

Orofino City Council  
Work Session  
February 5, 2019  
Mayor Ryan Smathers  
6:00 p.m.

Council Members: Jennifer Dunaway, Mark Swayne, Shannon Schrader, Josh Tilley and Sean Simmons

Absent: Don Gardner

Staff: Administrator-Rick E. Laam, Clerk-Janet R. Montambo, Treasurer-Donna Wilson, Building Official-Todd Perry and Water/Wastewater Supervisor-Michael Martin

Guest: Ken Harvey

Media: Elizabeth Morgan

Discussion on Recreational Levy Limitations and Prioritization of Proposed Projects/Plans

Administrator Laam opened up discussion with an introduction regarding how cities receive funding for Recreation in Idaho. Almost all budget funds are capped. The State statute configures .0006 of the market values. We have a budget of \$175,000 for recreation and \$50,000 of that is a grant for a future Skatepark. For all of Recreation, we have less than one employee performing all recreational activities. The Recreational Fund is only supporting .07 or 70% of one employee. In reality, we have four different employees as part of that 70% of one employee performing recreational duties throughout the year. The recreation fund is being heavily subsidized by other funds, primarily the Street Department. Currently all the improvements being made in the Arena and Park are coming from the Street Fund under the replacement of sidewalks.

Building Official Perry provided a brief update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the projects that have been done to date. Perry commented the park is always evolving and the Bathrooms will be painted by this spring. New stairs were replaced on the dike and new stairs were poured by the barn. A new handrail will be built and installed next to the stairs. An added pad along the dike was poured to place the benches on the side of the dike. Now in the event if Avista needed to change out lightbulbs on the power poles they can without having the benches moved. Public Works is replacing a water line that breaks every year during Lumberjack Days. OCI will pay for the material and public works will do the work.

Perry reported there is more projects that can be done but with limited money it will take time. Councilmembers voiced their appreciation of the updates. It was recommended for Perry to prioritize projects with an estimate of costs and submit to the Council for review. Another suggestion is to submit some of these projects to other Civic Groups, Orofino High School or to the Boy Scouts and see if they would be interested in some of these projects that may partner or take on the project themselves. Perry will work on prioritizing the projects.