

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

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A new year with new possibilities is here!

We are nearing the end of the water project and are still learning how the new well and pump system affects our infrastructure in the ground. The recent water main breaks were a reminder that we still have aging infrastructure in the ground that is susceptible to any changes in water pressure and flow. The last component of the water project is computer programming that will keep the Public Works department more aware of the status of the system and provide the ability to change settings quickly when needed.

Here's a few of the projects we will be working on in this coming year:

A water rate study and guidelines for keeping rates in line with expenses and future growth.

A new facility plan for the wastewater system to facilitate growth in the city and fix known and potential challenges to maintain a system that is prepared for today's needs and the future.

Upgrades to City Hall to save money on energy costs.

Annexation of property into the City and expansion of the water and sewer system to areas not yet served, but under development.

Implementation of road improvements to get our roads back into better shape.

Emphasis on the skate park project with proposed completion this year.

Continued work on the remodel of the recycle center building and development of a bike park.

Development of a planning and zoning training program to create a Planning and Zoning Commission that is equipped to deal with the development and growth in our community.

Building a network of funding partners to keep the Gold Line in operation while looking at long term covered transit stops at each end of town.

Continued growth of the Parks and Rec Department to create events and activities for the youth and community.

Pursuing opportunities to partner with local and regional organizations to enrich the quality of life in our area.

As we wave goodbye to 2023 and review all the awesome work that was accomplished last year, I know it is all possible because of the City's amazing team and the powerful force of local volunteers. Let's keep moving forward!

*"I'm looking forward to the future and feeling grateful for the past." Mike Rowe*