

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

August 24, 2026

The Battle of the Bands was amazing. We had over 500 people attend and it was a very positive event for our community. It was great to see the youth up on stage sharing their talents. This will definitely be an annual event.

We have renegotiated with the company bringing fiber into the community – IIG – and they will be laying it on the right of way of the alley west of S. Commercial and behind the depot to the Highway. They will put in a placeholder for access to the City Hall for free internet at a later date.

The fence on the north and east side of the Mehen Memorial Skate park is installed and looks great. The AC/VC Skatedown was another successful event last Saturday. It was awesome to see so many come out and participate. This was the first time we've opened up the restrooms in the Youth Center to be used for a skatepark event and it worked out great.

The City received \$10,000 toward our technology update needs and \$8,000 for the sensory playground equipment at the New Meadows Youth Center from the Stibnite Foundation.

After almost 4 weeks of negotiation, Envirotech came back last Friday and did two passes of dust abatement on N Heigho at no cost to the city. We have a couple of other locations in town that were missed that will receive at least one application in the next couple weeks.

I am applying for a grant to replace the current sprinkler system in the park with something that is newer, easier to move and potentially more cost effective. Kirk is getting the specs together for that project.

Kyla, Stepheny and myself are working with a new website company – Catalis – and we are all very impressed with what they have to offer and the price. We will be having another meeting on September 3 to go through the Agenda and Minutes Management platform. This company only deals with smaller cities so we feel that we will have more options to make the website fit what our community needs.

I will be participating in a community leader & policy maker's forum on housing affordability for the West Central Mountain Region being conducted by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association on Wednesday in McCall.

I met with the Adams County Historical Society last Friday and discussed with them the idea of having a University of Idaho Art and Architecture graduate student team help with the design and plan for the restoration of the rest of the depot building. The board was in favor of the idea and will be at all of the meetings regarding the plan.