

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

August 12, 2024

We are still under a burn ban in town with no open burning allowed as of August 1, 2024. This is due to the need to maintain community safety and address air quality concerns. I consulted with Doug Buys, Fire Chief, before enacting the ban and will continue to review the situation.

Due to the vacancy in the Public Works Department, Hunter has not had a chance to test out the dust abatement process that GMCO gave us. He has been taking care of other important tasks. Interviews are continuing for the open job. Kirk and I are doing the initial interviews and have not had any applicants who made it through the first round to be scheduled for a second interview with Kyla and Hunter in attendance.

The first community meeting for the Mehen Memorial was a success with great community input on possible design elements for the skate park project. Another community meeting will take place in the future to review the proposed design. At this point, there is preliminary work to be done in engineering, etc. A design review will be scheduled, as well, with a public hearing to satisfy our city ordinance. The survey is still open and everyone, including those who don't skateboard, are encouraged to fill it out.

I spoke with Kyle Kerby and he is working on getting the property cleaned up on S. Morgan where Robert Hale was living. The eviction is complete and his anticipated date of clean up completion is the end of August. This is great news since this has been a project the City has been working on getting cleaned up for several years.

I have spoken with Kate Simonds from Lift Local Idaho. They are a statewide coalition working with communities to address their unique needs with local option tax as a potential solution. Kate is doing some research on the questions that were raised the last time we looked at this and will be arranging a time for City Council to receive a presentation regarding how we can move forward to consider the local option possibility.

The building plans for the Childcare/Preschool/Youth Center were delivered to the building inspector and once the building permit is issued construction can begin. A discussion regarding the progress will remain on the agenda throughout the project.

I met with the new CEO of Perpetua Resources this week. He is very approachable and presented excellent information regarding the project. The Stibnite project is still in the permitting phase, but they are expecting some decisions in the 3rd quarter of 2024.

Don't forget to support local events in our community. Kyla does a great job on the MV Monday newsletter and it includes a wonderful overview of all the things going on in our area.

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world." Joel A. Barker