council agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Karin Johnson asked for an electrician to check the bathhouse at the RV park. The lights are not turning on as they should when the bathhouse is not in use.

Martin Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2023