

November 2018 Plummer News

DATES OF INTEREST:

- November 8
Regular City
Council Meeting
6 p.m.
- November 12 City
Hall closed in
observation of
Veteran's Day
- November 22 &
23 City Hall
closed for
Thanksgiving

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Fall Back

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday November 4th at 2:00a.m.

Library News

Out of 43 entries, winners of the library's pumpkin decorating contest were Lena Amador, Caleb Mitchell, Eliona McElderry, Emma Eve, Kailey McElderry, John Henry, Filadelfio Casaus, and Kyrun DuBois. Thanks to Friends of the Library for judging. Honorable mention goes to Jaxson Fletcher. Idaho Family Reading Week is coming up Nov. 11-17. The library will host an in house scavenger hunt and movie night for families Nov. 15th from 5 - 7.

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

We've taken on another contractor to work on the electric system. I mentioned this in last month's newsletter. This work had just started going out east of town on down to the lake, then Hurricane Michael hit. The entire conductor order we'd had for that work was sequestered to the disaster area down in Florida so it has pushed out work on that spur until after Thanksgiving. A delay, albeit a small one, but still a delay. The bright side? We should still finish up two years earlier than first projected.

On another electric note, the outfit that wanted to put a data farm in the Berg building is back, wanting to do it again. That would mean a big sale of electricity adding revenue to the city electric fund. We've started the process of discovery about being able to provide for their needs again, and I hope this time those guys wanting it are serious! We have a grant from DEQ to do a study on our sewer system, and our engineers have talked to USDA and they are willing to pitch in too! We could double the size of the project and really find out where our infiltration and inflow is coming from that causes our sewer plant to exceed capacity! The timing is perfect since we are just on the cusp of precipitation time, whether rain or snow! This study will finally allow us to set a solid realistic goal of when we can start allowing development, i.e., lifting that sewer moratorium! The sooner the better!

The project of the catch basin through the tribe and Indian Health has suffered another delay. Looks like now that won't start until next June or thereabouts! We're notifying EPA so we don't get hammered with additional fines, fees, and penalties. Again, we need to mitigate that damned sewer moratorium!

I attended the North Idaho Mayors Coalition (October 25th) and it was disheartening to hear the other communities talk about how they are overwhelmed with development projects now that the Idaho economy is humming. We need to be there too! We need to develop that pole yard for light industry and commercial development to improve our tax base revenue and provide more local jobs so people don't have to commute to Coeur d'Alene and have alternatives to working in the restaurants, store and mill in town! It would be nice to have light/commercial business here to give our young people opportunity to work and learn skills close to home too! Our community needs a piece of that prosperity pie!

We are applying for a couple grants to see if we can keep the momentum going on streets repair/upgrades. So far it's looking pretty good from the feedback we are getting from the granting agency(s).

I'll close there, and urge everyone to vote! My only advice is to really really listen to the candidate's visions for the future, and then vote on whom you think will do the best job! NOT just by party affiliation!

Until next time...

Mayor Weems