

Plummer News

Sewer Update

As many of you know we have had many challenges with our new Sewer Plant. First the plant is operating properly. We have taken care of the problems with the help of USDA Rural Development. With this being said, we have regulations we must meet. The city is required to have a Level 3 Operator. A contractor is required to run the facility while training our operator as he obtains his Level 3 license for the city. We have not met any of the projections we were told in the beginning of the project. We project over a \$100,000 shortfall for this next fiscal year; therefore I recommended to the council that we would have to raise sewer rates at least to break even. Being on the council for eight years I was against any increases, but with no growth, here we are. It is my recommendation to raise rates, not the council's. I guarantee we will do everything possible to make this go down. I apologize for this bad news.

Sincerely,
Terry Allen, Mayor



DATES OF INTEREST:

- August 9th Regular City council Meeting 6:00 pm at City Hall
- August 16th, Public Hearing—Amend 2012 Budget, Rate Increase, 2013 Budget

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Rental Properties and Utility Responsibilities

In April of 2011, at a regularly scheduled Council meeting, the ordinance pertaining to utility responsibility was passed. The ordinance went into effect on May 2011 pertaining to rental property utility responsibility. Interested parties may view the Ordinance in full at City Hall.

Ordinance 411

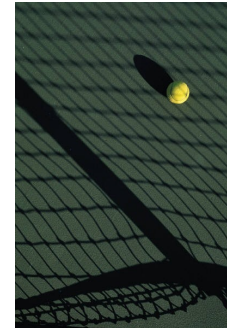
An ordinance amending the City code of Plummer, Idaho, relating to municipal electrical service, title 6, chapter 2; relating to water and sewer services and garbage collection title 6, chapter 3; requiring all applications for electrical, water and sewer services to be signed and approved by owners of the real property to be serviced; requiring meter installation requests to be made by 3:00 pm; requiring owners of real property to be responsible for electrical, water and sewer services and garbage collection fees; requiring all unpaid utility service charges to be paid prior to real property being reconnected to electric, water, and sewer service; allowing for City to notify property owner when tenant is delinquent on any utility or garbage collection services; providing for conflicts, severability and effective date.

All new applications for service must be signed by owner of real property and tenant before service will be connected. Any questions regarding the ordinance can be directed to City Clerk @ 686-1641 ext 22.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR PROPOSED BUDGET

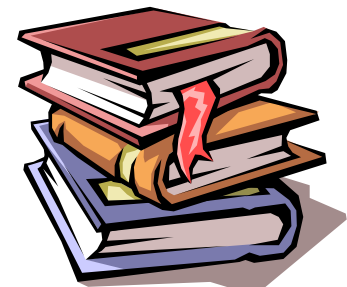
The City Council will hold a Public Hearing regarding the budget on August 16th at 6:00 pm. Budget is separated into three funds—General Fund which is the governmental business of the city, Proprietary Fund which is the utility operations, and Sewer Fund which has been separated from the other utilities in the Proprietary Fund.

Proposed Expenditures	Actual FY11 <u>Expenditures</u>	Amended Budget FY12 <u>Expenditures</u>	Proposed FY13 <u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund			
Administration	182,258	125,022	110,083
Library	146,309	114,827	119,728
Law Enforcement	127,795	116,347	127,656
Parks/Cemetery	30,734	3 4,743	31,449
Streets	65,948	88,145	85,349
Capital Improvements	<u>93,083</u>	<u>9,619</u>	<u>0</u>
Gen. Fund Total	646,127	488,703	474,265
Proprietary Fund			
Electric	1,855,076	2,260,623	2,238,851
Water	164,853	194,461	158,628
Garbage	107,747	118,420	115,297
Capital Improvements	<u>42,374</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Prop. Fund Total	2,170,050	2,573,504	2,512,776
Sewer Fund			
Sewer	693,856	649,773	594,585
Capital Improvements	<u>875,982</u>	<u>300,090</u>	<u>246,000</u>
Sewer Fund Total	1,569,938	949,863	840,585
Grand Total	4,386,115	4,012,070	3,827,626
Proposed Revenues			
Proposed Revenues	Actual FY11 <u>Revenues</u>	Amended Budget FY12 <u>Revenues</u>	Proposed FY13 <u>Revenues</u>
Property Tax			
General Govt	75,546	86,930	88,935
Library	8,980	7,000	8,000
Ag Replacement	145	137	137
General Obligation Bond	<u>29,800</u>	<u>29,800</u>	<u>29,800</u>
Prop. Tax Total	114,471	123,867	126,872
Non-Tax Revenue			
General Fund	476,074	364,836	347,393
Electric	2,184,291	2,210,907	2,224,446
Water	216,576	218,200	168,330
Water Grant	0	24,497	0
Sewer	493,537	658,050	594,585
Garbage	128,776	119,900	120,000
Sewer Grant (Cap Imp)	<u>962,330</u>	<u>291,813</u>	<u>246,000</u>
Non-Tax Total	4,461,584	3,888,203	3,700,754
Grand Total	4,576,055	4,012,070	3,827,626



Community use of the Tennis Courts

The City Council wants to hear from community members and their interest in refurbishing the tennis courts located at the park by the Community Center. Any comments or suggestions are welcome and you may contact the city clerk at city hall or any councilman.



Please help keep the shelves full and books available to everyone. Remember to return checked out Library Books.



Take Pride In Our Community

Some city council are working toward a partnership between the City and its merchants and residents. Groups or individuals may agree to adopt an area and take responsibility for keeping the streets clean. The Adopt-A-Street Program can create a cleaner, more pleasant environment for everyone who lives, works and shops in adopted areas. The program also strengthens community ties as neighbors and merchants work together to keep Plummer clean. Anyone interested in participating in the program can contact the City Clerk or any of your Councilman.