



Potlatch City Council Meeting

City Hall – 195 6th Street – Potlatch, ID 83855

October 28, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council was presided over by Mayor David Brown. Council members present: Joan Bender, Marty Anderson (arrived late), Charlie Johnson, Dave Cada. Also present: Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer.

GUESTS: Dodd Snodgrass, Darcie Bentley, Jamie Spray, Devin Trubey, Brian Points.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Bender said the invocation Prayer.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA:** *Dave Cada made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (being regularly considered by the City Council, these items will be enacted by one motion unless requested by a City Council member that one or more items be removed for separate discussion): Minutes from October 14, 2019, City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch and Century 21 bills and payroll.*

Charlie Johnson seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

Charlie Johnson, yes

Dave Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, absent

Joan Bender, yes

2. SPLASH PAD COMPLETION.

Mayor introduced Dodd Snodgrass from the Clearwater Economic Development Association to present the final financial request and closeout documents for the Splash Pad project. Dodd said that all the requirements were met to close out the project. CEDA is very excited that



the Splash Pad is dedicated in Kelly's name. Mayor Brown said that the City is proud and thankful to CEDA for helping write the grant.

3. WATER/SEWER COSTS.

Darcie Bentley said she was here to voice her support for Brian Points on the water/sewer costs. Mayor Brown said that when the City did the water project, we worked with the Idaho Rural Water and USDA. We sat down together and came up with the rates. Mayor Brown showed the letter dated March 10, 2004 from USDA stating that this is what needs to be charged. Darcie Bentley said she would like to talk about the garbage rate. Mayor Brown said that the City of Potlatch used to include some gallons of water with the base water rate but after the water project it was decided to make that change. Mayor Brown said that Brian Points could put a meter to each mobile home instead of having one meter. The City would then read each individual meter. What Brian Points is wanting changed is the step increase from \$2.25 to \$2.75. 0-8000 a gallon is \$2.25 and 8001-up is \$2.75 a gallon. Points thought it should be each 8,000 and should never go over the 8,000. Brian Points came in at 7:20 p.m. and Mayor Brown showed the letter from USDA dated March 10, 2004. Brian Points reviewed the letter from USDA and he said that he sees the tiered pricing but he doesn't see anything about treating multi-family the same as single family. Mayor Brown said this is a City policy this is what the City has in their ordinances and recommended how it should be done. Point said that there's not consistency on how the City is charging the base water fee per unit cost and the tiered cost. Points issue is in one place in the code it says mobile homes are one unit and then other place in the code your treating it as one meter. Mayor Brown said that the only way to separate it is to put in individual meters to each mobile home. The City reads off of what the meter reads and it a meter goes over the 8,000 gallons. Points said the other alternative would be to change the formula that being used to calculate the fee and calling it a unit here and calling it a unit there. Mayor Brown said that we go off of 1 meter. Points went through the pricing structure. Points asked the City Council why is this right, why is that fair, why is it set up that way. Give me a good reason why people who are living in multi-family should be paying more for their water than people who are living in single family residences. Mayor Brown's explanation is that the City is reading off of one meter and if each mobile home had their own meter the reading would be different. Mayor Brown said that we



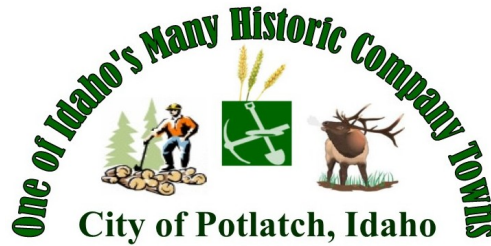
would look at difference communities to see what they are charging for multi-family and how they do their fee structure. Points would be interested in whether or not they have a tiered billing structure. That's what he would be interested in. Dave Cada explained the billing structure that is used for the condo association that they belong to. He said that the condo association pays the bill and it's split between all units. Points wanted to know what the next step is and Mayor Brown said we will contact other communities to see how they are billing.

4. CANCEL NOVEMBER 11, 2019 MEETING/VETERANS DAY.

Joan Bender made a motion that the City Council meeting for November 11, 2019, be cancelled as it falls on Veteran's Day. Charlie Johnson seconded the motion, the motion was approved with "all ayes".

REPORTS:

- 1. Mayor – David Brown** – Now it's time to put up Christmas lights and looking for volunteers. The sign for the splash pad is with Marty Anderson to install.
- 2. Parks – Joan Bender** – What is the building inspector status? Mayor Brown said that Latah County is going to be our building inspector but we're in the process of finalizing the agreement. What's going on with the parking when the sidewalks are put in next year? Mayor Brown said that it's not in the budget to change the parking. Mayor Brown said that Saturday, November 9th at 9:00 a.m. is when the volunteers are coming to put up Christmas lights if anyone wants to join us.
- 3. Pool & Cemetery - Dave Cada** – Was wondering if there was a way to put water on the cemetery next summer to keep it green. Something to think about.
- 4. Water & Sewer Charles Johnson** – Nothing at this time.
- 5. Streets - Martin Anderson** – Nothing at this time.



6. Scenic 6 - David Cada – Breakfast probably won't happen until next spring. Thinking of doing an all school class reunion next summer. Considering some community beautification projects.

7. Clerk- Judi Davis – AIC Fall Academy on December 2 at the Red Lion in Lewiston.

Marty Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie Johnson seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, November 25, 2019.