

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

June 24, 2024

The final plans for the Childcare/Youth Center are ready for the RFQ through which we will approve a General Contractor to oversee the building of the facility.

The work on the City Water Rate Study is almost completed and should be ready to be presented to City Council in July. Tim Farrell has done an excellent job on this project.

Hunter did a great job on the S. Heigho gravel project. The issue that arose with GMCO regarding early delivery of the dust abatement was the fault of the company completely. The City was not at fault at all. I am working with the company to discuss a discount or credit due to the early delivery. Hunter will continue to work on the roads which will include using a roller as part of the plan to get the roads into better shape.

The Farmer's Market will begin June 29<sup>th</sup> and there are many excellent programs that will be happening on Saturdays in the park. Ivan is doing a great job on the park lawn and keeping our new tree watered. I will be setting up tours of the new water facility in the park a couple times this summer for the public that wants to see what has been done.

I received the report on the Gold Line ridership for the first two weeks of 5 days a week – 8 trips a day. 111 riders used the bus during that time. This is an excellent report. I hope the ridership will continue to increase as news of this needed service spreads around the community.

I will be planning a field trip to the proposed subdivision site on Peterson Memorial so the City Council and public that want to attend can be fully aware of the scope of the project.

We will be discussing and reviewing budget numbers in the coming meetings so we can have our budget hearing as planned.

Grindline has been chosen as the contractor to build the Mehen Memorial Skate Park and they will be coming to town to hold community meetings to get public input on the project.

I will be asking the City Council to review several zoning/land use ordinances and definitions as we prepare to work with Cole Keehner to get potential City P&Z Commission Members trained to take care of P&Z issues. The first review will be on alleys. The previous discussion at City Council brought to my attention major discrepancies in the way alleys are treated around town. It is imperative that we have consistency in order to equip a City P&Z Commission with good ordinances to follow as they fulfill their responsibilities.

*"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, GO TOGETHER." African Proverb*