



Dear Citizens,

I hope the New Year is treating everyone well and people are either enjoying the winter or enduring it.

January has been a busy month for the city. The staff put in many hours planning, preparing, and working the Snow Plane Rally which was a huge success. We had a record number of people attending the event. Thanks to everyone, staff, council, participants, and volunteers who contributed to that success. Thanks to the Robson's for seeing that the planes were here and ready to go.

At our January council meeting we welcomed and swore in our new council member, Blaine Ball, who is eager to be involved and will be a great addition to the board. We also swore in the returning members who were re-elected in November, which included myself as mayor, Aaron Hansen and Brent Schindler as council members. The council also voted to re-elect Tom Abbott as the Chair of the City Council. Tom has served the city well for many years. He has given many hours to the city and its development and growth.

We have added a new staff member through a state sponsored apprentice program to train public works directors throughout the state. Braiden Klingler is our new public works apprentice. Through the three-year program Braiden will obtain all of his water and sewer licenses and with Mitch's instruction will learn all the other skills necessary to become our public works director.

Our library committee is working to complete the preparations necessary to open the library as quickly as possible. We are looking for volunteers to operate the library once it is open. This would be a great opportunity to get to know the library and meet your neighbors. If you are interested please call the city office and sign up.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in keeping the streets clear so the snow plow can get through. The streets are in excellent condition for the amount of snow we have had. We are also happy to report we have had no problems with frozen pipes! This is a first for many years.

If you do have problems with the streets or the city services be sure to call the city office or a city official and we will do our best to solve the problem. Thanks again for your cooperation and have a great February.

Respectfully,

Gloria Hoopes