

## **Potlatch City Council Meeting**

**City Hall – 195 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Potlatch, ID 83855**

**March 23, 2020 – 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, Scott Winther, and Dave Cada. Also present: Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer.

GUESTS: Kathy LaFortune & Tom Lamar, Latah County Commissioners, Debi Swinney, Potlatch Fire District

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

Joan Bender said the invocation Prayer.

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA: Scott Winther 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 March 9, 2020, City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch and Century 21 bills and payroll.***

***Joan Bender seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:***

***Scott Winther, aye***

***Dave Cada, yes***

***Martin Anderson, aye***

***Joan Bender, aye***



## **2. COVID-19 UPDATE.**

Mayor Brown said that he's talked with Kathy LaFortune, Latah County Commissioner, Robin Woods, Gritman Board and the Will Herrington, the City Attorney about the COVID-19 Virus and what the best steps would be to help the community. Mayor Brown said that last Friday City Hall closed to the public until the virus is over. The Local Emergency Proclamation gives the Mayor emergency powers. Governor Little doesn't want to take the power away from the Mayors. We need to think of the public health and safety of the community. If we do the resolution it will close the restaurant/bar, keep people from having large gathering and close the playground. Latah County Commissioners can help the Cities but they can't tell us how to do it. The Food Bank and Senior meals can still be open but pickup or delivery only. Mayor Brown said it's a really hard decision to make but the virus is already here. We don't want to overload the hospitals. The City of Moscow has already made the steps to close certain places. The Food Banks are still open but have limited hours and people have to keep 6 feet apart with pickup and delivery only. Latah County doesn't have the capacity if everyone gets sick so the City of Potlatch needs to help prevent the spike. Kathy LaFortune talked about what areas need to keep clean such as restrooms and at the RV Park. Mayor Brown said that the RV Park only has one bathroom open right now. Dave asked about when the pool would be open and Kathy said that the University of Idaho pool is currently closed. It's too early to tell when the pools could be opened up. Kathy said that the Center for Disease Control is changing the recommendations almost daily but that is the best place for up to date information. Tom Lamar said that Partnership for Economic Prosperity (PEP) will be in contact with the small business to see if they need assistance. Tom went thru the process that the City of Troy used for the Emergency Proclamation. Debi Swinney from the Fire Department talked about what they are seeing in the Community and how we need to do the social distancing and over reacting is okay. Debi said that they have what they need for face masks. They gave some masks to Gritman, Harvest Foods and the Pharmacy here in Potlatch. Mayor Brown said that there will be a Special Council Meeting tomorrow night at 6:30.



### **3. WIMHPG & SIDEWALK PROJECT.**

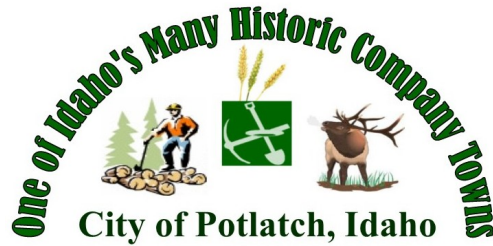
Mayor Brown said that the City Attorney, Will Herrington sent an offer letter to WIMHPG and it was turned down. Mayor Brown explained what the offer letter included, a Right of Way Deed, sale of \$1.00 and drainage improvements. Mayor Brown was invited to a meeting with the WIM HPG group to talk about the agreement. The cleanup around the City Shop has already happened and the group would like labor now and not money. In kind would be about \$5,000. The WIM HPG group would be happy if we could do one year of pipe from end to inlet and next year do the next section for drainage.

***Scott Winther made a motion that the City continue with the Sidewalk Project with WIMHPG and have an agreement in writing, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “three ayes and one no and one abstain”.***

**Roll call vote:**     **Mayor Brown, yes**  
                             **Scott Winther, aye**  
                             **Dave Cada, abstain**  
                             **Marty Anderson, yes**  
                             **Joan Bender, no**

### **REPORTS:**

- 1. Mayor – David Brown** – Included in above.
- 2. Parks – Joan Bender** – Moved some of the orange fence from the derby area and Karin put it up at the pickleball court and we need more dirt.
- 3. Pool & Cemetery - Dave Cada** – Karin is watching the weather to paint the bathhouse.
- 4. Water & Sewer – Scott Winther** – Nothing at this time.



**5. Streets - Martin Anderson** – Marty asked what was going on with the Hartman's tree. Judi said the tree was pruned on March 9<sup>th</sup> and the Hartman's were pleased with how it turned out.

**6. Scenic 6 - David Cada** – All class reunion this summer and with the virus we will have to wait and see if it is cancelled.

**7. Clerk- Judi Davis** – AIC Meeting previously mentioned have been cancelled. Will have webinars later instead.

***Marty Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Scott Winther seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.***

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ David L. Brown, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

**The next City Council meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2020.**