



Potlatch City Council Meeting

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

February 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. Also present: Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer.

Guests: Carley DeVore Trevor DeVore

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 February 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:

David Cada, yes

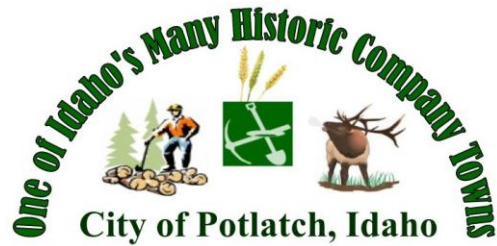
Martin Anderson, yes

Joan Bender, yes

2. APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Mayor Brown would like to appoint Jennifer Anderson for the open council position. Jennifer was unable to make it to tonight's Council Meeting but if Council agrees to the appointment, she will be sworn in at the next regular Council Meeting.

David Cada motioned to appoint Jennifer Anderson to the Council. Joan Bender seconded the motion. The motion passes with all ayes.



3. GRANT FOR PICKLEBALL COURT

Joan Bender would like to put in an AARP Grant for the pickleball courts. The grant monies would be used for court paint, picnic tables and possibly lighting. Joan is unable to apply as an individual and since the pickleball group is informal and not a non-profit she is asking to prepare the grant on behalf of the City and for the City to administer the grant.

Martin Anderson motioned to have the City administer the AARP Grant for the pickleball courts, David Cada seconded the motion. The motion passes with all ayes.

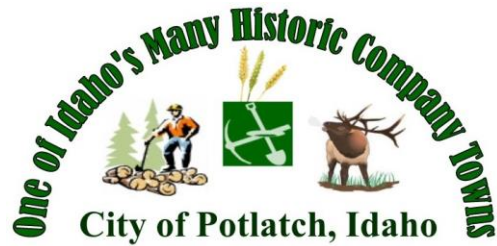
4. NEW RIDING MOWERS FOR SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Adam's Tractors took two of the City's mowers back to their shop when they delivered the Kubota. Adam's informed us that both mowers are not worth fixing, it would be more cost effective to buy new mowers. Adam's has 2, 70" Hustler mowers at \$15,000.00 each with the 20% Sourcewell discount. Mayor Brown is seeking Council permission to proceed with ordering new mowers. Martin asked if one mower could be made out of the parts of our current 3 mowers. Mayor Brown will look into this as well as look into better deals on mowers.

Martin Anderson motioned to proceed with the purchase of new mowers, David Cada seconded the motion. The motion passes with all ayes.

5. CLERK TO ATTEND GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Recently passed federal legislation like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), means that many millions of dollars will come through state agencies for communities in the form of grants. These grants can be used to build, repair, or replacement of infrastructure or for other community projects that need funding. The County Commissioners have offered to pay the tuition for up to 10 people from Cities or community districts in Latah County to attend a grant writing workshop in Spokane March 16-17, 2023. Mayor Brown asked for Council Approval to send Clerk-Treasure, Harmony to this grant writing workshop.



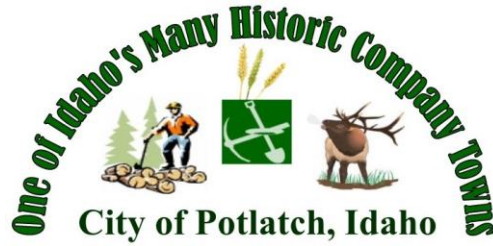
Joan Bender motioned for Harmony to attend the grant writing workshop. Martin Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passes with all ayes.

6. AIC SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

AIC is holding their Spring District Meeting in Moscow on April 18, 2023. Any Council Members interested in attending may sign up with the Clerk.

REPORTS:

- 1. Mayor – David Brown** – The new Kubota has arrived. Parks Director, Karin is very happy and now able to keep warm while plowing.
The Ford F350 has been repaired and is back at the shop.
Mayor Brown and Clerk-Treasure, Harmony, have been attending the Latah County Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The Committee is looking into continuing the contract with Inland North Waste or ending that contract and contracting with Sunshine Disposal & Recycling. Regardless of who our contracted waste disposal agency is, rates will be increasing by 19-24% this year.
Mayor Brown has not heard back from McKinstry, he will call them this week for an update. The Trees have been removed from 10th Street. We are still waiting to hear from Keller in regard to starting the bidding process for the sidewalks.
- 2. Parks – Joan Bender** –Eden Advanced Pest Control came out to assess the park for ground squirrel removal. They would require the City to sign an 8-month contract and charge \$2000.00 to start and \$700.00 per month for the 8 months. This is way to expensive and more than the park needs. Joan will check in again with Palouse Empire Pest Control and if they are not able to get us on the schedule soon we will need to manage the ground squirrel issues on our own.
- 3. Pool & Cemetery** – Dave Cada researched a Rhino Liner repair kit that he thinks would work for repairing the holes in the current pool liner. Mayor Brown is talking with B & B Pools from Lewiston regarding replacement of the pool liner. Pastor Nicholson of Faith Church



called this week saying that the Church would be willing to help with pool repair in order for the pool to open this year.

4. **Water & Sewer – David Cada** – No report.
5. **Streets – Martin Anderson** – 10th Street is looking good. Awaiting Keller to start bid process.
6. **Scenic 6 – David Cada** – The VFW is interested in obtaining a grant through the Scenic 6 group for the Log Cabin.
7. **Maintenance – Brennan Pollock** – Absent
8. **Clerk – Harmony Nowack** – No report

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trevor and Carlie DeVore attended the meeting tonight to get clarification regarding a post on social media. They also mentioned the ditches on 9th and Pine are in need of maintenance. The culverts are plugged, and the excess drainage is washing away their driveway.

Martin Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer

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