

Potlatch City Council Meeting

Temporary Offices of City Hall 735 Pine Street – Potlatch, ID 83855

March 27, 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 Jennifer Anderson. Also present: Brennan Pollock, Maintenance and Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer.

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 March 13, 2023 City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch bills and payroll.*

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

Jennifer Anderson, yes

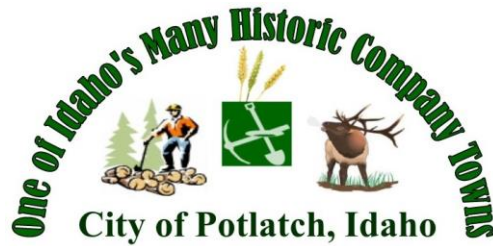
David Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, yes

Joan Bender, yes

- 2. AMMENDMENT – SEWER DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Martin Anderson motioned to amend the agenda to add Sewer District Feasibility Study to the Agenda. David Cada seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.



On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, the City hosted a meeting with representatives from DEQ, Onaway Water & Sewer Association, The Princeton-Hampton Sewer District, The HooDoo Water & Sewer District, the Health Department and the Potlatch Y area. The purpose for the meeting was to gauge interest in a multi-area sewer district as DEQ and EPA regulations are making it harder for small towns to be in compliance in regard to sewer treatment. Tom Moore, engineer for the City of Potlatch agreed to do a feasibility study for \$15,000.00. Each respective district would need to agree to put \$3000.00 towards this study. Districts were asked to take this to their respective boards or councils for approval. Mayor Brown requested a motion to approve Potlatch taking part in the feasibility study.

Martin Anderson motioned for Potlatch to participate in the Feasibility Study. David Cada seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

3. APRIL FAIR HOUSING MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Brown introduced the Fair Housing Proclamation.

Dave Cada motioned to have Mayor Brown sign the Fair Housing Proclamation, Martin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

4. APRIL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD PROCLAMATION

Mayor Brown introduced the Month of the Military Child Proclamation.

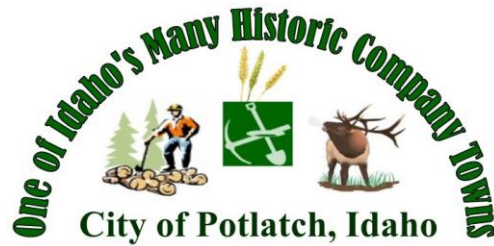
Martin Anderson motioned to have Mayor Brown sign the Month of the Military Child Proclamation, Joan Bender seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

5. SURPLUS CAMPER

Mayor Brown asked for approval to surplus the camper that came with the purchase of the new Ford one-ton.

Martin Anderson motioned to list the camper for surplus. David Cada seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

6. RESERVOIR INSPECTION



Inspection of the reservoir is recommended every 5 years. The last time the City's reservoir was inspected was 2018.

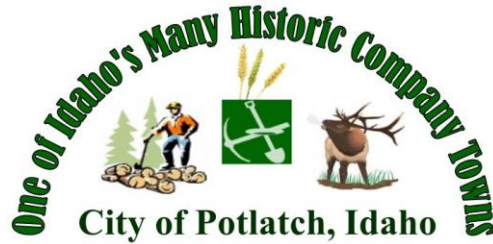
Joan Bender motioned to have the City's reservoir inspected. David Cada seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

7. HOOK UP FEES – DISCUSSION

Council discussed changing the Water and Sewer hook up fees. Martin Anderson asked if the City Clerk could gather more information on what other towns charge. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

REPORTS:

1. **Mayor – David Brown** – The roads around the ponds need to be graveled. Mayor Brown asked Brennan to order gravel and work on the road. Christine Mangiapani, grants specialist for Latah County visited this week to discuss the Broadband initiative, they have lost a board member. They are aware that Potlatch has Ziplly fiber, but they would like to give customers two choices for providers.
2. **Parks – Joan Bender** – Joan finished the AARP grant for the Pickle Ball Courts and said we should receive word by mid-May if the grant was accepted. The grant would cover improvements for the courts including new picnic benches and lighting. Joan spoke with Palouse Empire Pest Control; they said the City is on their schedule and that they have been driving by and checking to see if the ground squirrels are out.
3. **Pool & Cemetery** – Mayor Brown interviewed one applicant for pool manager. Mayor Brown also met with WMS Aquatics out of Ellensburg, WA. They agreed that for now we should pop the bubbles in the liner and repair with the repair kit David Cada suggested to Council. If the City can complete the Restroom Project before September 2023, we can apply for the same grant to repair the pool.
4. **Water & Sewer – David Cada** – Dale Ralston met with Mayor Brown and Tom Moore, City Engineer, on March 22, 2023, to begin his ground water study. He has worked for the City



and in this area and lots of records from the work he has done here. He and Tom Moore went to look at the City's wells. Dale said he doesn't think the study will cost as much as he quoted as he has a lot of the information he needs already.

5. **Streets – Martin Anderson** – Martin asked Brennan if he has the cylinder off the grader. Martin will pick it up in the morning and will look at changing the truck bed to the Chevy.
6. **Scenic 6 – David Cada** – Jack Coiner would like to write a grant to fix the roof at the American Legion Log Cabin. David would like to see the park next to the Log Cabin cleaned up.
7. **Maintenance – Brennan Pollock** – No report
8. **Clerk – Harmony Nowack** – Harmony reminded council of the up coming annexation public hearings if Council would like to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

Martin Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, David Cada seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2023