

March 2018 PLUMMER NEWS

**DATES OF
INTEREST:**

- March 8th
Regular City
Council Meeting
6 p.m.

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****Reminder Day Light Savings End****

Sunday, March 11, 2018, 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned forward 1 hour



Library News

After a long winter break, Friends of the Library will resume meeting on Tuesday March 13th at 1:00 at the Plummer Library.

Anyone interested in promoting the library and literacy is welcome to attend.

Monday-Wednesday: 10a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 2p.m.-6p.m.

Friday & Sunday: Closed

Saturday: 10a.m.-2p.m.

Message From The Mayor

With the coming of a series of snowstorms in February, we have received our usual litany of compliments and complaints. I would like to share my thoughts on this. Our entire crew is young. I encourage and am willing to give these young men an opportunity to learn the “ins and outs” of public service. Accompanying that, as is to be expected, is a degree of inexperience. A lot of “old timers” will gripe about that inexperience and harp about “why don’t we get somebody with experience in there?” There are several responses to that.

First, the city council only approves a certain amount of funding I can work with in the form of wages. Leonard and I have been coming up against this for some time and our argument is we cannot recruit trained experienced people for the wages we offer. Now we have a fairly new open-minded council whom I’m hoping will see the value of “you get what you pay for” and they will allocate more wiggle room in our personnel budgets of the future.

Secondly, I am an advocate for youth as the future of our community. I am convinced it is critical to give the young people a chance to prove themselves and to learn in order to one day take over the reins of responsibility for the growth of the place we all call home. In other words, they are our future leaders! They are the future foremen, public works staff, and roads maintenance people! They need to learn the rules of the road, literally, in municipal management! They will learn over time.

Please bear with us and be patient with them as they gain experience. I am looking for training opportunities for them over the spring and summer as we can afford it; to give them every opportunity I can to help make them good civil servants.

The work on the electrical system is slowly progressing. We’re waiting on IHS about the added sewer lagoon. More action should start happening once we start warming up here in the coming weeks!

Still looking for ways to get help about our streets problem. Sara and I met with the County Commissioners early in the month about another matter, but the streets issue reared its head. We also met with the tribe to let them know about our funding situation with the streets, so both the tribe and county know where we’re at there. I wrote to our legislators about my concerns on tax cuts proposed, and how it will further impact any revenue we do get from the state for our streets. Don’t get me wrong, I don’t want to see exorbitant taxes either, but we’re slowly getting strangled as it is in that regard. I warned the legislators that if we are a snapshot of small rural Idaho, then rural Idaho is hurting, and taking away any revenue we rely on for streets or other services to “cut corporate or individual taxes” statewide may force us to create or implement our own local taxes to make up for the shortfall. I’m exploring it and every other avenue I can find. I would gladly become a pariah and have eggs thrown at me if it got our streets fixed.

But that’s what we’re at looking at coming in to spring. Until next time!

Mayor William Weems