

Potlatch City Council Meeting

City Hall – 195 6th Street – Potlatch, ID 83855

March 28, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Guests: Eunice and Terry Carlson

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Bender said the invocation Prayer.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:** *Joan Bender 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 March 14, 2022 City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch bills and payroll.*

David Cada seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

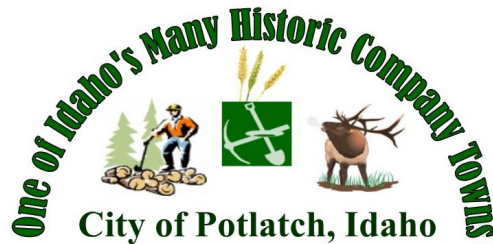
David Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, yes

Joan Bender, yes

Donna Winther, yes

- 2. EUNICE AND TERRY CARLSON-FIDDLERS RIDGE LOOP PARKING PETITION**



The Carlson's would like the "No Trespassing" signs removed at the city lot on Fiddler's Ridge Loop across from Fiddler's Ridge Garden Nursery. They would like the city lot to be accessible for nursery customers to park at as parking is limited at the nursery and the intersection below the nursery is dangerous. Mayor Brown said the signs were put up to stop kids from driving thru there on their motorcycles to get to Travis road and that the DEQ does not want any vehicle within 50-100 feet of the well due to water contamination. Terry Carlson said kids use the path behind the well. Mayor Brown agreed there was no sign of motorcycle damage around the well anymore and said the signs were supposed to be taken down over a year ago. Joan Bender asked if a fence could be put up around the well. Martin Anderson expressed the importance of following the DEQ guidelines.

David Cada made a motion to take the "No Trespassing" signs down. Donna Winther seconded the motion, the motion was approved with "all ayes".

3. MAKE LATAH CREDIT UNION THE CITY'S OFFICIAL BANK

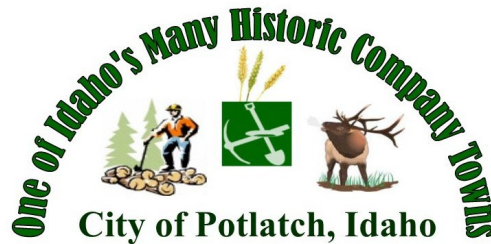
David Cada made a motion to approve Latah Credit Union as the City of Potlatch's official bank. Joan Bender seconded the motion, the motion was approved with "all ayes".

Roll Call vote:

***David Cada, aye
Martin Anderson, aye
Joan Bender, aye
Donna Winther, aye***

4. COUNCIL VOTE ON CREDIT CARD LIMITS FOR LATAH CREDIT UNION

Latah Credit Union needs an official agreement and vote from the City Council before issuing credit cards to city employees. Council agreed on one card for the City Clerk-Treasurer with a \$15,000 limit and one card for



City Maintenance with a \$5000 limit. Mayor Brown will look into getting Coleman Oil gas cards for city vehicles.

Joan Bender made a motion to approve a credit card for City Clerk-Treasurer with a \$15,000 limit and a credit card for City Maintenance with a \$5000 limit. The motion was seconded by Donna Winther, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

Roll Call vote:

David Cada, aye
Martin Anderson, aye
Joan Bender, aye
Donna Winther, aye

5. FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

Mayor Brown introduced the Fair Housing Proclamation. April 2022 marks the 54th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act.

David Cada made a motion to sign the Fair Housing Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Joan Bender, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

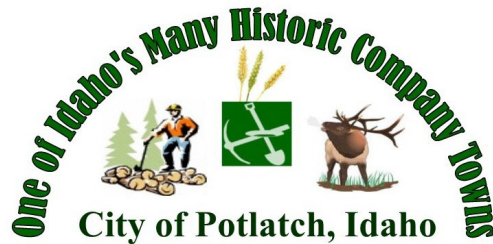
6. PORT-A-POTTY AGREEMENT

The Rec. District along with Potlatch School Superintendent, Janet Avery, would like to partner with the City to rent port-a-potties for both ballfields in Potlatch.

Martin Anderson made a motion to partner with the Rec. District and School District to split the rent of port-a-potties at the city’s ballfields. Joan Bender seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

7. SHEEP PERMIT/FEE FOR SINES

Harmony Nowack presented the Council with a rough draft of the permit/fee for the Sine’s family to keep 2 sheep at their property in the city



for council approval. David Cada expressed concern in how this situation was handled at the last council meeting saying the issue should have been presented to Planning and Zoning, because appropriate steps weren't taken there is a possibility of legal problems down the road. Donna Winther also expressed the same concern as she has now had a chance to view the property and has concerns over the well-being of the animals. Mayor Brown suggested that the City Lawyer be contacted to make sure the city takes appropriate action to make this situation right.

Sheep permit/fees tabled until legal counsel is attained.

8. WATER LEAK AT WHITE PINE MANOR

The city is looking at water usage reports with the help of Tom Moore. It looks like there is a large leak at White Pine Manor that has been going on for some time. David Cada questioned; how do we know it's a leak? Martin Anderson said he didn't think the usage was too much for the number of people living in the apartments. Mayor Brown asked what recourse does the city have if a private citizen or company has a large leak and won't fix it? Martin said this is another question we should seek legal counsel for.

Issue tabled pending further advice from legal counsel.

REPORTS:

1. **Mayor – David Brown** – No report
2. **Parks – Joan Bender** – Ground hogs/gophers are back at Scenic 6 Park. Joan will contact pest control.
3. **Pool & Cemetery – Donna Winther** – Donna said she and Mayor Brown signed the agreement with Croc Coatings to do the flooring at the pool and also in the RV Park showers. Croc's will be needing a deposit to get the city on their schedule. Bids for both projects came down by \$1000 each. Mayor Brown said he and Donna were looking into dividers for the pool. Donna said



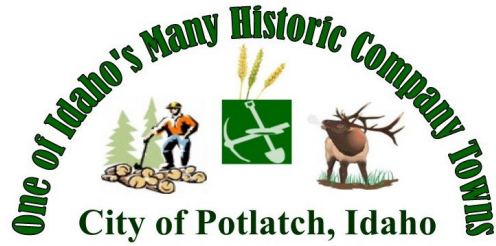
the dividers were made of a thick plastic that is easily cleanable. It will cost around \$5000 to put in the dividers. The dividers will provide each bathroom at the pool with 1 toilet stall and 1 private dressing area. Donna said the project is moving along, however there is still a lot more work to do. Toilet drain pipes need to be snaked before the new toilets are put in place. She also noticed the pool liner is in need of replacement/repair and will ask Croc's if this is something they could do.

4. **Water & Sewer – David Cada** – David Cada is continuing his research on water in the area. For the aquifers to properly re-charge we need the proper amount of rainfall. David has been researching how chem trails might be responsible for creating drought. Chem trails are formed on the edge of cloud banks and dissipate the water in the clouds thus, without the correct rainfall we could see more years like the last with poor crop yields.
5. **Streets - Martin Anderson** – Martin said the road work is all set up for this summer. Also the new development on the south east end of town is looking into easements. Mayor Brown asked if the city crew could cut out potholes in the city and have POE fill them.
6. **Scenic 6 - David Cada** – David said in the meeting on March 16th they talked about the skate park, how to keep the youth in town and what properties they could advertise for new businesses.
7. **Clerk – Harmony Nowack** – Reported that the CUP hearing for Margaret Clark's Garden Daycare will be before the next council meeting on April 11th at 6:30pm with Planning and Zoning.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

Martin Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



ATTEST:

_____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022