

## Potlatch City Council Meeting

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

**March 9, 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: None

### ***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 February 24, 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. VFW BUILDING UPDATE.**

Mayor Brown introduced Joel Emerson, VFW Quartermaster. Joel updated the Mayor and Council on the VFW Building Status. The Quitclaim Deed was signed and that the VFW group is planning on getting all the memorabilia and VFW property out of the building by April 1, 2002. The group is still looking for a place for all the VFW memorabilia and will be talking with the Library and the Historic Preservation Group later this week. There is a day school in the front of the building right now and she pays \$150.00 plus all utilities. Sharon Jones is the new Acting Commander. The VFW group has 77 active members but usually only 3 attend meetings.

## **3. WIMHPG.**

Jim West, the Interim President of WIM HPG. Jim West passed out the plans of the area that the sidewalk project would be affecting. Jim said that the sidewalk project is designed on WIMHPG property. Jim said that the property was donated to us and by federal law we can't just donate it to a government agency. The WIMHPG group wants the project to go forward. He said he contacted Idaho Transportation Department to see if they could purchase the property. Ken Helm, ITD Project Manager said that ITD couldn't purchase it but they could donate the property to the City. We could work an agreement that the property in exchange for work that the WIMHPG group needs done. Ken Helm told Jim West that they could have an approach down by 8<sup>th</sup> Street which would help when selling our property whenever that day shall come. Would like to figure out how we can work with the City of Potlatch and exchange the value to we can legally give the property to the City and do a Quitclaim Deed so the sidewalk project can proceed. Mayor Brown asked Jim West that you can sell the property but you can't donate it. Jim West said that you can't donate because it was given to us to further our mission. The value of the property given to us by Latah County Assessor's office was about \$12,000 for the full 18' shown on the document there. Jim West said that we have to show that we have a valuation which I think was 58.9 cents per square foot. If we can show that we received an equivalent amount of goods or



services or a combination and have it add up to that amount then legally we are ok with the IRS. If we donated the property then the IRS would be

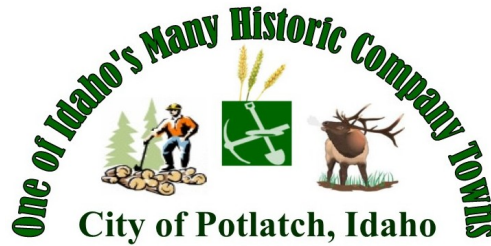
all over us. The IRS is very careful whether it's an 501C3 or a 501C4 is there anything that could be construed as a donation to a political party or for a political reason. Dave Cada asked if they have any ideas of what they would like to have done. Jim West said that he had a list that had several prioritized items on it and explained what they would like to have done. We need more parking south of the Depot and need water mitigation work done. See attached list. Roger Farrell, Board of Director for WIMHPG, said that most of the work that was on the list pertains to water mitigation around the Depot. The City will move the trailers and clean up the City Property around the shop. Jim West said we do an agreement or a Memorandum of Understanding that's not part of the sidewalk project something that says this is what the City will do in the future. Jim West handed out a list that had several prioritized items on it and explained what they would like to have done. Jim West said that he would forward the list to Judi and then it can be distributed to the Mayor and Council. Karen Rohn provided a copy of the list to the Mayor. Jim West understands that not everything on the list could be done but listed some things that they would like to have done down at the Depot. Jim said that he will be back in 2 weeks to finish this up.

#### **4. ADOPT ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.**

***Marty Anderson made a motion that the Mayor sign the Arbor Day Proclamation for 2020, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the motion was approved with "all ayes".***

#### **REPORTS:**

- 1. Mayor – David Brown** – Mayor Brown said he met with Idaho Transportation Department and the WIMHPG Group to talk about the sidewalk project. Brown said that he needs to talk with the City Attorney



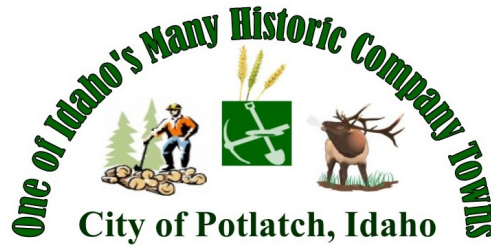
about the sidewalk project. Joan Bender asked how much property do we need for the sidewalk project? Mayor Brown said that we would need 12'

but Jim West has offered up 18' for the sidewalk project. Council discussed the list from the WIMHPG group. Scott asked who owns the property past the WINHPG property? Mayor Brown said the railroad owns that property. Council discussed the property lines down by the City Shop. He also said that he contacted Kathi Jo about the value of property that the City needs for the sidewalk project and she said that after looking at the property to that's unbuildable property because of the set-backs. Council went through and discussed the list of items from the WIM HPG group. Mayor Brown said that we will have a Special Council meeting next Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The City needs to contract with Tom Andres for his water and wastewater licenses at \$125.00 a license and we need all 4. Mayor Brown said that Karin Johnson and John Kramer are taking classes the end of March to start getting their water licenses.

Mayor Brown said he received a quote to fix the Senior Center sidewalk from CTI in the amount of \$3,890.00.

- 2. Parks – Joan Bender** – Joan met with Karin Johnson, Director of Parks and talked about the fruit trees that would go in at the Scenic 6 Park. There needs to be one more pear tree purchased. Having the possible Community Garden with the fruit trees in the park, there would be a lot of fertilizing that would need to happen with the fruit trees that could affect the garden and the fruit trees would attract more bees. The area that the trees would be planted is still pretty wet.
- 3. Pool & Cemetery - Dave Cada** – Nothing at this time.
- 4. Water & Sewer – Scott Winther** – Nothing at this time.
- 5. Streets - Martin Anderson** – Nothing at this time.
- 6. Scenic 6 - David Cada** – Nothing at this time.



**7. Clerk- Judi Davis** – Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) is having a Spring Workshop on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the University Inn Best Western in Moscow, ID.

***Marty Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dave Cada seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.***

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

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Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

**The next City Council meeting will be Monday, March 23, 2020.**