

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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We still have not received payment for the right of way permits from Ziplly and they still need to provide a new schedule of when they will be working on projects in town. No work will begin until payment is received and the schedule is updated. They still need to request locates for the project areas, also. John Stone is continuing to work with the many different facets of this project.

The City Hall Grand Opening Open House was a great success with over 120 people attending. It was great to see the Adams County Historical Society being recognized for all of their hard work and there was great feedback on the new City Hall set up.

The National Night Out was also a great success with many families coming out to get free hotdogs, snow cones and mini donuts. The library had a craft table where people could make buttons, keychains or mirrors and Ignite Idaho and YAC had giveaways and facepainting. We are looking forward to making this an annual event. I appreciate the partnership with the Meadows Valley Community Center in making this a huge success. It was made possible due to the donations of local businesses, the presence of the Adams County Sheriff, Meadows Valley Fire and EMS and the community as a whole coming out to participate.

Part of the reason for the National Night Out is to be aware of what is happening in our neighborhoods. If there are suspicious activities observed by citizens in our community, those need to be reported to the Sheriff's department. We are a small community with many people traveling through our town. Safety is our first priority and if we work together we can keep our neighborhoods safe.

The City staff, Kirk Kundrick, John Stone and myself met with Grae Harper and a couple of other representatives from Keller on July 30 regarding engineering services for the city. As we found out at the last City Council meeting, Grae has moved to Texas but he will continue to work with the City remotely and will be traveling back to Idaho on a regular basis to be available for any needs we may have. Justin and Rich, from Kellar, will also be available to be on site if we need assistance. I am very glad to hear that Grae will be able to follow through with us on the projects we have going.

Last year, we received a grant of \$10,000 for a community service project that will make sure that every home in our community has working smoke detectors. I have reached out to Mark Peterson at C&M to start looking into how much the smoke detectors and batteries will cost. This will be a long-term project and I have shared the project idea with Leandra Smith at the Fire Department and I hope we can work together with them to see this safety project move forward.

The Gold Line Transit continues to grow. There were 381 riders in June which was the highest number of riders to date. We are looking at including the Youth Center in the route and those details are being considered by Treasure Valley Transit.

EMS is such an integral part of the infrastructure of our community, but as the Mayor and City Council, representing the community, we need to consider the implications of the proposed ambulance district change. In order to review the possible implications, the City will hold a special City Council meeting on Thursday to ask questions of the Fire Commissioners that have not yet been answered. The meeting on Thursday will be open to the public, as all City Council meetings are, but the purpose of the meeting is to talk directly to the Fire Commissioners regarding the Ambulance District proposal. The Fire Department has held two public meetings regarding the ambulance district proposal. The meeting on Thursday will not be another one of those meetings. We will be discussing the proposal with the Fire Commissioners only. This is not a public HEARING. This is a City Council meeting with the Fire Commissioners for a stated purpose. The public is invited to attend and hear the discussion, but if there are comments to be made, they will need to take place outside the meeting with the Fire Commissioners or Mayor or City Council members.

Public nuisance letters will go out this week using the process that is in our ordinance. Several properties have already been notified that they will be getting a letter in hopes they will start work on getting their place cleaned up right away.