

## Mayor's Corner June 2018

**Major Accomplishments:** Draft Budget for 2018-19 is completed and budget committee sessions scheduled; certifications completed for police officer, first responder medical technician, and water operator assistant; approved the Butte Falls Addendum to the Jackson County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**Butte Falls Welcomes.** New residents-- Lawerance & Janelle Meeds, Denise Madden, Michael & Amy Moon, Richard Macy, Steve Read, John Terrell & Heather Simas; new business owners--Scott and Chery Stritenberg of Fir Avenue Rentals; Nick & Merrissa Rodgers & BJ Rodgers of the Historic Butte Falls Tavern.

**Police.** Police Officer Josh Solenberger graduated on May 11<sup>th</sup> from the Police Academy in Salem. Recorder Lori Paxton and I attended the ceremony. We came away with an understanding of police work not as a career, but as a real calling to public service. Josh has 16 weeks of internship divided between the Phoenix and Port Orford Police Departments. He should be reporting to work in Butte Falls in late August.

**Emergency Medical Services.** Shane Smith has completed all requirements and is up and running as our First Responder Emergency Medical Technician and Chief Medical officer. If you call 911, Shane will be at your side until Mercy Flights arrives. We have listed the ambulance for auction and are hoping to acquire a rescue vehicle to double for brush fires and medical assistance.

**Weyerhaeuser.** Active logging along the west Butte Falls Road should be finished by mid-June. The company is taking only the overstory and leaving the medium and small sized trees.

The governor's office Regional Solutions Coordinator Alex Campbell and I will be travelling to Salem on June 12 to discuss the sale of Weyerhaeuser land to the town of Butte Falls. We want to purchase the falls area prior to cutting and the northern parcel after logging is completed.

**Hazard Mitigation Grant.** Our grant writer Janice Schultz and I attended a FEMA training session on the development of FEMA Hazard Mitigation grants. We are hoping to acquire, through a FEMA grant, backup generators and other materials needed to keep the water and sewer plants operational in an emergency.

**Code Enforcement.** Councilors did a sidewalk review of residences in town and agreed on the 5 that most needed clean-up. I sent out letters asking residents and owners to meet with me to discuss the work needed and time-frame for completion. Only two households did not respond and will be issued citations.

**Councilors and Budget Committee Members Needed.** We have two vacancies on the Council and two vacancies on the Budget Committee. Please consider serving your community. We need your insight.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Spencer, Mayor  
The Town of Butte Falls