

You should have noticed by now the **agenda** looks a bit different as does your packet of information. If you click on the number of the item and it has an UNDERLINE on it and is in color, that is a hyperlink. This process is going to be so awesome and allows for the agenda to be made once items come in, but also move items prior to setting the agenda. It is very helpful so far. Once the website is up and running (should be this week) it will be even more fabulous! Massive time savings in the works with this!

The **reimbursement** requests to the **CFAC Committee** will happen by the 31st. This is what will be paying for our **new website, meeting management software and new online code**.

It is very much imperative that I receive all **requests for agenda items (7days prior to the meeting)** with their **supplementals at least the Wednesday prior to the meeting**. If I do not have supplements, it may not make it on the agenda or be moved to the following meeting. This gives me time to review, forward onto Dick as appropriate. So if you have a citizen that must be on the agenda for an item, get them in contact with me as soon as possible so that we can work on getting the appropriate agenda item and information out. The same will be for claims that need prior approval.

I expect we will have an **Audit presentation** either at the last meeting in December or the first meeting in January. The audit process went smooth this year with much of the data being uploaded into a secure website.

Reports coming due that I am working on: **Annual Street Finance Report; Audit uploads** to the Legislative Services Organization; and preparing for the end of the Calendar Year: 1099's, W2 Processing, Insurance Forms, etc.

Development Meetings – Julie and I met with a local developer and realtor. The developer is trying to get the costs to build down in order to help build affordable housing. The current price per square foot per his estimate is \$330 a square foot. To make construction costs more affordable, he is proposing to get that cost to around \$180 a square foot. His attempt would be to bring in a national or regional construction company to do several homes at or near the same time. This would allow the local companies to continue to build at the \$330 / foot range for those other projects. His proposal for the region would be economy of scale. I have told every developer that has contacted me that New Meadows specifically needs at least a minimum of 70 household units of varying types. Now with the City of McCall being in a virtual sewer moratorium, that would increase to probably close to 200 units in New Meadows specifically.

The people it seems that are moving into New Meadows (buying homes), Nurses, Teachers, Police Officers, 2nd Homeowners, Bankers, and vacationers. The people that are in contact with me asking to move here or are looking for housing: cashiers, tellers, hospital workers, care workers, teachers, Forest Service workers, municipal workers, police officers, school workers, vacationers, potential business owners, motel workers, restaurant workers, retirees, and families. We need a good balance of all of these people to make our community what it needs to be and a mix of housing proportionate to the need.

The answer may be infill, but it should also include new development in our census tract. In the coming weeks I would like the Mayor and Council to come up with your thoughts on some obstacles you believe prevent New Meadows from attracting **affordable housing** (Moderate income). Also what questions do you believe should be asked of developers? Other than in the Comprehensive Plan, what are your individual 'asks' for medium to larger scale development (30+ dwellings)

The new **Extremely Low-Income Housing** at the Brooks Lots built by the West Central Mountains Housing Trust should be completed in the coming days/weeks. The income limits for these duplexes are low. A single person can make only \$12,800 per year and a family of 3 can only make \$16,450 per the document shared with me. I believe the rent to be at \$450/month.

The **single-family housing units** on **South Morgan** and **North Miller** also have income restrictions, but it is higher.

The **applications** can be found here: <https://www.thehousingcompany.org/documents/wc-application.pdf> If someone needs help printing the application, we can help here at City Hall. We can also scan and email the application to jillianm@ihfa.org She is the one that handles the New Meadows properties for the **West Central Mountains Housing Trust**.

I have not heard anything further on the **Fence Update** near the new well site. I am hoping one of the engineers or contractor will be on the meeting to explain things further.

Well #5 from what I hear is getting close. We processed the first request for construction funds. The claim is part of your consent agenda. The check will be held until we are reimbursed by the agency.

The **Peterson Memorial Walkway** is hit a snow snag. They were able to get 25% of the project complete. That claim is in your packet for approval. Mr. Swift will be back at it as soon as the weather cooperates in the spring and costs come back to normal summertime rates.

City Council / Mayor Best Practices is being developed. Julie has submitted her suggestions and they are a great start. I would suggest the council also come up with some of their desires as well. Once we have everything in there, we can create a publication of it as a great guideline adopted by resolution.

The Resolution to approve the **rate reduction of RV's** in New Meadows has been created and is ready for your approval.

The **Stibnite Advisory Council and Foundation Board Representatives** are included as an action item. I believe this normally to be a mayoral appointment, but their documents indicate it is a council decision. Because these positions are so vital and important, I would personally suggest New Meadows City continue with Julie Good as the appointee.

The **Payroll & Time Cards and City Council Meeting minutes** are ready for approval. The **CY2021 Alcoholic Beverage License** Approvals are ready for approval. They include only the Turning Point at this time as they were the only ones that completed the submitted paperwork in time. The **Claims to Date** and **Financials to Date** will be emailed Monday afternoon once we have all of them added.

In the following meeting the City Council will have discussion or action items for the **Brown's RV Dump Station, Personnel Policy Updates, Snow Storage Agreements, and a letter of support for the Welcome Sign Project**. Dick will be asked to make a short presentation in January to train staff and the elected officials on when and how to **request legal advice**.

I have spent several hours on pdf'ing emails regarding the Willey v Willey case. I am scheduled to be deposed on the 17th at 9am. Dick will be present for that deposition and has given me a few things to think about how I will answer questions. He is an invaluable resource and I appreciate his candor and advice.

The following pages are about **COVID**. I would suggest looking up your own data and making your own decisions for our community.

As I frequent the local establishments it is apparent to me that most have implemented some sort of COVID response to remain open. Browns Mountain Market has recently installed a plexi-glass shield as has Idaho First Bank, Roadhouse Java Bank and Meadows Motel. The Turning Point, Subway and C&M have shields and requires masks. The Heartland Inn has contactless check ins. Front Porch Pizza has moved to curbside pickup or delivery. Granite Mountain and The Intersection have masks for their employees. The Post Office has implemented a cap on the number of people at the Post Office counter. The Library and Family Dollar requires masks and has shields.

I suggest City Hall move to our Stage 2 plan with some modifications. Require masks in the lobby and only one household unit in the lobby at a time. I would suggest the same for the City Council Chambers when people come in to decorate the tree. My health and the health of my family is important to me. I have stayed away from much of my family to keep from infecting them if I am positive. The more people we can get to choose to wear a mask the better our community will come out on the other side of this pandemic. I truly believe if we all do our part, this will end sooner rather than later. I expect I will not be eligible for the vaccine for several months yet.

I know people and have family members that have tested positive for this virus. A cousin and most of her household were down and out for ten days, another person I know quarantined with her patient in McCall while both were symptomatic. I have distant friends that have tested positive and said this virus is no joke and is real. Some do not even know where they got it (Community Spread).

An article I perused recently from USA Today talks about rural spread of the virus.

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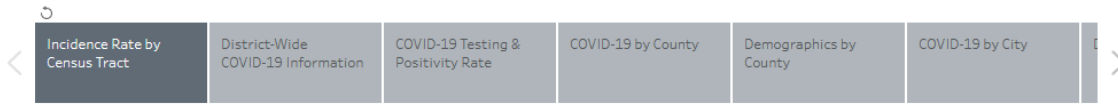
COVID is hitting our community and county pretty significantly. I just spoke with a person who lost their sense of taste and smell for three to four days. They believe they were infected by a family member just prior to Thanksgiving. They quarantined their family of four. Their kids have only had two days of school since mid-November because of COVID. Those two days were this week, Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday they were told to quarantine at home again because they had been exposed at school. Now that the school is closed, they will be out of until at least January 4th. This is an actual example of how COVID is hitting our community. No one in this family unit tested for the disease but did call their medical provider. This is not fear that led this family to quarantine, but one based on facts and to help protect the rest of their large family and community.

As far as COVID goes in our area, as of this date, there were 11 positive cases within our Census Tract in the last two weeks. This is a sharp increase. The school has gone to virtual learning until a School Board Meeting on December 31 with a potential re-open date of January 4. The school is in their current Category 3. They went this following their re-opening plan which indicates when Adams County goes to CODE RED (as with all of Southwest District Health) then they go to that stage.

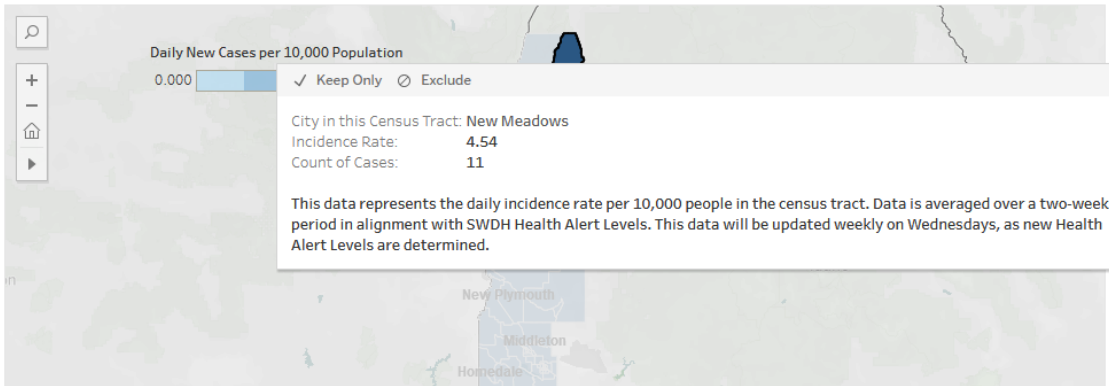
According to the Idaho Corona Virus website (<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>) , Adams County has 126 confirmed and probably cases with 3 deaths (December 11, 2020)

(<https://public.tableau.com/profile/idaho.division.of.public.health#!/vizhome/DPHIdahoCOVID-19Dashboard/Home>) . This is a significant increase over a few weeks ago.

HEALTH DISTRICT 3 COVID 19 DATA DASHBOARD



Daily Incidence Rate by Census Tract - Averaged over a 2 Week Period (11/22/20-12/05/20)



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