

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

October 28, 2024

The first meeting of the new road/streets committee took place on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm at City Hall. A copy of the minutes of that meeting are included in the packet for review. The meetings will be open to the public and will follow all open meeting law protocol.

The committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The meeting with the Payette, Adams, Washington, and Gem County transportation representatives went well and the City scored high enough to apply for a \$30k Signs grant and up to \$2 million for a federal grant to improve Heigho and S Commercial streets. There is great collaboration possibilities with the PAWG group for equipment and other resources that we may need for road projects.

A group of representatives from DEQ came to our community on October 24 and toured the new water project as well as the wastewater facility, as we prepare to update our facility plan and look at moving forward with increased capacity and better I and I control. I gave them an overview of the water project's history and they asked questions about the plan moving forward. Kirk gave them an excellent tour of City facilities and highlighted what was accomplished and what still needs to be done. DEQ was instrumental in the funding needed to make the water project a success. We are hoping they will be part of the funding needed for wastewater facility plans.

The November 5<sup>th</sup> election will be held at the Depot from 8 am to 8 pm. There are no City related items on the ballot for this election. There are several county positions being filled, though. Please encourage everyone to vote. An UNEXPIRED ID and PROOF OF RESIDENCY is required in order to register to vote. Voter registration can be done on election day.

At the monthly Transportation meeting at Treasure Valley Transit in McCall, I was informed that the Gold Line Project had been entered as a potential recipient for ITD's Public Transportation Hall of Fame award. The Gold Line project was selected for the award and the plaque is at City Hall. I was very honored by the kind words spoken about the efforts that have been made to see this project succeed. This is an awesome endorsement of the project and will help in continued fundraising.

I toured the new townhomes at the Hwy 95/55 Crossroads and was impressed with the way they considered the design in order to provide for potential housing options, such as a roommate. They are beautiful units and they already have inquiries from potential renters.

*"Be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi*