

Potlatch City Council Meeting

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

March 14, 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: Robin Sines

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 February 28, 2022 City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch bills and payroll.*

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

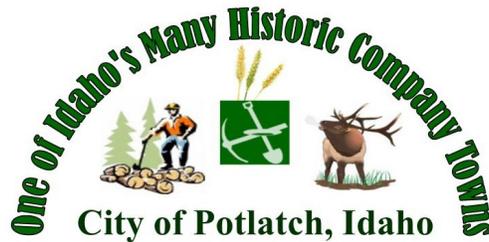
David Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, yes

Joan Bender, yes

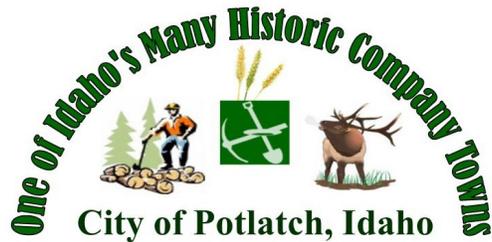
Donna Winther, yes

- 2. Robin Sines -Regarding complaint of sheep within city limits**



An anonymous complaint was made regarding 5 sheep, 1 ram and 4 ewes (all possibly pregnant) weighing 60-100lb each, at 535 Spruce Street. According to Potlatch City Code section 9-3-11 Table 2-A Zoning Districts and Land Uses; grazing, livestock husbandry is not allowed in R1 single family residential areas. Livestock being defined in section 9-2-1 as “Hoofed domesticated animals, poultry, rabbits and fur bearing animals.” Owner Robin Sines says the sheep are emotional support animals and help her daughter feel calm. She has tried bonding with other animals without success but found sheep to be a good fit as an emotional support animal. Robin furnished a signed letter from her daughter’s counselor regarding the use of the sheep as emotional support animals. She also brought a petition her daughter’s created signed by 30 neighbors. Robin is asking for an exemption to the city ordinance so her daughter may keep her emotional support animals. Donna Winther asked how clean is it for the neighbors and the school. Robin said she has had the animals for 2 years and no one has complained. She gives away the waste as fertilizer and is selling the wool and lambs for her daughter’s college fund. Joan Bender asked how big the lot is. Robin said it is 1 acre, enough room for pets, however the sheep are in the side yard in a space the length of the house and 20ft wide and they have a 10’x8’ shelter. Joan expressed concern that there have been past problems with hooved animals in the city, but each person treats their animals differently. Donna stated that there needs to be clean living conditions and enough room for the animals. Mayor Brown stated all the animals have been registered as service animals. David Cada said he was concerned about the precedent this sets when others have been denied and that he would like to say go ahead but can’t due to what is in the ordinances and not wanting to be accused of favoritism. Martin Anderson suggested changing the ordinance to make it case based for service animals. All council members agreed that the space did not seem appropriate for 5 sheep. Robin stated that they were willing to go as low as one but one sheep would be lonely as they are herd animals and getting rid of all of them would send her daughter into a “tail spin.”

Donna Winther made a motion for 2 sheep, both to be licensed by the city with a yearly permit or fee and a re-evaluation in 6 months to ensure the sheep are being properly cared for, have sufficient space and the area is kept clean. Martin Anderson seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.



3. POE ASPHALT PAVING NEW QUOTE TO INCLUDE CEDAR STREET

Mayor Brown introduced the new POE Asphalt paving quote for \$33,500 for Cedar Street from Highway 6 to 7th Street. This would be in addition to \$28,695 for Spruce Street from Highway 6 to Ponderosa. Martin Anderson noted that if we do both at the same time POE will reduce the total by \$2,000.

Martin Anderson made a motion to approve the POE paving project for both Spruce and Cedar streets, 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

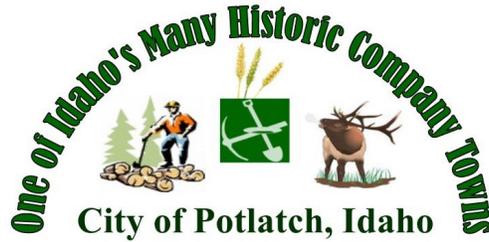
4. APPROVAL OF DESIGNATED SIGNERS FOR LATAH CREDIT UNION

Mayor Brown asked for approval of 3 signers for the account at Latah Credit Union. The signers will be David Brown -Mayor, David Cada - Council President and Harmony Nowack -City Clerk/Treasurer.

Joan Bender made a motion to approve the three signers. 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. VOTE FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Since the last election there has not been a vote for Council President. David Cada has held this position for the last many years.

Martin Anderson made a motion for David Cada to remain Council President. 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

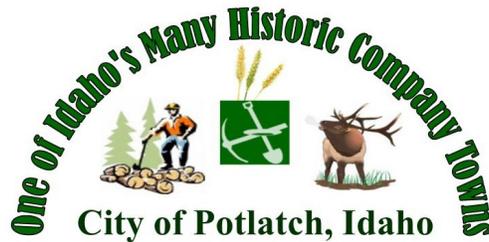
Donna Winther, aye

6. PRESENTATION PRESNELL GAGE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

Mayor Brown presented the council with the financial statements from Presnell Gage. Mayor Brown asked the council if they would like a representative from Presnell Gage to come and explain the report. The council all agreed they would prefer to read them on their own.

REPORTS:

1. **Mayor – David Brown** – No report
2. **Parks – Joan Bender** – No report
3. **Pool & Cemetery – Donna Winther** – Donna said she and Mayor Brown met this morning with Skeltons at the pool for a bid. Skeltons does not do the product that Crocs Coatings uses so they would need to have a representative from another company come and teach them how to do it. He didn't know much about the product and didn't take any pictures while



here. He will write up a quote but Donna said she wasn't confident in Skeltons ability to do the work that is needed at the pool. Donna said the coating needs to be non-absorbent and non-skid. A clear coat with a sealant can be done and would last one year. Lots of clean up needs to be done prior to work on the floor including removal of the urinal, lockers and partitions. Joan Bender asked what the Crocs quote was. Donna said \$16,000. Mayor Brown said revenue from RV Park could be used for both pool and RV Park showers. Martin Anderson said WSU surplus had lockers for \$60 a set. Mayor Brown suggested boxing in the urinal as the floor around it is in bad repair. Partition could cost between \$300-\$500 per wall. Donna said the partition walls need to be easily cleanable and we need to find out the recommendations for cleaning the floors. Crocs Coatings said they could do the work quickly where Skeltons said it would take a few days. Skeltons will give a bid with and without prep work, Crocs included the prep work. Donna said we should take the best bid and the product that is better. Martin said it seems like Croc's is more on the ball. Mayor Brown said when everything is put back it needs to be done so the building is accessible.

Martin Anderson made a motion to use Crocs Coatings. The motion was seconded by Joan Bender, the motion was approved with "all ayes".

Roll Call vote:

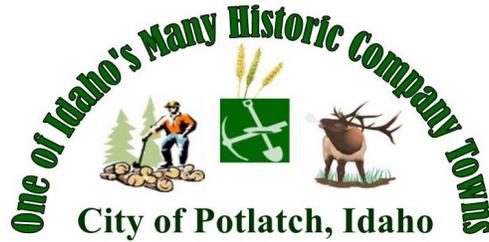
David Cada, aye

Martin Anderson, aye

Joan Bender, aye

Donna Winther, aye

- 4. Water & Sewer – David Cada** – David Cada gave another fascinating report on the rivers and streams that flow under the basalt. Eighteen thousand years ago ice flows that covered this area began to melt quickly causing major floods in the Pacific Northwest area leaving large lake. This created about 90 layer of silt. Some of this water is still underground and usable. David said we have plenty of water to drill into if we need more wells for the



city, our reservoirs are always recharging and we have some of the purest water for this area.

5. **Streets - Martin Anderson** – Martin said the legislature says there is more money for roads. Mayor Brown said this is mainly for bridges and safety. Martin said the state money is to go to the counties. Mayor Brown said he, Martin and Brennen will be meeting with Ty from the Idaho Transportation Department.
6. **Scenic 6 - David Cada** – Meeting scheduled for 8am March 16, 2022
7. **Clerk – Harmony Nowack** – No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

Martin Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, March 28, 2022