



CITY OF UCON

JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

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• City Council Highlights—May 10, 2017

- Mayor Blain, John Brasier, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst, and 0 citizens were present. Craig Sturman was excused. Mayor Blain called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jon Holst gave the opening prayer.
- **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 17 total members with 13 attending regular training. 133 hours training; no fire calls. There are 241 fire departments in Idaho (80% volunteer and 20% career). He received excellent training and information. There were no fire calls last month in Ucon or Ammon. The EITC fire school is coming up May 19-21. The bike ride with the elementary school will be on May 23rd. The Ucon Elementary field trip will be held Friday, May 26th at 9 AM. He urged the council to consider charging fees for commercial fire inspections. Ammon charges \$50 per 5,000 square feet. They received 12 full sets of SCBAs and RIT packs from MES Sales. Central Fire District traded in the equipment and helped MES Sales choose departments in need. MES Sales chose Ucon to receive the SCBAs. This equipment is valued at \$66,000. They received a \$1,500 grant from the Randy Carpenter Foundation. The funds will be used for fire school and carpet for the training room. The mutual aid agreements with Idaho Falls and BLM have been signed. He requested and received authorization to sign the agreement with the Forest Service.
- **INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE** – much discussion was held on the adoption of the code. Chief Norman stated that the State of Idaho adopted the 2015 code. Mayor Blain stated that it is up to the City to decide what they want in a fire code. He suggested using what the State has adopted as an example. He recommended studying the fire code and having a public hearing at the June meeting.
- **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Jim Walker reported 320 patrol hours; 11 hours investigations/court; 2 call outs; 1 arrest/warrant; 31 traffic stops; 14 traffic citations issued; 2 non-traffic citations issued; 6 complaints responded to; 1 traffic accident; 11 hours vehicle maintenance/roads, etc. He reported that the condition of the police vehicles has not changed. The cheapest way to get a new vehicle is on the state's contract. He found a Ford Explorer for \$25,000 through the State contract. The same vehicle outside of the state contract is \$36,000. Equipping the vehicle for law enforcement adds \$13,000. He found a 2015 Ford Explorer with 50,000 miles from Park City, Utah fully equipped with a full warranty for

\$12,000 less. He attended an eclipse meeting with over 300 in attendance. Again the emphasis was on preparation and communications. They're looking at a week-long impact due to other activities going on in conjunction with the eclipse. He suggested getting UHF and VHF radios ready to go if needed. He said they recommend that every city has an Emergency Operations Center with one person manning the radios. That person will then communicate with Bonneville County's EOC. Almost every major law enforcement agency will not have anyone to spare. There will be another meeting in June and by then we need to have a radio communications plan in place. The cost for two additional officers for five to seven days will be \$960. The rest of their salary will be come from a micro grant from state. Mayor Blain suggested getting permission from the school to set up an emergency first aid station, acquiring additional trauma bags, and getting CERT members to help patrol the city. He said our size is our advantage in this process. Chief Walker said he got \$5,000 in supplies from federal surplus. There has been an increase in ATV complaints and they have stepped up patrol. ATV's cannot be operated on city streets without a license. If you see something, call dispatch so incidents are logged into the system properly.

- **P&Z REPORT** – Jon Holst read the minutes included in the council packet.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball reported that the Arbor Day paperwork has been submitted. Mayor Blain stated that the Eagle Scout project has started at the city park shelter. Daniel Morgan suggests pulling the roof off and sheeting with 5/8" sheeting and covering with new metal with soffit and fascia. He estimates the cost at approximately \$2,500 and could be an eagle project. Mayor Blain stated that another Eagle Scout project is to move swing set, bench, trees, etc. at Simmons Park, but that projects must be presented to the council prior to approval.

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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- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – *Daniel Morgan* The three Flygt sewer pumps came in last week and he will coordinate the installation with the electricians. One of the pumps at Tower Road is leaking. He is ordering a new part to repair that pump and putting spare pump together. The generator is running and ready to use if we need it. He thinks we put smaller generator at the city building, install an auto-start and use the bigger one for the shop. He sees no need to trench power to shop. Daniel said that Idaho Falls police department wants the other generator with the broken wire to trade for the \$500/year shooting range fees. We have two police cars that are not running and need to be excessed. Authorization was given in December 2016 to excess the white 2006 Crown Vic with the blown motor, and the other is the black 1998 Crown Vic with the knock in the motor. The council voted to excess the black 1998 Crown Victoria.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:44 P.M.**

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, June 14th @ 7:30 PM

The Ucon City Council will hold a public hearing to gather public input concerning the adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code.

HELP WANTED

Ucon Fire department is looking for volunteers, For those interested in helping our community come to the Fire Station any Wednesday Evening at 7pm

DOGS—KENNEL LICENSES REQUIRED

Only two (2) dogs are allowed at a residence. A maximum of four (4) dogs may be kept (all must be spayed or neutered) provided the resident has a non-commercial kennel license. Please call 523-3971 for more information about the kennel license application process.

Founders' Day 2017—*this year's celebration will be held on August 12th. If you would like to help, please contact Jon Casey Holst at 351-8443 or jonholst2@gmail.com.*

HOUSE ADDRESSES

There have been several issues with emergency services being unable to locate specific addresses. Please help us keep you safe by making sure your address is displayed prominently on the front of your home.

Yard of the Month

Be ready for our annual Yard of the Month awards. We are always on the lookout for beautiful yards. This year, we will also be randomly catching people in the act of beautifying their property. We might reward you with a cold drink or ice cream treat if we see you out working. So be ready if you are out working in your yard.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS FOR KIDS

@ Simmons Park—led by Mrs. Nadine Ball

June 12th through June 16th

Beginner (Kindergarten—2nd Grade): 9-9:45 AM

Intermediate (3rd—6th Grade): 10-10:45 AM

Advanced (6th grade & i.e. kids w/experience) 11-11:45 AM

Adult Open Play—Wednesdays at 6:30 AM

Call 847-5706 to sign up.

Home Security Tips

While it's difficult to protect your home from professional thieves, most home burglaries are done by amateurs. These thieves are more easily thwarted if you employ some of these simple security precautions:

- Ask for credentials from any salesperson who requests entry to your home. Ask that their ID be pushed under the door. Many professional burglars use this cover to check out homes. If you're doubtful, check with the person's office before letting him or her in.
- Do not list your full name on your mailbox or your entry in the telephone book. Use only your initial and your last name.
- If someone comes to your door asking to use the phone to call a mechanic or the police, keep the door locked and make the call yourself.
- To help burglar-proof your home, install 1-inch throw deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- You can burglar-proof your glass patio doors by setting a pipe or metal bar in the middle bottom track of the door slide. The pipe should be the same length as the track.

Mayors Straight Talk

There is less than 100 days to prepare for the Eclipse. We can all prepare by asking ourselves What would I do if there was an emergency and I could not get to a hospital? We all should have a basic first aid kit in our homes and a good neighbor that would help. What if I can not get to a grocery store? I would encourage everyone to have a 72 hour kit. A 72 hour kit is food, water, and medicine to last your household for 3 days. What if the gas stations were not working? Just as we would for a major storm we should fill our cars/trucks before and safely store a small amount of fuel.

As you can see, these are the same things you would do to be prepared for a winter storm, earthquake, or other disaster. If the Eclipse brings tons of people to Idaho, it could have the same results—gas stations may not have enough fuel, grocery stores may have empty shelves and roads may be impassible due to all the traffic.

Let's get prepared.

Mayor Blain