

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

January 10, 2022

Winter continues to bring unexpected challenges including multiple reports of frozen pipes and right-of-way issues with snow removal. City Staff are working diligently to do their jobs in a professional and efficient manner. The snowfall patterns don't always coincide with the City's planned plowing schedule, but the staff does the very best that they can.

The heaters for the two Industrial Park units should be installed soon. There was a small delay in getting the stainless steel flue piping. I have requested that the heater in the meat shop be inspected also to determine if it is needing replacement as well.

The Adopt-A-Fire Hydrant program is off to a good start. I have been speaking with individuals to encourage them to adopt their hydrant and several have responded positively. We will continue to get the word out. Please promote this program as it is a way to maintain safety in our community.

I will be introducing myself with a phone call to any new city utility customers so I can become more familiar with those who are moving into our community. I will follow up with a personal note sent to their mailing address. Angie and I are working on a "Welcome to New Meadows" kit that will have information about our community to be shared with new residents. We will also have an information kit to be sent to area Realtors to send out if they have people interested in moving to the area. Even though we don't have a local chamber of commerce at this time, the city has the opportunity to promote our community and all the benefits of living here.

I am requesting that the City Council approve my continued involvement in the Stibnite Foundation, Stibnite Advisory Council and West Central Mountains Economic Development Council for the coming year as the City's representative on those committees. The benefits to our community from these organizations is extremely valuable and I would like to continue representing the City's viewpoints and input. Thank you for supporting me in these endeavors.

I have asked Angie to present training materials to prepare the City Council for an upcoming public hearing. City Council decisions on land use have specific guidelines that must be followed. A review of the material will be helpful for all of us.

The Personnel Policy items that need to be discussed by City Council and the changes that were recommended by ICRMP will be distributed and be reviewed at the first City Council meeting in February. Kyla will send them out this month so there is plenty of time for review and research prior to the meeting.

I have a couple programs I would like to implement this year to increase awareness of City policy, encourage community involvement and recognition of the positive aspects of living in Meadows Valley. I will bring those ideas to the City Council so you can be a part of the ongoing effort to keep the public informed and involved.

*"There can be no life without change, and to be afraid of what is different or unfamiliar is to be afraid of life."
Theodore Roosevelt*