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## MAYOR'S CORNER

At the August 14 Council meeting, Joyce Brown was approved by the Council to fill the vacancy left by Alvin Thompson's resignation. Thanks for your interest in the community Joyce, and welcome to the Town Council!

Several persons interested in serving on the Butte Falls Water Commission were present at the August 14 Council meeting. A decision was made to make selections at the September meeting. If you are interested, please plan to attend the September 11 Council meeting.

Richard Harrington attended the August 14 meeting to answer questions about the proposed waterway project near the Falls. The project would remove a small rock barrier near the bank created eighty years ago to help protect the sawmill. Rocks had been placed in the creek to protect the sawmill. This was not removed when the sawmill was dismantled in 1922. Removal of the growth of willows, brush and rock fill, is designed to enhance the migration of Coho salmon. Community concerns were voiced on the impact to local swimmers, the introduction of disease to native fish upstream, the construction of a fish ladder by Eagle Point Irrigation District and the economic impact to the community if the stream were to be closed to local fishing following increased salmon migration. A letter has been sent to the Oregon Department of Lands expressing the local concerns and requesting a variance from any stream closures.

The Town Council approved an application for a Department of Environmental Quality grant application for the study of solid waste disposal in the Upper Rogue Watershed. This grant would research and propose alternatives for the area. The grant dollars would come to Butte Falls as an incorporated city. Communities benefitting would be Prospect, Trail, Union Creek and Butte Falls. Grant Administration salary dollars would be provided to the Town of Butte Falls.

The resignation of Karen Davis was accepted by the Council. We appreciate all her hard work and dedication to the beauty of our community. Good luck in your new job! The Council discussed the alternatives for filling the need for a public works assistant. This included discussion of contracting some work such as park and cemetery maintenance. At this time, the Council approved posting and filling an emergency temporary public works position.

A draft of a water system rules and regulations ordinance was given to the Council for review and suggested edits. A final should be approved for posting by the September Council meeting.

The water hydrant at Pine and Broad Streets is scheduled for replacement in August.

"Fall is in the air" and with it a change in the weather. "Fire Season" is still in effect at this time, and with it the restrictions for burning. Contact City Hall if you have questions.

*Sara Beck, Mayor*



It is easy to see that Bennie Moore takes pride in his house and in his community. The improvements we see around town, like this house, create a very nice impression of our community to our visitors.