

## CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

February 12, 2024

Even though there hasn't been much snow, it hasn't slowed down city operations or projects. I appreciate the hard work the City staff have been doing to keep things moving forward.

I met with Gregg Tankersley, Kirk, Kyla and Hunter and we reviewed the upcoming projects that may need engineer involvement. We reviewed the need to have engineer review of upcoming development projects and discussed what city projects are on the horizon. I will be scheduling a meeting with Gregg to discuss current projects once a quarter in order to maintain a good channel of communication.

The dog pound is ready to be used and we are working out the details regarding the use of the pound. Animals picked up and placed in the pound will not be released until the fine for dog at large, impoundment and any other dog related fines are paid. The procedure will be finalized within the next week.

I have spent considerable time going over the audits from the past 10 years to find out what the carryover fund balances should be in the different accounts. We will be tracking that each year from this point on so we don't miss funds that are designated after the fiscal year end.

Due to the lack of snow, I asked Hunter and Ivan to take down the Christmas lights in the park. The low snow level resulted in cords coming unplugged since they weren't covered with snow.

The cameras at each of the well facilities and at the booster station/reservoir are being installed. There is still work going on for the computer programming as the final piece of the water project. Hopefully, the generator for the booster station will be delivered next month.

Kyla and I had an excellent meeting with James Elmore, Melissa Hamilton and Lindsey Harris over lunch at the MV Community Center last month. James is a Digital Literacy Coordinator working with the University of Idaho Extension and Americorps in our region. I am excited about the resources and possibilities he is offering to our community.

One of my priorities this year is to create more communication between the many different organizations in our area. As we move forward with the many projects we have planned, I know we will accomplish more with fewer resources required if we work together. I am encouraging communication on any upcoming projects and proposed funding requests from all local organizations/entities so we don't duplicate efforts. This will benefit our community as well as each individual organization!

*"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." George Bernard Shaw*