

# May 2016

# Plummer News

CITY OF PLUMMER

## DATES OF INTEREST

- May 12 Regular City Council Meeting  
6p.m.
- May 26 Regular City Council Meeting  
6p.m.
- May 30 City Hall Closed for Memorial Day

## Annual City Wide Yard Sale

It's that time of year again for the City Wide Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on June 11th from 9a.m.-5p.m. There is a \$10.00 fee for the City Wide Yard Sale to have your sale on the map. For more information or to get on the City Wide Yard Sale map please call Robert at 208-661-4444

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



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## Library Happenings



Used Books & Freshly Baked Delights

A spring book and bake sale will be at the public library  
May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Signups begin May 16<sup>th</sup> for the family summer reading program. The theme is based on health and fitness with the slogan “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” The program runs June 16<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call the library at 686-1812.

### Library Hours:

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

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

Saturday: 12 p.m.-4p.m

Friday and Sundays: Closed

### Message from the Mayor

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, the council voted unanimously to “...not sell the electrical system and to take avenues to improve the system.” I think that this decision is the best one for the city, as the electrical revenue is the biggest source of city operations budget wise.

With that decision in mind, I've started working on an outline of steps we need to take.

First, we'll need to implement a series of rate increase at or less than 5% which will equate to about \$0.0035 per increase working toward a penny per kWh to start building up for investment in improvements.

We need to close out the pole project and it is done.

We need to start working on short-term and long-term capital improvement plans to replace the aged infrastructure. This will involve requests for qualifications in finding an electrical utility consultant that we'll need to give us direction on the big picture. This includes formulating debt services coverage couple with revenue for both short and long term improvements.

We'll need to go after funding from any possible sources that will help us like RUS, IHS, seeing if the tribe can help, parks service, banks or any other forms of investment we can find.

We need to develop a comprehensive plan for at least 5 years for operations and maintenance.

Do the rates study and determine the revenue requirements, cost of service analysis, how we'll deal with commercial and industrial versus residential, and come to an agreement on rates to address all the above. Then the council will have to approve it.

I want a complete comprehensive utility master plan we can fall back on when we need to.

We need to do the outreach to you, and I need a community advisory committee to participate in the process and the sooner the better. Customers need to step up and participate in that.

Then comes getting a bond attorney, filing with the county, and going through the election. When it passes, then we start using the above plans, engineering and get the construction going.

We need to run this utility like it was an independent operation not a municipal utility. That means having a constant relationship with banks and a revolving credit account for day-to-day, month-to-month, and yearly operations.

I'm going to use existing utilities like Cheney Lights (among others) as a model, along with meeting with contractors to see whom we can get for the best value to maintain our system until we decide to either man up or use a contractor.

The outages over the last few weeks have no doubt made you furious, and it has me too, and I'm about sick of it! We need to pull our collective heads out and get on this once and for all!

To serve on our advisory committee, just get a hold of city hall with your name and where you can be reached. I look forward to working with you to **FINALLY** to start work on this problem! Thank you!