

Plummer News

January 2021

DATES OF INTEREST:

- City Hall will be closed on Friday January 1st in observation of New Years
- Regular City Council Meeting Thursday January 7th at 6:00p.m.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday January 18th in observation of Martin Luther King

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Change to Shut Off Date

Starting in January 2021 there will be a new shut off date of the 23rd of each month at noon. If the 23rd falls on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday the shut off date will be the following Monday. For example: January 23rd is a Saturday so the shut off date will be Monday January 25th.

Public Notice– Plummer Worley School District Success Center

The Plummer Worley School District is again applying for the grant funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) program for the Success Center. This is a highly competitive grant awarded through the State Department of Education and funded the Success Center for 15 years. Until the 2018-2019 school year, when the grant ended and no applications were being accepted by the SDE. The past two years has been funded through the district's supplemental levy. Applications are again being accepted and we are preparing the grant application currently. As you know, the main purpose of the Success Center is to provide a safe place for children after school hours that includes a snack, academic assistance, social interaction with peers, cultural and recreational enrichment opportunities and activities which complement the students' regular academic program. This program is free of charge.

Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District

Volunteers needed for fire or ems contact the Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District at 208 686 1313.

Library News

The Worley Historical Society's Cookbooks "Recipes– Then and Now" are available at Plummer Public Library for \$15.00



Message from the Mayor

We finished our Commerce broadband grant in time to meet the requirements, but there are still a few loose ends to tie up. There are a couple railroad crossings yet and those will take months most likely, but you should be able, as of now, to go to the community center and have access to high speed wifi. That grant was released on June 25th, with a deadline for completion of December 15th. There was a lot of hair pulling, but we managed the project and fulfilled what needed to be done and there we are! That is a just shy of a million dollars' worth of project.

Which brings me to another point.

I had allocated part of the electric rebuild to include a basic backbone of aerial fiber, which was set aside as we were awarded the Commerce grant. In the fiber project, to assure that the residents of the city were taken care of first, I cut off eastward expansion of the fiber at Parkside Road at the top of Peedee Hill.

Once the project was fulfilled, we had extra left in the electric, so now the fiber that we had allocated for in town through the electric project can make the run down the hill to the lake and provide access to park HQ and Rocky Point. I'm sure Bob Sharrett and his Chickadee Wireless can provide wireless access to Chat and that area using the fiber going in to Rocky.

Who says I can't manage a project?

Anyway, I was sitting out on the front porch having a smoke over the holiday pondering, as I usually do when I sit out and have a smoke, and it occurred to me that in just a little under 5 years as mayor, my administration has brought in around \$10 million dollars...yes that's ***\$10 MILLION DOLLARS*** in infrastructure and other improvements to the city.

There are a couple things I'd like to get done yet, like getting the seniors into their own building. We have the grant for the remodel but are waiting for the grant for the design required by a professional architect per Commerce department guidelines. With COVID and the new U.S. administration coming in, who knows how long that will take for them to settle in and allocate funds to USDA, the grant provider for the design work.

Then there is the Pole Yard. I've been working with EPA, Environment and Ecology (E&E) and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) for the last two years or so to get that area safe for development, whether for residential or commercial development. We got the final report on the studies done, and it'll take between \$3 and \$4 million give or take to make that area totally safe for future development. IDEQ may be able to provide funding, at least partially, to do just that. I'd have to search for other avenues of funding but am used to that chore.

But I might not be around after March if the naysayers have their way. I'm meeting with these organizations and agencies later in January. I'll keep you posted on what come out of those meetings. One final thought. I took the COVID vaccine on the 23rd with no ill effects. Not even a sore arm.

Mayor William Weems