

With the discontinuance of our local paper I have been trying to find a way to get information out to the public. The Mayors Corner was my avenue for that information. I am going to try and utilize our web page to see if this will work for myself and the citizens of the City.

There have been many issues addressed since my last message. So, where do I start.

The First Street water project was completed.

The Fourth Street Bridge is open and there is some cleanup and a few grade issues to finish there.

The membranes have been installed at the water plant and are producing very high quality water. The crew did a very good job on that project and I am pleased to have that done. We have some other upgrades to accomplish, which we will start in on sometime in December. I have also started the process of planning for their replacement in 2028. We must not forget that the fix is not permanent and before you know it the next Mayor will be facing the replacement of these membranes. I intend to have the funding stream in place to get that done. We are also training other crew members to have a working knowledge of the plant so that they can step in during emergency situations. My goal is to have all of the crew with a basic knowledge of the plant so that we can rotate people in and out of the plant.

We have ordered and received 31 tons of patch material for the pot holes. We purchased a winter mix so that we can continue with the patching during the winter months.

The sewer lagoons had a problem with the inflow recorder. This was discovered in July and fixed in October of this year. We had to wait until the new fiscal year to order the parts and get back into compliance. We now must address the aerators at the lagoons. We have applied for and received a grant from Idaho Power for \$11,000 dollars. Total costs to install the equipment will be somewhere near \$30,000. I will be bringing this to the Council to discuss and find funding to complete the project during the next few months.

Debbie Rowan will be retiring sometime in February of this year and we are actively recruiting for the next City Clerk/Treasure. You can stop by the City Hall and get an application or it can be found on our Web site.

I was invited to and attended the remembrance of the end of WW1 at our local school. Many of our local veterans were there as well as all of the school aged kids. It was an honor to attend with my wife Sammy and to see many of the young people here in town. They all showed great respect to the fallen soldiers, our veterans in attendance, and to the flag of this great country. Colonel Dale Smith was in attendance and helped us all understand the meaning of service to this country. Thank You Colonel.

I guess I am getting older, as I was waiting for the ceremony to begin a youngster said to me "That must have been hard on you fighting over there Mr. Mayor." I grinned at him and said "Yes, it must have been hard." I thought it was pretty funny. The young have a way of bringing things into perspective for all of us.

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