

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

February 13, 2023

The snow season is headed into that infamous mud season and is having the expected effects on the roads. The mud makes it difficult to do any grading or long-term maintenance, but City Staff is working on keeping problem areas maintained. There will be potholes, though, and, as a reminder, driving slower helps to keep the potholes from growing as quickly.

I have been working with Public Works staff to identify areas of responsibility as we move forward in our water project this spring and summer. It will be beneficial for each person to know what their main focus needs to be as we get busier with the many projects on the table.

I have been talking with Gregg Tankersley regarding his engineering contract and we will be reviewing the next step on that at the next City Council meeting. There have been ownership changes at Mountain Waterworks which will also be discussed at the next meeting. We are gathering more information.

Contrary to the belief of some in our community, the City Council and Mayor are not outside the authority of our city ordinances and are not to be given special permissions or benefits from City staff in regard to snow removal or any other City policy. If you receive complaints or concerns regarding this, please contact me immediately. We cannot require of others what we are not willing to follow ourselves.

Our City Attorney, Dick Stubbs, has brought several items, from a recent conference he attended, that need to be reviewed and discussed by City Council. One is in regard to the personnel policy and one will require a new policy to be created. Those items will be presented to City Council for review at a subsequent meeting after the details are gathered for presentation. A big thank you to Dick for keeping an eye out for the City's interests.

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the park soon and will be scheduling a time so volunteers can join us to make the work go quickly. We can store the decorations in the building we just acquired (the old ambulance shed) and the new bench that Josh Ford made for the city park is already being stored there. I am working on an event, this spring, to install the new bench and to celebrate the end of winter! Stay tuned for more details.

Last, but definitely not least, I have to say that I am so thankful every day for the amazing individuals who are currently working on the City's team. There are so many things that happen behind the scenes to keep the City operational and to move forward in a positive, helpful manner. I encourage each City Council member to acknowledge the great work being accomplished everyday. They are amazing heroes that should never go unnoticed.

"It's amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit" Harry S Truman