

**D A T E S O F  
I N T E R E S T :**

- April 12 Regular City Council Meeting 6 p.m.
- April 12 Amended Budget Hearing 6 p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Plummer will hold a public hearing for the consideration of an amendment to the 2018 fiscal year budget by appropriating the following additional monies: property tax, utility income. Hearing to be held at City Hall Council Chambers, 880 C St. at 6:00 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018. At said hearing any interested person may appear and show cause, if any, why such proposed appropriation ordinance amendment should or should not be adopted.

Expenditures	Approved FY18 Expenditures	Proposed Amendment	Final FY18 Expenditures
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>			
General Administration	89,880	6,876	96,756
Library	106,944	192	107,136
Law Enforcement	78,802	291	79,093
Parks and Cemetery	65,265	15,941	81,206
Streets	96,842	377,289	474,131
General Fund Total	437,733	400,598	838,331
<b>PROPRIETARY FUND:</b>			
Electrical	3,507,992	159,942	3,667,934
Water	235,570	2,697	238,267
Garbage	120,000	2,000	122,000
Proprietary Fund Total	3,863,562	164,639	4,028,201
<b>SEWER FUND:</b>			
Treatment	445,371	28,896	474,267
Collection	135,869	29,504	165,373
Capital Improvements	0	0	0
Sewer Fund Total	581,240	58,400	639,640
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,882,535</b>	<b>623,637</b>	<b>5,506,172</b>

Revenues	Approved FY18 Revenues	Proposed Revenues	Final FY18 Revenues
Property Tax	140,737	0	140,737
General Fund	296,996	400,598	697,594
Electric	3,507,992	159,942	3,667,934
Electric Retained Earnings			
Water	235,570	2,697	238,267
Water Grant	0	0	0
Garbage	120,000	2,000	122,000
Sewer Fund	581,240	58,400	639,640
Sewer Grants	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,882,535</b>	<b>623,637</b>	<b>5,506,172</b>

I, Sara Gauthier, Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Plummer, Idaho do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the proposed amendments to expenditures and revenues for the fiscal year 2017-2018, all of which have been tentatively approved by the City Council and entered in detail in the Journal of Proceedings.

## New Community Center Playground Equipment

We are excited that our new playground equipment for the Community Center has arrived and should be installed during the month of April.



## Consumer Confidence Water Report

Consumer Confidence Water Report is available at City Hall for anyone who is interested in a copy. It is also available on the City's website under Utilities, Water then Water Reports.

## Road Repairs

We have received some more funding to do repairs on some of the roads. The roads that we will be doing major repairs to include 8th, 1st, P, 15th. A & 12th Streets. We will be sending bids out soon for these projects. We are also receiving \$30,000 from the Coeur d'Alene Tribe for assistance with 8th Street for the match portion of the grant.

## Library News

Friends of the Library will meet April 10th at 1:00.

On April 25th at 12:30 at the library, there is going to be a group discussion of the book "Prairie Fires: the American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder" by Caroline Fraser. The books is a well researched comprehensive historical biography of the Laura Ingalls Wilder family. Attendees are asked to read the book prior to the discussion. For more information please contact the library at 208-686-1812.

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 weather breaking, we're getting ready to start doing what we can on our city streets with what we have. Over the winter months, relief funding we applied for to address the winter of '16 has become available, so it gives us an idea of exactly how much we can do and where we can do it.

Sara, Stacy and I went to the tribal council to ask for help on our streets, and it looks like they will be kicking in about \$30 thousand dollars to help us out with work and material. Nothing is set in stone yet, but we have engineering plans donated by the tribe (a \$35 thousand dollar value) for 8th street up by housing from P St. to Milwaukee, and we would like to harden 1st street to P, then down P to 8th.

We're looking at the various types of methods, like chip-n-seal or micro surfacing or what ever technique to get the best bang for our buck. Also address the area by the schools from 15th to 11th if possible.

Funding is tight as it is from all agencies at the moment. We applied for a couple grants from LHTAC but we fell just short of being awarded funding that we could really use! The lion's share of funding through these programs went to larger communities like Moscow, Caldwell, Marsing and Burley. It's frustrating! It's like small rural communities don't matter in the bigger scheme of things and we are left to struggle with our street issues on our own while our legislature works diligently to reduce the very tax base that we depend on for our streets. I'll be attending the Benewah Transportation Planning Team meeting to express my concerns and ask for more help or resources availability.

On the good side, the USDA Electric Program Loan documents have been finalized and the money is being deposited into our account. That means the work you see happening on the electric infrastructure will ramp up over the coming months! I want to remind everyone that now that the real work is starting, in 4 years time, once the project is completed and maintenance/repair costs drop dramatically we should be able to drop the rates per kilowatt hour back down a penny or so. Or at least within 5 years anyway.

Work should start soon on the sewer plant catch basin project being implemented by the tribe. Jim and Lance from their public works have been working with Sara, Leonard, and I and we handed over all old lease documents with Union Pacific for that area so maybe the tribe and IHS can work to make the catch basin bigger or have higher walls and we can get rid of that sewer moratorium so economic expansion can occur! I've got my fingers crossed!

We're working on the abandoned house issue, but it's turning out to be more complicated than anticipated. There are precedents in recent Idaho case law that we are trying to digest. I'll let you know what we learn as we go through these legal briefs and opinions.

That's what we are focused on at the moment. See you next month!

Mayor William Weems