

CITY OF NEW MEADOWS MAYOR'S REPORT

December 13, 2021

The Christmas Tree Lighting was a great success with an awesome turnout of adults and children. Thank you to the city's amazing staff for all their hard work to put this event together. Thank You cards have been prepared for all those who donated and volunteered time to help with the event. They will be available at the City Council meeting for each City Council member to sign.

Bids are still being gathered on the energy/heating upgrades at City Hall. Hopefully, there will be something to present at the next City Council meeting.

I continue to have meetings regarding possible housing solutions for our area. At least one application for rezoning is tentatively scheduled for the second meeting in January. There will be a special training at January's first City Council meeting to remind us of the legal process for quasi-judicial decisions. REMEMBER: If you are approached by someone who is considering coming to the City Council to request a land/zoning decision, please remember that you will need to disclose your communication regarding the project to the rest of the City Council before any decisions are made. It is best to forego any such discussions outside of a regular City Council meeting.

The snow storage agreement with Dave Kellogg has been signed. The City Park will also be used, if needed. If there is an extra heavy snowfall, there are several other options that can be explored for other snow storage locations. Notices have gone out to residents who have items on the right of way that would affect snow removal.

The network/computer issues at City Hall have been fixed and a new network backup drive has been installed that will keep the City's data secure, but also accessible by all City office staff in order to allow them to do their jobs efficiently.

I have decided to wait and review the Personnel Policy changes after the new year. This will be a process that will take several meetings and it will be beneficial for the new City Council member to be part of the entire process.

Angie and I will be working on putting together brief informational videos to place online to educate city residents regarding city policies. Each City Council member will also be interviewed for a short video to let the community know a little more about the people who represent them. If you are interested in helping with the informational videos, please let Angie know.

This year, again, I will be putting together Christmas gift bags for each of the City staff members. If you would like to give something to place in the bags, please let me know. This is a great way to show our appreciation for the great job the City's employees do every day.

*"You can tell a lot about a person by the way they handle three things:
a rainy day, lost luggage and tangled Christmas tree lights." Maya Angelou*