

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

January 13, 2025

Happy New Year!

The Federal Rural Aid Transportation Grant application for the \$1.8 million funding for paving N. Heigho was completed. A special thank you to our City engineering firm for getting that application done and submitted.

Work has begun on the Wastewater Master Plan since approval was received from DEQ for the Wastewater Facility Planning Grant and Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Grant. The projected time to complete the project is 12 months.

The weather has been extremely detrimental to road maintenance with warm weather and rain followed by freezing temperatures. Hunter and Jessie are doing their very best under the circumstances.

We finally received a couple applications for the open deputy clerk position. They are being reviewed and interviews will be scheduled with qualified applicants.

The Parks and Rec Committee has several committee members who are no longer available to serve as of January 1, so we are looking for additional members for that committee. Committee members do not need to live within the city limits and should contact City Hall if they are interested.

City Council members would benefit from attendance at the Association of Idaho Cities Annual Conference which will be held this year on June 18th – 20th. Besides being a great networking opportunity, there are numerous sessions which provide excellent information in different aspects of the inner workings of a municipality.

Work continues on the water rate study and we will be scheduling a presentation on the results of that study and proposed changes to our rate structure as soon as the study is completed. The study has been instrumental in identifying issues in our billing software and changes that need to be made in order to better track customers and water usage in our system. The City is working on updating current records to reflect the needed changes.

I will be preparing a "Year in Review" document to include in the MV Mondays newsletter that highlights the many activities of the City last year. We have an amazing community and great things are happening that will benefit us all for years to come.

"When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven't." Thomas Edison