

Potlatch City Council Meeting

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

February 25, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council was presided over by Mayor David Brown. Council members present: Dave Cada, Marty Anderson, Joan Bender and Charlie Johnson. Also present: Shelly Hammons, City Clerk-Treasurer.

GUESTS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Bender said the invocation Prayer.

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *David 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 11, 2019, City Council meeting. The City of Potlatch current bills due and bills that have been paid. The Century 21 bills paid and payroll.*

Joan Bender seconded the motion, motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

Charlie Johnson, yes

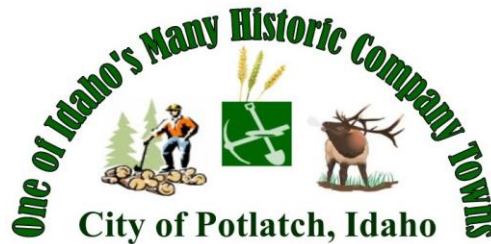
Dave Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, aye

Joan Bender, aye

2. **KARIN JOHNSON IS APPLYING FOR A \$1,000 IDAHO NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY GRANT.** This grant will be for the Swenson Park and it would include purchasing 2"x4" identifying flower signs and a 2"x4" Kiosk. The City would have to purchase separate posts for the sign. There is \$949 donation money left from Sharon Howard that will help pay for the posts and other purchases for the Swenson Park this summer.

Charlie Johnson made a motion that Karin Johnson be allowed to apply for the Idaho Native Plant grant for \$1,000 for the Swenson



Park. Joan Bender seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

3. CURTIS CONCRETE CONTRACT FOR PHASE II SIDEWALK PROJECT.

Dave Cada made a motion that the Mayor sign the contract with Curtis Concrete for the Phase II Sidewalk Project. Charlie seconded the motion the motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

Joan Bender, yes

Marty Anderson, aye

Dave Cada, yes

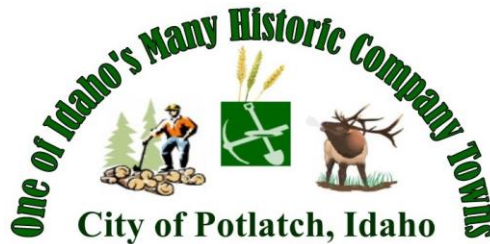
Charlie Johnson, yes

- 4. WAGES FOR LIFEGUARDS AND SUMMER EMPLOYEES.** The Mayor and Joan Bender attended the “Brown Bag Luncheon” at the Moscow Parks and Recreation Department last week. The discussion was swimming pools. This brought up the wages for the Potlatch Pool. Shelly did a small survey of neighboring swimming pools and what they pay their help. The City of Potlatch pays for the lifeguard’s certification. After much discussion, the following motions were made.

Dave Cada made a motion that the City of Potlatch pay the Pool Manager \$14.00 per hour. Charlie Johnson seconded the motion; the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

Marty Anderson made a motion that the City of Potlatch start the Lifeguards and the Summer Maintenance crew at \$9.00 per hour. If after one month of employment, the employees come to work and work when they are scheduled, they will receive a \$0.50 per hour raise through the end of the 2019 season. The cap will be \$10.00 per hour. If Mac Judson returns to work this summer, Mac will earn \$10.00 per hour. Joan Bender seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

Joan Bender made a motion that the Pool Manager will receive \$14.00 per hour and the Assistant Pool Manager will receive \$11.50 per hour (Assistant and Swim Instructor salary will be \$11.50 only



for those that are Certified to be Swim Instructors). Dave Cada seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

5. APPOINT THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER AS FAIR HOUSING RESOURCE PERSON FOR ALL IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE LOANS AND GRANTS IN PERPETUITY.

Joan Bender made a motion that the City Clerk-Treasurer be appointed as the Fair Housing Resource Person for all Idaho Department of Commerce Loans and Grants in perpetuity. Marty Anderson seconded the motion; the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

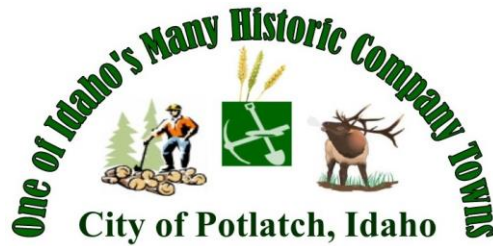
6. APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN THE WRONG ZONE? The Mayor said that there are apartment buildings in commercial zones that shouldn't be. The building that is for sale on the corner of Larch and 6th Street had a hair shop, realty office and an apartment that had been grandfathered in. When the hair shop moved out, an apartment was put in that wasn't approved by planning and zoning. There are other buildings in Potlatch that have similar situations.

Dave Cada made a motion that the Council take steps to discuss the unapproved apartments with the City's Planning and Zoning committee. Charlie Johnson seconded the motion; the motion was approved with “all ayes”.

7. SIGN FOR IDAHO'S BEST REALTY OFFICE? *Marty Anderson made a motion that the City Council approve the sign for the Idaho's Best Realty Office, the sign will be larger than the Ordinance allows (38 sq. ft.). Dave Cada seconded the motion, the motion was approved with “all ayes”.*

REPORTS:

- 1. Mayor-David Brown** – there was a Potlatch Recreation District meeting last Thursday and there is a new Board Member, Edie Simons. The board



is discussing the possibility of building a new pool and recreation building. Cascade has a recreation district and it took them 20 years but they built a pool several years ago that cost \$2,000,000. They heat their pool with a natural hot water. The board discussed having a bond levy election to see if the public would support the idea. There is more land for sale that is owned by Potlatch/Deltic down on the old mill site.

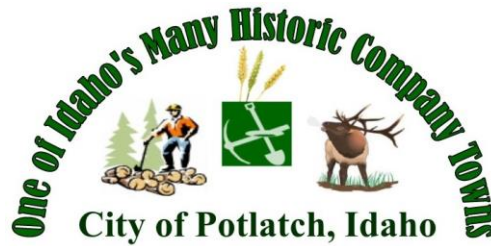
They discussed building a new building at the existing pool site but there isn't enough room for a recreation building and allow for adequate parking. If a new building were built up there, part of the old building would have to remain for the plumbing. Salie said that a new building would have to be big enough for a basketball court and allow for the Fit and Fall Proof seniors to use it for exercising. The Fit and Fall used to use a church gym and the school gym but they have gotten kicked out of both of those areas now and are exercising in the Palouse Community Center.

Dave Cada said that there is a pool at the University Inn Best Western in Coeur d'Alene that has a clear corrugated plastic cover and sides around the pool. The sides are able to be opened when the weather is warm. Dave said that a new pool and recreation building would be a terrific addition to this town.

The Mayor said that if a building were built on the west side of the current pool, you would lose the afternoon and evening sun on the pool.

One of the factors of having a pool year-round is the cost to heat it year around. The Council discussed the possibility of working with Gritman Medical Center to use the Potlatch pool as a rehabilitation pool for people. There has been interest in having a pool in the winter so that the seniors would be able to use the pool for exercising as well. There could be programs that would be held during the day.

They will be talking with USDA, Rural Development to see if there is any grant money available for this project.



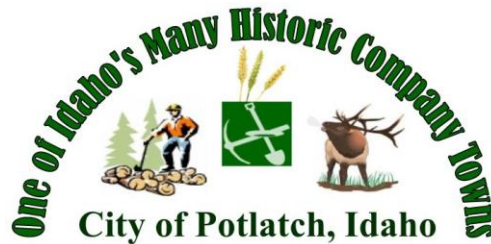
Tomorrow there will be a conference call with Dodd Snodgrass of Clearwater Economic Development Association (CEDA) to review all of the required paperwork associated with the Splash Pad project.

Harold Osborne will be coming tomorrow to talk to the Mayor about a tree program for the City of Potlatch.

The Mayor reviewed the AIC printout on the upcoming legislation that will come up this Thursday. This bill would take away the rights of a City to have their own Ordinances regarding hand-held devices. AIC has asked to have leaders contact their legislatures on this bill.

Larry Meyer talked to the Mayor about the tables at the Potlatch Senior Center. The Seniors would like to have new lightweight tables. The tables at the Center were built long ago, made out of wood and are very heavy. The Mayor found some on webstaraunt.com for about \$60.00 each. The Council discussed whether the tables should be round or rectangle.

- 2. Parks – Joan Bender** – nothing at this time.
- 3. Pool & Cemetery - Dave Cada** – we’ve already had a discussion on the pool but Dave wanted to make sure that the floors in the bathhouse will be painted before the pool season starts. (Karin is working on that and when the weather allows, she will be painting.) Dave also said that since the roof is inverted on the pool building, we should be watching this and wait and see if there are issues when the snow starts to melt off.
- 4. Water & Sewer Charles Johnson** – nothing at this time.
- 5. Streets - Martin Anderson** – the roads look good and the guys are doing a great job plowing. Tom has had the grader out cleaning up and widening some of the streets. The Mayor said that there were several complaints last week from Sherry Woolverton and Ann Poston about the snow plowing that has been done. Michael Montgomery was in City Hall the next day and he was bragging on how good of a job the men are doing with the snow plowing



and he said that if you want to compare, go to Palouse and see how they plow.

Marty wanted to know how the Camp Host's water hasn't been freezing up? They just have their hose hanging from their camper connected to the water and they don't have heat tape on the hose.

- 6. Scenic 6 - David Cada** – Dave reminded everyone that the Scenic 6 Economic Development Council's Business Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on March 19 at the Senior Center. Dave said that the Council, Mayor and Shelly are all invited to attend. They are inviting all quality organizations and businesses in town. There will be a short opening program.

Dave let everyone know that he and his wife attended the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow Friday and Saturday. They attended one session with Christian Fabian who is the head of the Lionel Hampton New York Jazz Band. Dave said he talked with Mr. Fabian after and Mr. Fabian had been in Potlatch the day before at the Potlatch High School. Mr. Fabian complemented the school's wonderful music program and he said their instructor, Doug Richards, was doing great. Dave said that it was a real remarkable thing that Mr. Fabian was impressed with Potlatch. Dave said that the caliber of performances of the local schools was amazing and they are very professional.

- 7. Clerk- Shelly Hammons** – there are several meetings coming up:

MARCH 28 – ECONOMY FOR THE FUTURE, Monastery of St. Gertrude Spirit Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Mayor and the City Council are invited

APRIL 18 – CEDA'S ANNUAL MEETING, Clearwater River Casino, 4-8 p.m. The Mayor and the City Council are invited.

Marty Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie Johnson seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Shelly M. Hammons, CMC, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be March 11, 2019.