

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

April 22, 2024

There are many different projects happening and more to come!

Kyla and I met with representatives from U of I and discussed the needs for higher education programs in our community, especially training programs for childcare workers. There is a dual credit program the school is pursuing that could also assist with help in the Childcare Center. The Childcare Center Committee meetings will be split into two different categories and individuals on the committee can attend the meetings that pertain to their participation in the project. Twice a month the group will meet to discuss the construction/design of the project. Twice a month the group will meet to discuss policies and procedures for the Childcare program. We have a great group of people who will be at these meetings and the City Council will receive reports on the meetings.

Hunter has put together a great overview of the streets and what is needed. In the meantime, Kirk and Hunter were able to contact Valley Paving regarding the asphalt that will be removed from the highway projects this summer. The bid is \$18 per ton for the product which could be an alternative road mix for a portion of the streets this year. Hunter will be available to answer questions at the City Council meeting regarding streets.

I attended the Forest Service open house on April 17th and requested again that they work with DEQ to find a way to put an air quality monitor in Meadows Valley. Currently, they use data from the air monitor at the McCall Airport, which does not adequately represent the air quality in our community. There will be prescribed burning in our area this year, again with the first one beginning April 18th near Lost Valley. Information is available at the Forest Service office and at City Hall.

I have reached out to those who are running for offices to represent us at the State and local level and will be having those who responded at upcoming City Council meetings. In order to keep our City Council meetings from becoming candidate forums, I will be asking for questions from the City Council only, but I will encourage the candidates to hand out information to the public in attendance if they desire. I am working to get a candidate forum scheduled before the primaries if possible.

Kyla, Hunter and I will be attending the ITD meeting in Council on April 23rd to find out about the projects that will be taking place in our area. We will be discussing local traffic and delays that may occur because of the road construction. City Hall will provide information as it is received from ITD throughout the summer.

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." African Proverb