

Potlatch City Council Meeting

City Hall 195 6th Street – Potlatch, ID 83855

January 13, 2025 – 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, Darrell Bostic, Harmony Nowack, Clerk-Treasurer, Jerry Ely, Maintenance. Absent: Jennifer Anderson.

Guests:

REGULAR MEETING - *Call to order*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION PRAYER – *Darrell Bostic*

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 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 9, 2024, City Council meeting, City of Potlatch bills and payroll.

Darrell Bostic made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Dave Cada seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a Roll Call vote:

Dave Cada, yes

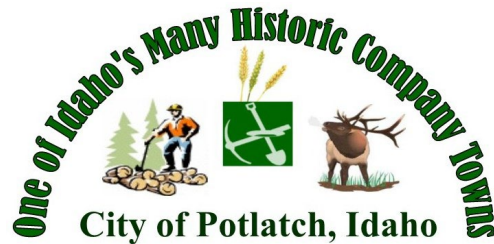
Marty Anderson, yes

Darrell Bostic, yes

2. RENEW CITY HALL OFFICE SPACE LEASES

Council reviewed leases and rent charges for City office rentals. After discussion Council decided not to raise rents for 2025.

Darrell Bostic motioned to renew all City office space leases with no rate increase, Marty Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.



3. RENEW LIQUOR LICENSES

***Four Star Supply Co. INC**

***Harvest Foods**

***Red Fir Coffee House**

***Codi Jo's Wagon Wheel**

Marty Anderson motioned to renew liquor licenses for Four Star Supply, Harvest Foods, Red Fir Coffee House and Codi Jo's Wagon Wheel, Dave Cada seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

4. COMMUNITY CENTER UTILITIES – LION'S CLUB SHARE?

Lion's Club is using the Community Center Building as a meeting place rent free, Mayor Brown thinks they should help pay for utilities. Darrell questioned how much they could afford and said if they are using the building for an event they should pay the rental fee. Marty thinks we should wait a year and see how much they actually use the building. Heat expense was high this last month. Jerry will make sure heat is turned down and locked.

No action taken at this time.

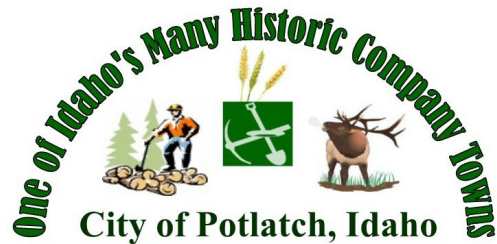
5. KME QUOTE – SEWER LIFT PUMP & REPAIRS

Council reviewed the bid for a new pump at the lift station. The bid did not seem to include fixing the electrical issue with the current pump #2. Council would like to see another bid. Mayor Brown will call Pumptech for a bid as advised by city engineer as Pumptech installed the current system.

Darrell Bostic motioned to get another bid for the lift station pump. Marty Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all ayes.

6. WASTEWATER FACILITY UPGRADES

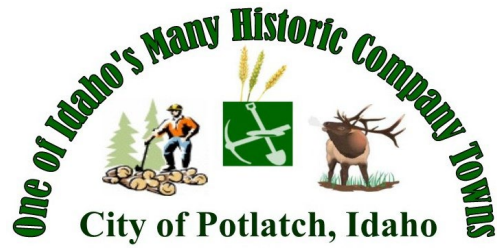
Council reviewed emails and information sent by City Engineer, Tom Moore. In order to meet new DEQ standards another pond is needed but no space is available. Land ap could be used but the city would need to buy more land. Current system will not be able to meet ammonia standards by 2026. Mayor Brown and Tom will meet with DEQ compliance officer next month to work on a compliance agreement.



REPORTS:

1. **Parks – Jennifer Anderson**– Absent
2. **Pool & Cemetery – Darrell Bostic** – Pool lift chair was put away for winter. Tom Andres came out and showed Jerry how to winterize the pool properly. Darrell asked if the shop could order spare supplies from Ferguson. Also noted city vehicles are dirty and need to be cleaned inside and out and a reminder there is no smoking in vehicles.
3. **Water & Sewer – Dave Cada** – Ski areas still have lots of snow, more than normal for this time of year. The aquifer benefits from the snow melt and the rain.
Dave would like the city to put together a Fire Mitigation Plan, specific to Potlatch. He would like to see the clearing of brush and other wildfire hazards. He would like to involve the community in this.
4. **Streets – Marty Anderson** – 10th Street at Larch there is a driveway/alley on the east side that needs gravel. Cars are bottoming out due to the sidewalk. The alley between Fir and Pine needs gravel as well.
5. **Scenic 6 – David Cada** – No report
6. **Mayor – David Brown** – Maintenance is going to Lewiston to get a pellet stove for heating and lumber for a deck and stairs for the back exit at 630 Larch. They can get needed shop supplies on that trip or they can contact Ferguson.
7. **Maintenance – Jerry Ely** – Maintenance needs PPE, will get a list to clerk. Jerry will be working on repairing the backhoe. The reservoir roof panels have become dislodged during a recent wind storm. Jerry has secured the panels around the edge however the wood underneath is rotting. Mayor Brown said we will need to contact a structural engineer and find grant money to put in a new roof.
8. **Clerk – Harmony Nowack** – Thursday Harmony will attend the County’s Hazard Mitigation Workshop in Moscow. This is required for the City to be eligible for FEMA funding. Harmony is also working with Tom Moore on a Letter of Interest for a DEQ construction loan for WW improvements and with Mayor Brown on a grant for the RV park.

Public Comment:



Martin Anderson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, Dave Cada seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57p.m.

David L. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Harmony Nowack, City Clerk-Treasurer

The next City Council meeting will be Monday, January 27, 2025.