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2016 In Review

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2016 IN REVIEW

The Pateros City Council has been engaged and active in the business of the City. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings council members keep engaged with the Mayor and staff, are active in committee meetings, and continue to pursue economic development for the City.

Mayor Carlene Anders' first year in office continues to focus on improvements to the water system, economic development, and emergency preparedness. Mayor Anders is engaged and active with State, regional, and local officials, and oversees the daily activities of staff at City Hall and Public Works.

The City expenditures for 2016, were \$2.4 million. A normal year is between \$0.8 and \$1.4 million. The large increase was due to grant moneys for water and street infrastructure projects. The major budget increase also translates into additional administrative work and grant management work. Grant money is not free. It comes with many strings and administrative requirements.

For 2016 annual sales tax revenues are up over \$10,000 and hotel/motel tax revenues are up over \$700. Property tax did not change for 2016, but with the new annexations and construction, the City anticipates about a \$9,000 increase in 2017 property tax revenues. Even with a poor salmon season and a cancelled steelhead season, RV parking fees in Memorial Park were up \$200, and revenues from the RV dump station were at \$1460.99, almost double 2015 revenues.

PATEROS

PUBLIC WORKS

SAFETY FIRST

The City was awarded \$4,800 in safety grants from RMSA the City insurance carrier. The project funded playground repairs, a street plate to protect traffic from construction hazards, street cones and barricades, and a fire

proof cabinet for storage of flammables.

Public Works continues to review and update its 2016 Safety Plan to be in compliance with Labor and Industry standards. Public Works holds regular safety meetings and staff trainings to help keep employees safe.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Seth Lopez is finishing up his

first year on the Public Works team.

Seth is the City

water manager in training, and oversees the Street Department. Seth grew up in Pateros and brings heavy construction experience to the Public Works team.

Manganese and hard water issues continue to plague the system and homeowners. Seth was kept extremely busy throughout the summer maintaining meters and supply lines.

Sixteen major repairs from the mainline to the meter were completed for residents and six new water connections were added. The City extended about 250 feet of water main and added



an additional fire hydrant on Riverside Access (Craig Street).

THE NEW WATER SYSTEM

In May of 2016 the City secured all funding for the New Water System. The project is anticipated to cost \$7.43 million. Of the secured funding, \$5.71 million is grant, and \$1.72 million is available as 40-year loan from USDA Rural Development. The City has expended over \$200,000 in environmental and cultural reviews, and technical studies, and land/easement acquisition costs. A monitoring well was drilled in May, and water and soil testing is almost completed.

The City has purchased two acres from the Cemetery District for the placement of the new reservoir. The Fire District #15 gave the City a sliver of property adjacent to the recycle center for the use of new City Wells. A small property on Pearl Street is being purchased as a potential well site. The City plans to drill three wells in at least two locations. Multiple locations will give the City backup in the case of one becoming contaminated. The City is also working on securing easements for future infrastructure.

The project is on track to go into design phase this winter and begin construction in 2017 for both the reservoirs and the wells. It is estimated that project completion would be in 2018.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Mike has worked for the City for over 15 years, but this year marks Mike's



second year as Treatment Plant Operator. Processing city wastewater into clean effluent is a challenging job, and 2016 was an exceptionally challenging year for Mike. As challenging as it was, this is the second year that Mike was awarded the "Outstanding Performance Award 2015" by Washington State Department of Ecology.

As the treatment plant ages maintenance and repair cost and time goes up. The crew has put to good use the jetter this year responding to issues throughout the collection system. Several projects included investigating and breaking into sewer mainlines and removing blockages. Tree roots were the most common culprit.

STREET DEPT.

Street maintenance is expensive and does not have a revenue stream to subsidize the expense. The City added almost a mile of street this year to its road maintenance schedule, including 400' of Beach Street in front of the School, most of Industrial Way, and Pederson Road. The 2016 street budget was \$98,500 which included wages, street patching, striping, and signage. The street patching was largest street project with a budget of \$23,372.00. Most of the patching was needed due to the numerous water and sewer projects throughout the City. The City did change a segment of Beach Street to one-way which required new striping and signage.

Beach Street, between North Street and Chris Street was changed from a two-way to a one-way. The improvements were to increase pedestrian safety and



parking stalls for community events. Parking was doubled along Beach Street and reconfigured in front of the school to diagonal parking. In all over 25 parking spaces were gained for school parking.

Sidewalks fall within the street department, and the City completed the Safe Route to School Project, funded by the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB). The \$348,300 project included sidewalks along Warren, Chris, and Beach Street from Lakeshore Drive to the school. The City's portion of the project was \$12,375. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held, and in attendance was The Director of TIB, Steve Gorcester, TIB Engineer, Gloria Bennet, Mayor Anders, three previous Mayors that had worked on the sidewalk project, George Brady, Libby Harrison, and Gail Howe. Crushed concrete from debris following the Carlton Complex Fires of 2014 was used as sub-base for the sidewalks, and three tribute plaques were placed in the sidewalks at the cross streets.

Following the numerous equipment breakdowns of the winter of 2015-2016, the City dipped into its Equipment Reserve Account and made several equipment purchases:

- A used backhoe - used in all Public Works departments
- A used dump truck with plow and sander to help remove snow
- A new plow for one-ton, used for plowing hills and intersections.
- Installed the old plow on small dump truck for a backup.

Seth Lopez received his CDL certification this year and, along with Mike Lambert, can now drive the new dump truck and the old State plow.

The new sidewalks and changes to Beach Street will change the snow plow routes. Pedestrian access and snow removal on sidewalks, trails, and the Mall remain a priority. The City has adopted a Snow Response Plan and a Snow Removal Policy which will be implemented in 2017. The Snow Response Plan should be posted on the City website early in 2017.

PARKS DEPARTMENT

City parks are a critical component of the City's economic engine. The City continues to take a comprehensive approach to advancing parks and the recreation experience. SEE the 2016 PARKS REPORT.



- Ives Landing Park is in design stage, with construction to begin in the spring.
- Construction on the Methow Memorial has started. Gebbers Farms donated equipment and operators to install the large rocks and logs. Final construction of the interpretive exhibit is to be completed in the spring.
- The tennis courts were re-surfaced in late fall and striping for a pickleball court was added to the south court.
- Landscaping and irrigation remodel completed at Peninsula Park
- Replacement of fall protection and safety repairs

completed at playground in Memorial Park.

Shane Kelly passed his pesticide test and can now spray herbicides.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Anders and Council Member Brady continue to take a leadership role in local economic development. Mayor Anders is Vice President of the Economic Development District, a regional organization, and Council Member Brady is Vice President of the Economic Alliance, a County organization.

An economic committee was formed to review the sale and/or development of the last remaining City owned lots in the downtown core. Numerous ideas and proposals have been considered and the City is putting together a Prospectus for the properties to inform investors of the desires and opportunities of the remaining property.

City Council approved the 2016 Redevelopment Plan for downtown Pateros. This was an update to the 2007 Downtown Business Plan. The City Council, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, schools, and interested citizens all participated in the process to update this plan. Discussions with each of these groups identified issues of interest with investigations and research following to assess opportunities

and constraints as well as partnership potential and opportunities identified.

Soon to be completed is the Feasibility Study for the development of the Starr Road City Property (formally the City Landfill). This is a project funded by the Community Economic Recovery Board. The study will identify needed infrastructure to support development, local economic need for development, funding sources for development, and cost estimates for development.

The City applied for .09 ranking, which ranked the Starr Road Business Development Project against other economic projects within Okanogan County. The project ranked #2 in the County rankings, after a trails project in Winthrop.

This study will also layout a roadmap to formally close the old City landfill which is eligible for closure after 25 years of non-use.

Mayor Anders' participated in the North Central WA IRIS (Initiative for Rural Innovation and Stewardship) "Community Success Summit". Community success stories were presented and participants shared ways to implement the ideas in their own communities.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Rebuilding after the devastating fire of 2014 continues in Pateros. Several projects from 2015 were completed in 2016. Twelve building permits were purchased in 2016. Five were for houses and seven were for remodel projects.

Re-development has started in the Honeydew trailer court, between Dawson and Kelly Streets, that was destroyed in the 2014 fire. Council accepted right-of-way for street dedication and

moved to name the new street Brownlee Place.

The building inspector's office was moved out of Council Chambers into the records room in the Museum.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Mayor and City staff continue to train in emergency management and disaster preparedness. Public Works reviews preparedness on an annual basis and met with regional Public Works Departments to identify potential resources in the event of an emergency. The Mayor and staff are engaged with Okanogan County Emergency Management and attend the hazard briefings, during flood and fire seasons.

The City had its kickoff meeting for the \$153,000 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant, and has submitted its first reimbursement request. The grant covers most of the costs for backup generators for the new wells. After the 2014 fire, Council chose to seek FEMA grant funding for backup generation. Council also chose to wait for installation on the new well pump station, as opposed to installing on wells that would be shortly abandoned. The generators will be sized and designed for the new system.

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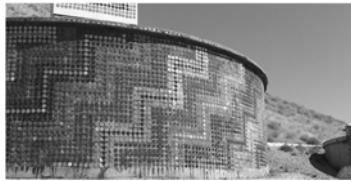
Two years after the July 17, 2014 Carlton Complex Fire the City received FEMA reimbursements that cover all expenses paid out.

Three projects remain in FEMA limbo and are still to be closed out, but reimbursements to-date exceed all expenses paid out, not including staff time and equipment usage.

MUSEUM

Over 125 individuals and groups signed the museum guestbook in 2016. The museum and visitor center receives way more visitors than those that sign in. The City increased protection and security of museum exhibits this year by installing monitoring cameras. The security camera installation was mostly funded by an RMSA safety grant. A protective plexiglass barrier was also installed to protect the Fort Okanogan exhibit.

The Museum Committee is seeking additional volunteer members and Pateros exhibits. Do you have pictures of Old Pateros you are willing to share? If interested, please contact Kerri or Cecilia at City Hall



ART ON THE RESERVOIRS

In July, re-installation of the Reflections on the Columbia by Richard C. Elliot was completed by Allison and Ross Fine Arts Services. The original installation was completed in 1992. Jane Orleman was present for the re-dedication of the reflector mural and presented the City with a copy of Richard C. Elliott primal Op by Sheila Farr and the original concept models of the art installation. The book and models can be found in the City Museum. Sarah Takahashi presented a mounted image of the original reflectors engulfed in the flames of the Carlton Complex Fire. The picture can also be found in the museum.

In October, Mayor Anders and City Administrator Jord Wilson accepted the 2016 Infrastructure

Assistance Coordinating Councils 8th Annual Outstanding Achievement in Infrastructure Award for Community Impact.

Are you interested in art in our community? Contact Jord or Mayor Carlene for more information about how to get involved.

PLANNING PROJECTS

In June, the City was awarded a \$24,000 CDBG Planning Only Grant. The grant funds will be used to separate the Pateros Trailer Court into individual lots, and develop a neighborhood plan for the north end of town. The plan will investigate opportunities and challenges regarding existing and future needs of infrastructure, water, sewer, and streets, pedestrian and emergency access, and security.

CITY HALL

A big Thank-You for Ryan Greene's service as City Council Member Position #4. Ryan was appointed February 2013; elected in 2014; and will serve until the end of 2016. Ryan's experience in business and construction has been extremely valuable deliberating the issues placed before council. Ryan was an active member of the Finance Committee and made the numerous workshop meetings required to review the annual budget.

City Hall is the activity center hosting meetings, council, committees, guests, community, and work stations. Improvements were made to the break room to help City Hall be a gracious host.

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