

MAYOR'S CORNER

On January 9, at the first regular council meeting of 1997, Lori Paxton was "Sworn-in" as the newly elected City Recorder. Three re-elected council members and the mayor were also officially "Sworn-in".

Chuck Johnson, Atkins Engineering, presented the town with maps and information for replacement of the town water system. The materials are for the town review and comment. Final plans will be available in a few weeks. Alan Buchta informed the council that our grant request for water distribution system replacement had been prioritized number 1 for Jackson County by the Northwest Regional Strategies Board. The grant request was for \$400,000. The estimated total cost was \$600,000. The town would need to apply for a "Block grant" for the remainder, if we are to replace the entire system at one time. The town of Butte Falls, with its population of 63.3 % low to moderate income, is eligible for this type of grant.

For those of you who think that it is long overdue to pave Oak street between South and Broad Streets, we are applying for a \$25,000 grant to assist with this project. The grant money, with town street dollars would be needed to pave this section of street.

The Town of Butte Falls faired well compared to our neighboring communities with the flood damage of the "New Year's Day Storm". We have only minor erosion damage.

Our public works assistant, Gregg Lease resigned on January 3. Karen Davis will continue to work as the temporary assistant. The position vacated by Gregg will be advertised. Anyone interested may pick up an application at the city hall.

The planning commission has two vacancies. One slot is to be filled by a town resident, one may be filled by someone from the community at large. Applications are available at city hall.

Hugh Simpson was pleased to announce that the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department received a grant in the amount of \$1000 from Sprint.

Two residents have requested the town to cut or trim "Hazard Trees" on city property near their properties. The town will review these needs and investigate other potential hazards. If any residents are considering tree removal or trimming on their property, please let the city know. We may be able to hire someone to do the work and save dollars if we have all the work done at the same time.

The park electricity is finally restored. We all missed the Christmas lights on the tree in the park. We had to wait for Pacific Power to replace a pole and contract to have the electricity reconnected. The park restrooms have been winterized and will be closed until spring.

Sara Beck, Mayor

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