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PLUMMER NEWS

C I T Y O F P L U M M E R

DATES OF INTEREST:

- January 2 City Hall Closed for New Years
- January 12 Regular City Council Meeting 6p.m.
- January 26 Regular City Council Meeting 6p.m.

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PCAT Christmas Lighting Contest

Businesses:

- 1st: Highway Motel
- 2nd: City Hall
- 3rd: Warpath

Residents:

- 1st: Sefo & Laura Laumatia
- 2nd: Vicki Bohn
- 3rd: Tim & Debra Ivey

City Crew

With all the recent snow the City Crew is asking everyone to please drive slowly and use caution. They are trying their best to keep the roads as clear as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding

Message from the Mayor

All of us at the City hope you had a great Christmas this year! Now a New Year begins and we hope that you have a happy and prosperous one! We are looking forward to the work ahead of us on the electric project among all the other things that need addressing like water, sewer and that damned moratorium, not to mention our streets this spring.

We've been working on the construction work plan and the USDA application and have a target of getting all of it in by April 1st. Hopefully sooner! Once it is in the basket, we should get the funding roughly early next fall. But once it is in the basket, since it is reimbursable, if we can scrounge up the money we can start in on the early preliminary construction phases of year one of the electric project. Remember that the project is contingent on a 10% rate increase, and with that in mind this next council meeting we will start that by raising the rates 4.9% (half of the target) and then again around May or June. This will provide the additional revenue to help us get started on the early construction phases while we wait for the big chunk of money from USDA.

And we all know the work needs to be done. We had an electrical arcing episode on Tuesday the 20th and then again Friday the 23rd with an outage due to arcing knocking out the south side of town down through the Lovell Valley. ILB had to replace all the hardware on the top of the pole on that last one. We got the bond passed and are scheduling the work, but we have to make it through the winter and frankly, we are going to have trouble! So be prepared!

I don't know if you knew it or not, but I had entered the Masters of Public Administration program at the University of Idaho this last semester. With the election, working on the bond, setting up the engineering, and starting the planning process once the bond passed, it created conflict with the school schedule and the project schedule big time. So I have put getting that degree on hold while we get this electric project up and on its legs. I need to focus on that for now. I can always take up where I left off at the U of I.

The guys are working hard to keep the streets clear of snow and well sanded. I have heard some complaints about where the snow berms go, but you all will just have to deal with it. They try to make piles out of the way, but even that can be troublesome once the piles start to grow. And I would remind everyone that it is your responsibility to keep your mailboxes clear should you have them and your driveways open. Just be thankful you don't have sidewalks (yet). It would be your responsibility to keep them clear as well. This is northern Idaho for crying out loud, and the snow can pile up sometimes.

Okay...with that said, please bear with us as we experience power outages, they are going to happen, not if but when. We'll be trying to get the lights back on as quickly as we can, but we are at the mercy of ILB or whoever will respond the quickest. It'll get better once we start work in a month or so. Until then, keep the faith!

Again, Happy New Year from all of us at the City of Plummer! Let's make this year one of the best!

