



CITY OF UCON

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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• City Council Highlights—April 12, 2017

• **ATTENDANCE:** John Brasier, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst, five citizens, and several Boy Scouts from Troop 100 were present. Mayor Blain was excused. John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Royal Thomson of Boy Scout Troop 100 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Holst gave the opening prayer.

• **PUBLIC HEARING – ECLIPSE PLANNING & POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF ORDINANCES AROUND AUGUST 21st.** Chief Walker stated that he has attended several meetings regarding eclipse planning and that the Idaho Office of Emergency Management is planning extra manpower for a seven-day period (five days prior to and two days after the eclipse). John Brasier stated that there will be additional articles on home security in the city newsletter leading up to the eclipse. Roselle Baum asked if the city is going to be planning events to draw people to Ucon. The council said no special events are being planned at this time. Councilman John Brasier stated that the traffic will be similar to the fireworks and other large events in the area. John Brasier would like to see the parks only be for day use, closed at 11 PM and no camping allowed. Chief Walker urged the council to consider allowing camping at Ucon pit and charging a fee. In this case, they would have to leave their names and a copy of their driver's licenses and we'd be able to contact them if there were issues after they left. The council members and citizens are concerned with parking. DeRoy Taylor suggested supplying information on RV dumping stations. Councilman Nadine Ball stated that the city's Facebook page would be used to communicate with the public. Chief Walker stated that Ucon is behind the curve as far as planning and urged the council to capitalize on the event. He stated that there is no way to control the number of people and RV's coming into the area. All that can be done is to mitigate the effects the increase in visitors will have on our city. Chief Walker stated that the noise and other ordinances would still be enforced. Chief Walker stated that they are anticipating the roads to be impassable for two to three hours before and a couple hours after the eclipse. He suggested preparing for the eclipse like you would for a severe winter storm: stay at home, fuel up vehicles, have a few gas cans on hand, have a few days' supply of food and water. The public hearing was closed at 8:20 PM. John Brasier encouraged those in attendance to share what they learned with their neighbors and friends.

• The council decided to suspend sections 4.2.1 and 5.2.1 (which allow only one dwelling per lot) of Ordinance 128 for two weeks from August 14th through 28th.

• **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 18 members with 14 attending regular training; 122 hours of training; 6 hours on fire calls (one to Ammon was canceled and one in Ucon for an overturned loader on Moonbeam Drive); 90 hours maintenance; 15 people completed CPR

training; they will be getting three used radios from the forest service to communicate on wildland fires and will be submitting a grant for more radios; MES will be donating eight SCBA packs. Each unit new costs \$3-\$5,000. They are preparing for the Easter Egg hunt. He informed the council that they plan to allow the kids to take the eggs home after the egg hunt this year. Some of the eggs are several years old and they've found it's just too time consuming to remove the tape and stuff the eggs. They can get 12,000 eggs for about \$500. They have lots of prizes this year. Scott Norman requested and received approval to spend \$1,000 from the wildland account to complete the plumbing on the HEMTT.

• **ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE** – Chief Walker stated that the city can adopt the code in its entirety or just certain sections that would pertain to Ucon. Scott Norman stated that Ammon's ordinance is probably the closest to what Ucon would need. The clerk was instructed to send Ammon's ordinance adopting the International Fire Code to the City Council for their review.

• **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Walker reported 320 hours of patrol; 18 hours investigation/court; 14 Highway Safety Grant overtime hours, 1 call out; 4 hours of training; 1 arrest/warrant, 26 traffic stops; 11 traffic citations issued; 5 complaints responded to; 1 special patrol; 1 county assist; 1 traffic accident. Ucon Elementary bike ride will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd. He will attend a meeting with Bonneville County on the communications plan on April 27th at 1:30 PM. Councilman Craig Sturman stated that he would like to purchase some radios to use for volunteers when they are out on city events. He can get five radios with hands free speakers, extra HD batteries, chargers, base unit, coax, and outdoor antenna for under \$600. The radios are very versatile and can be used with other VHF radios and can also be narrow banded. These radios would help the city communicate with people and businesses during the eclipse, etc. A motion was made by Nadine Ball and seconded by Craig Sturman to approve \$600 to buy radio system. All in favor; none opposed. Motion carried. John Brasier instructed the clerk to take the funds for the radio out of the sewer budget. Chief Walker urged the council to consider purchasing another car since we currently have no spare police vehicles. He stated that ISP has a 2011 Dodge Charger for \$3,500. He asked for permission to put the Ford rescue truck back into service for the eclipse. A motion was made by Craig Sturman and seconded by John Brasier to put the Ford rescue truck back into service for the eclipse. All in favor; none opposed.

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM

• **Planning & Zoning:** Last Thurs, 7:00 PM

• **Landscape & Recreation:** 1st Thurs, 5:30 PM

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Motion carried. Chief Walker urged the council to decide what to do with the police cars. John Brasier stated that the council needs to seriously consider getting a new car or a better used car. Chief Walker stated that Preston PD has a fully equipped 2014 Ford Taurus with 50,000 miles for \$12,000. Craig Sturman thinks the city should purchase a brand new vehicle. John Brasier urged the council to consider purchasing a new vehicle out of this year's budget.

- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball reported that Arbor Day and City Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 22nd. Tree replacements at Simmons Park were discussed. The city received the \$300 grant from the Arbor Day Foundation. She has Girl Scout troops lined up to help. Gerry Bates will award the Tree City USA award at 10:00 AM.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that the water line on 113 North is finished. He found and repaired a water leak. Everyone is hooked up to new water line. He requested and received approval to purchase five 2 inch water meters for John Bagley's new buildings on Moonbeam. Daniel stated that the three sewer pumps for Hitt Road have been ordered and will be here soon. The crane on the service truck went out. He stated that the motor is obsolete and he's not been able to find one. The gear box and motor could be rebuilt for \$950 and a new crane is \$2,500. Craig Sturman state that he found a motor in Glenwood Springs, CO for \$305. The council authorized the purchase of the motor. Daniel stated that he will be turning on the sprinkler systems next week. He plans to have the park helper start soon. He requested and received approval for \$700 for replacement of the rear shocks on the Dodge Charger. Mission Control Security options for well houses, Councilman Craig Sturman stated that door alarms will be \$25 and Mission Control can walk Daniel through the installation process.
- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:22 P.M.**

Thank You



to everyone who donated and helped with the EASTER EGG HUNT this year?? This event is funded entirely by community and business donations. Special thanks to Scott & Deana Norman and Ucon Fire & Police Departments, and the many groups that helped. Thanks to all the sponsors and to all the kids who participated. To any parents, sponsors, or organizations that would like to help, give us a call, we can always use your help.

Ucon Easter Committee

Mayors Straight Talk

We have been planning for the eclipse this August 21. Idaho Falls has moved all of their activities to that weekend and Rexburg canceled the Dance Festival to focus on the Eclipse. We have chosen to keep Founders' Day on the 2nd Saturday in August and we are not planning any additional activities. "The Idaho Department of Commerce says there isn't a definite way to predict the number of people we can expect,

but based off of past eclipses they say we can see an influx of anywhere from 30,000 to 300,000 coming to Idaho." Of course no one really knows who many there will be and there is a lot of hype about it. If you're on the center line of the eclipse, about half way between Rigby and Rexburg it lasts about 2 min 20 seconds, here it will be less, and Idaho falls even less. With all the unknown and your input, the City Council has decided to allow RV's on your lots for two weeks from August 14th through 28th to allow for you to have friends and family to come and witness the event. All parking and noise ordinances will be in effect. We need to keep the road ways open for emergency vehicles so parking will need to be in your yard not on the street. I also feel the parks are for public use and should not be rented out. If you want to use them, use them that is what they are for. There will be no over night camping or parking allowed. Here are a few web sites for more information about the eclipse;
<https://svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/12412>
<https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/idaho/>
<http://www.byui.edu/eclipse-2017>
<https://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/1024/Eclipse-2017>

We had another successful year celebrating Arbor Day and the City Clean up Day. I want to thank all of you who helped trim trees, clean up limbs and chip them. We could not do it without you.
 Mayor Blain

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
2ND QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2017			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 119,200	\$ 70,605	59%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 7,100	\$ 7,149	101%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 172,100	\$ 194,308	113%
ZONING & SUBDIVISION FEES	\$ 500	\$ 529	106%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,000	\$ 498	25%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 122,300	\$ 3,627	3%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0%
WATER FUND	\$ 265,250	\$ 89,192	34%
SEWER FUND	\$ 469,750	\$ 157,245	33%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 111,150	\$ 123,750	111%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 187,850	\$ 83,631	45%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 37,600	\$ 16,399	44%
ROADS	\$ 49,300	\$ 13,665	28%
PARKS	\$ 39,800	\$ 1,428	4%
WATER FUND	\$ 265,250	\$ 54,356	20%
SEWER FUND	\$ 469,750	\$ 133,580	28%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report			
Ronda Deason - City Clerk/Treasurer			
DATED this 25th day of April, 2017			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			