



# CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

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- **November 9, 2016– City Council Highlights Attendance:** Mayor David Blain, Councilmembers John Brasier, Craig Sturman, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst and 0 citizens were present.
- Mayor Blain called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 22 members, 2 new members, 70 hours training, 20 hours PR/meetings, 2 calls to Ammon, 1 call to Ucon, 30 hours maintenance. He stated that they were unsuccessful on the SCBA grant but are looking into SCBA's from another department that just updated their SCBA's. The Halloween Trunk-Or-Treat events went very well. He presented information on two new pumps available from Idaho Department of Lands. Both pumps are 1,000 gallon per minute with 100 foot head height and 24 volt starters. They could use one for the 5-ton truck and one for the HEMTT. The pumps are valued at \$9,800 each and are available at no cost to the city. The request was approved.
- **POLICE REPORT** — Chief Jim Walker reported 305 patrol hours, 4 call outs, 1 arrest/warrant, 38 traffic stops, 15 citations, 1 non-traffic citation, 9 complaints responded to, 3 special events (school Halloween carnival, Trunk-Or-Treat events and Halloween), 1 special patrol, 16 hours other/maintenance. He swept Yellowstone to get leaves out of the gutters and graded the city building parking lot and the parking area at the Ucon pit. He stated that the Idaho Office of Emergency Management has everything for the grant and the city will now provide forms and rebar for the 4" concrete pad. The plan is to get a second generator to power the fire station, but we will still have to dig the trench to the fire station in order to install conduit for cameras. He should hear status of the grant this week or next. He traveled to Hill Air Force Base to look at generators due to the concern that the current generator may not work for the project. He is looking for a different generator that is designed for powering buildings. A fuel source would also need to be provided for the generators. We would also have to go down and get them. There are two Onan generators with Cat motors one is 80K & one is 100K and they will hold them until council authorizes acquisition of the generators. Mayor likes the idea of two separate power sources. The council approved the acquisition of the generators. He stated that ITD will put up the radar speed sign per their specifications. He stated that we have a radio that can be put in the office; we will just need to purchase an inverter for \$69-150. Teton Communications has one for \$125. The purchase of the inverter was approved. He stated that the HEMTT is at Idaho Steel. The baffle is being reinforced. They now need a lid. Chief Scott Norman said they can have their lid

and retrofit a lid for the fire department HEMTT. Chief Walker said Officer Fullmer's needs a controller for just the lights and siren because the current one is failing. The road grader, backhoe, Crown Victoria and Ford Taurus also need lights. He estimates the lights to be approximately \$450. The Ford F150 is now due for the 100,000 mile service. He asked the council to decide if they want to service the F150. He will get prices and present at next council meeting. He and Officer Fullmer will be attending a mandatory class on how to apply for and maintain grant records. The council approved the training, lights and excessing the old slick-top Crown Victoria. The yield sign on 41 East and 109 will be changed to a stop sign and a yield sign will be placed on 3950 East and 107 North

- **P&Z REPORT** – Tyler Baum stated that there may be at least two vacancies soon on the commission. Jon Holst would like to see an ordinance on new structures to help beautify the city.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan stated that the big windstorm last Sunday knocked down two trees in Simmons Park. One of the trees hit a home on the north side of the park. He cut down the tree and temporarily repaired the fence. He will haul off the branches. He is awaiting estimates for installation of the new VFD. Sewer cleaning is going well. He found a sandbag in the pipe when he was cleaning the sewers on 25<sup>th</sup> East. He requested a gas detector. He is getting ready to haul sand and work on plows. He has been very busy with the water line project on 113 North. They hope to finish installing the line and flush and test it on Monday or Tuesday. Chief Norman would like to have a hydrant installed on the east side of Moonbeam if it is ever developed so they don't have to cross Moonbeam with a fire hose. Daniel stated that American Pump is working on the 15 HP motor at Well #1. They will repair it under warranty but we may have some costs (around \$500) for machining, etc.
- **IDAHO FALLS SEWER AGREEMENT** – John Brasier told the council that he and Mayor Blain met with the City of Idaho Falls and our attorney regarding the agreement which November 30<sup>th</sup>. He said they are happy with the agreement. The council approved the agreement and

## City Meeting Schedule

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.
- **Planning & Zoning:** Last Thurs, 7:00 PM.
- **Landscape & Recreation:** 1st Thurs, 5:30 PM.

authorized Mayor Blain to sign the final agreement. John Brasier said Idaho Falls will notify us in August of any rate increases. The council discussed injecting OxyPro at Snake River Potato to reduce the odor and accumulation of sludge in the ponds.

- **BUDGET STATUS** – Mayor Blain reported that 8% and one month of the budget year has passed and all funds are on track for this time of year.

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## Please Help Protect Our Sewer System

Large quantities of “flushable” wipes and hair are causing increased issues with our sewer system. Help us avoid rate increases and sewer backups—*Don't flush anything but toilet paper down your toilets.*

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### Don't Ruin Your Holiday! Fight F.O.G (Fats.Oils.Grease)

Keep **F**ats, **O**ils & **G**rease out of your drain!  
F.O.G. Clogs Pipes-Follow these simple steps to help prevent sewer backups:

1. Pour cold fats, oils & grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. Never pour fats, oil or grease down sink drains or toilets.
2. Soak up spilled oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels or kitty litter and throw into your garbage.
3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils & grease into your garbage.
4. Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

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### Are you ready for winter driving???

- Increase following distance
- Have an emergency kit in vehicle
- Headlights on to increase visibility
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination
- Clean off windshield & side windows
- ALWAYS wear your seat belt

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### Fire Department Safety Message

Please remember to have your chimneys cleaned & inspected this winter. Turn off your Christmas tree lights off when no one is home and before you go to bed. Be sure to water live trees. Be careful on the snowy roads and have a safe and Happy Holiday season :-)

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### THANKSGIVING DAY 1789 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be – That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation – for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war – for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed – for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions – to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually – to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed – to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord – To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us – and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington.