



# CITY OF UCON

## MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

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### City Council Highlights—February 8, 2017

- **Attendance:** Mayor David Blain, Councilmembers Nadine Ball, Craig Sturman, John Brasier, John Holst, one citizen, and Cub Scouts and leaders of Pack 20 from Milo were present.
- Mayor Blain called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Talon Kearsley of Cub Scouts Pack 20. The opening prayer was led by Ed Ager of Pack 20.
- **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Walker reported 320 patrol hours, 2 investigation/court, 2 training, 1 arrest/warrant, 17 traffic stops, 5 traffic citations, 7 complaints responded to, 1 special patrol, 2 county assists, 2 traffic accidents and 9 hours other. Two generators were acquired from Hill Air Force Base in Utah. One of them is brand new. The seven required audits on federal surplus property have been completed. He presented a map of the eclipse path and informed the council that an estimated 500,000 visitors will impact this area. Most hotels between Pocatello and West Yellowstone are already booked for that date because Ucon is in the maximum viewing area for the eclipse. He urged the council to consider ways to prepare for the increase in visitors to the area.
- **FIRE REPORT**–Chief Scott Norman reported 20 members with 16 attending regular training; one new person; 4 on work leave; 91 hours of training, 41 hours of PR/meetings; 12 hours on fire calls: 2 to Ammon (one canceled in route); 1 flooding call in Ucon; 195 total hours. All property has been returned by Dustin Dance. They are gearing up for the Easter Egg Hunt. Chief Norman requested and received approval for \$275 for the purchase of a new seat belt for Engine 1. He is still researching the commercial fire inspection ordinances of surrounding cities. He will present them at the next meeting.
- **P&Z REPORT** – Craig Sturman reported that a very brief meeting was held in January as there was nothing on their agenda.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball stated that she is preparing for Arbor Day.
- The council answered questions from the Cub Scouts so they could earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badges.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that we've had a few more water freeze-ups. Snow removal is going well despite a few issues with the plow trucks. We now have 250 sand bags in case we need them. The sewer pump at Hitt Road quit because of a broken impeller but it is repaired and running now. American Pump estimated \$10,000 to repair the pump. He urged the council to consider purchasing at least one new

pump in the near future. He will get prices for pumps and check to make sure the pumps are interchangeable. The council approved the purchase of up to three sewer pumps. Daniel stated that he has been working on the fuel HEMTT so it can be used for its intended purpose of dispensing fuel. He estimates the cost at \$2,000 to complete the project. Jon Holst stated that he is concerned about the escalating costs. The council approved up to \$2,000 to finish the HEMTT project.

- **BUDGET STATUS** – **BUDGET STATUS** – Mayor Blain stated that 33% of the year has elapsed and that budgets are on track for this time of year.
- The council holiday dinner was scheduled for Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 P.M.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH IDAHO CODE 74-206(1) (b))** – The council conducted an executive session to discuss personnel matters. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:47 P.M.
- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:48 P.M.**

### 26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

#### Committee Members & Donations needed!

If you have some spare time and would like to help, please give us a call. Help make this year a huge success for all the kids. This event is funded entirely by donations. If you would like to donate, please send it in with your water/sewer bill and mark it "Easter Donation"



### City Meeting Schedule

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

