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Falls City Newsletter

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

FALLS CITY REPORT

Happy New Year! City Hall has experienced some changes for the New Year, Council appointed a new Mayor, Jeremy Gordon, and we are busy bringing him up to date. Our long time clerk, Domenica Protheroe has retired and moved onto a warmer climate. We are still in the process of training our City Recorder, Cody DeCamp, he is coming along and will be taking over the management of the workings of City Hall. Our long time Public Works employee, Karl (Corky) Wagner, is off medical, we wish him a speedy recovery. We also hired Jay Epperson for Public Works; Jay is a longtime volunteer Fire Fighter and is fitting well with his new position. It takes a Public Works worker about a year to get certified on our Water and another ½ year to receive sewer certification, so he will be receiving a lot of training.

We were notified by Southwest Fire District that they will not be renewing the service agreement for our Fire Department to respond to calls in their District. With the loss of this contract we will need to purchase a Duty Rig to answer Medical calls and a tank truck to help with capacity of water for fighting fires. As I reported earlier we still need to replace our stations breathing apparatus so they can fight structure fires. We will be submitting a grant for the breathing equipment again this year, but there is less and less money being offered by FEMA and more and more needs across our Country, so it is very competitive, keep fingers crossed.

With the loss of the Southwest equipment and the need to make sure we can replace the breathing units, Council motioned for staff to submit a levy to the May ballot for Fire Services. We have been lucky where all of the Fire Department needs have been addressed by your property tax dollar, but we are going to need to ask for your support for a five year levy of around a $1.00 per thousand of your property valuation. Currently under State Law, we tax our property at $2.92 per thousand; this rate was frozen back in 1996 by an initiative. So basically we have been able to operate all of the City Departments with the same level of property tax funds for over 20 years. With the loss of the Southwest equipment Council felt we needed to step up to protect our Fire and EMS volunteers, and keep the same level of service to all of our citizens. Everything is still in the development stage on the tax figures but we hope to have a group of citizens out promoting the levy and educating all of us on the need.

We are going to have some extra fill dirt closer to spring, if anyone is interested Call City hall and leave your number for Public works.

HAVE A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS:

The Next HADIT meeting will be on January 18th at 2p.m. at the Community Center. They will be working on one of their goals to provide activities and mentors for our youth. Meeting is open to everyone, come and share your ideas and volunteer to mentor.

Falls City Direct Connect, is up and operating. The free van service runs every Tuesday and Thursday to Dallas, with every 2nd Tuesday to Monmouth. This is operated through a grant with Polk County and we will only keep the service if there are enough riders taking advantage. Stop in at City Hall or Produce give away for a schedule. (pickup time for Falls City/Dallas below)

If any organization has upcoming events that they would like to see in the newsletter, email event information to: mayorungricht@fallscityoregon.gov, before the 15th of each month.

It is with heartfelt love that I express my gratitude to ALL of you as I leave Falls City for a new adventure in Nevada. Thank you all so much for all you do, and all you will do, for this wonderful place that I was lucky enough to call home – at least for a little while. Falls City, the generosity of so many individuals, and the exceptionally vibrant community spirit will be in my heart forever. I will miss my job, City Hall, my coworkers, Councilors, Committee Members and Commissioners (past and present), the river, the natural beauty, and all the residents and businesses of Falls City. I will miss our visits at City Hall. I wish each of you the very best. Domenica

Scheduled City Meetings

All meetings are in the Community Center at 320 N. Main unless otherwise noted.

City Council 6:00 pm
January 11, 2018

Parks & Recreation 6:00 pm
January 17, 2018

Public Works 6:30 pm
January 18, 2018

Historical Landmark Commission

Falls City ➡ Dallas Route

	Mountain Gospel Fellowship Pick Up	Flaming Medical Clinic	Veterans Service Office	Walmart	Department of Human Services	Academy Building	Mountain Gospel Fellowship Drop Off
AM	7:50-8:00	**8:20**	8:30	8:40	8:50	9:00	
AM		9:10	9:20	9:30	9:40	9:50	10:10
AM	10:30-10:35	*10:55*	11:05	**11:15**	11:25	11:35	
PM		12:20	12:30	12:40	12:50	1:00	1:20
PM	1:20-1:25	***1:45***	1:55	*2:05*	2:15	2:25	2:45
PM	3:00-3:05	3:25	3:35	**3:45**	3:55	4:05	4:25