

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

October 23, 2023

Great news!

Both Ivan and Hunter have passed their CDL course and test! We now have 3 CDL licensed operators on the City's team. I met with Jessie to go over snow removal and she is ready for whatever snow is coming our way this year.

I have requested that the Dorsey Warr memorial rock in the City Park be removed for the winter due to the amount of concrete damage that has occurred over time on the pedestal it sits on. We will put in a new pedestal with a different aggregate in the spring so it will be a more permanent holder for the memorial.

Our Transportation Plan was finally finished and will need to be approved by the City Council at the next City Council meeting. A copy will be sent out for your review so you have plenty of time to look at it. This was made possible with a grant from LHTAC and has been in the works since before 2020. This is another great planning tool.

I met with DEQ representatives, Kirk Kandruck and Andrew Kimmel, who has been helping us with the seepage issue in one of the lagoons over the past few years. We discussed the recent seepage test failure and I proposed looking at the bigger wastewater picture by doing a facility plan. Our current plan is 10 years old and with all the development going on in our area, aging infrastructure and other pertinent issues, it seems like it is time to go after the grant funding needed to do a facility plan. DEQ was pleased with our response and we will be submitting a grant proposal for the plan in January of 2024.

I have been visiting with several local businesses about getting a Chamber of Commerce started. There has been a lot of interest so I am going to schedule an initial meeting to see who wants to be involved. I think a Chamber of Commerce (which is completely separate from the City) would be a great place to have the discussions regarding parking, economic development, signage and other issues that have come up at City Council meeting. I am hoping we will have a good turn out.

We were unable to get both Tim Farrell and Clearwater Financial at the meeting this time, but we are planning to do the water rate review at the first meeting in November. We will be sending out preliminary information before the meeting.

Only two trees needed to be taken down at the park for the lighted sign to be readable. We will look at planting a couple more trees next year on the southeast corner of the park.

"You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step." Martin Luther King, Jr.