



Potlatch City Council Meeting

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

January 11, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the City Council was presided over by Mayor David Brown. Council members present: Marty Anderson, Dave Cada, Joan Bender and Scott Winther.

Also, present: Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer.

GUESTS: Brett & Amber Weber, Tom Bender

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. CONSENT AGENDA: Joan Bender 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 December 28, 2020, City Council meeting, the City of Potlatch and Century 21 bills and payroll.***

Scott Winther seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

Dave Cada, yes

Martin Anderson, yes

Joan Bender, yes

Scott Winther, yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Joan Bender reported that she met with Mayor Brown and Dave Cada on Thursday to discussing some ideas about the park. Joan said that they were brainstorming to find ways to utilize the 10 acres beyond the park. Mayor Brown is wanting to apply for an RV Grant to put in a 40' x 60' Picnic shelter/pavilion and put it where the bocce ball area is located. This would provide more opportunities to bring people into the City. Mayor Brown would also like to add approximately 6 monthly RV space behind the RV Park. There is currently no area for parking for the shelter



or access to get to the area where the monthly RV space would go. Joan said that they talked of a possibility of more business opportunities if the City could access the 10 Acres. Joan described the road that was discussed and different areas where it could possibly be located. Joan said that if the road went through the park that there would be some safety issues involved by the splash pad or the trail. Mayor Brown said that the idea of a road through the park has never been presented to the Council it was only a brainstorming meeting to talk about how to access the 10 acres. There is a utility easement on the road that runs down by the City Shop. Mayor Brown said that he has been trying for many years to get jobs into Potlatch. Idaho Department of Commerce grants are available to help put in infrastructure such as roads to help with City with Economic Development. There are groups that would like to see the picnic shelter like the square-dancing groups, family reunions and weddings. To get an Idaho Department of Commerce grant the City would have to own the property for the road or have a 25–30-year easement. The City has the utility easement because of the City's lift station location. Mayor Brown described the City's property on the 10 acres and explained what grants the City has received in the past to put in and update the RV Park. Tom Bender said that he was the one that posted about the road in the park and asked the Senior Center group to put a copy of the letter in the meals. Tom said he didn't want the park ruined by putting a road in the middle of the park. Having a business by the park could possibly escalate the traffic that went through the park. Tom asked why the City didn't get an easement when the 10 acres was purchased? Mayor Brown said it wasn't a possibility at that time and that is Potlatch Deltic property. Amber Weber asked what area is the Potlatch Recreation District in? Mayor Brown said that it's the school district area. Amber asked about the monthly RV spaces. Mayor Brown said that the RV park currently has monthly RV people staying in the park. Last year about half of the park in the winter was monthly people. The City turns down people regularly who would like to stay in the park for the winter. The RV grant doesn't like to have monthly people staying in the park so it affects the amount the City would receive for the RV Grant. It would be better to put in 6 more spaces on the 10 acres and then that wouldn't take away from the RV Grant received. Background



checks are done on the people staying monthly at the RV Park. Amber said that there are kids riding ATV's and motorcycles by the water reservoir and asked how this will be enforced. Scott Winther said that the City could put up signs to help keep the kids off that property. Mayor Brown said that the kids could ride bikes in the demo. Derby area and agrees that there needs to be more for the kids to do. Amber also asked about a couple of areas that need to have sidewalks put in. Mayor Brown explained the sidewalk grant process. Dave Cada suggested maybe the Safe Routes to School people might be able to help with funding. Amber asked if the Splash Pad will be working next summer and Mayor Brown said right now there's too much water pressure and the City is working on getting that fixed. Last summer it wasn't opened up because of COVID. There wasn't a way to keep kids 6 feet apart. It should be turned on this coming summer.

2. STREET STANDARDS.

Mayor Brown reported on the Street Standards and asked Council what they would like to do. Should the Idaho Standards for Public Works Construction be incorporated in Ordinance 426? There are several areas that needed to be included such as what thickness of pavement, rolled or standard curbs, sidewalks, lights and stormwater. There was a Council discussion on what they would like to see added. Scott Winther suggested getting a hold of Tom Moore, City Engineer and set up another workshop to talk about what Tom might suggest be added.

REPORTS:

1. Mayor – David Brown – Mayor Brown said that there was a water leak on Fiddler's Ridge Loop last Saturday. Cody and Brennan both went to fix the leak. Mayor Brown said that there are some trees and shrubs that the home owner on Larch would like to remove.

2. Parks – Joan Bender – Joan Bender said that she already reported earlier.

3. Pool & Cemetery - Dave Cada – Nothing at this time.



4. Water & Sewer – Scott Winther – Scott asked if the Mayor talked with Brennan about the water level testing at the wells. Does the City need water level meters for all the wells? Mayor Brown said that the wells already have the data collector at the wells.

5. Streets - Martin Anderson – Marty said if the sidewalk work was completed for Hemphill's. Mayor Brown said that Brennan was going to check it out and complete the work when the weather was a little better.

6. Scenic 6 - David Cada – Dave said that the Scenic 6 meeting will be on January 19th.

7. Clerk- Judi Davis – Nothing at this time.

Marty Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joan Bender seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ David L. Brown, Mayor

Judi Davis, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, January 25, 2021.