



CITY OF UCON

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights

February 10, 2016

- John Brasier, Nadine Ball and Craig Sturman were present. Mayor Blain and Jon Holst were excused.
- Council President John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Walker said the opening prayer.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** — Daniel Morgan reported that Timberline rewiring has been started. The council approved the purchase of a snow plow blade in Lava Hot Springs for \$1,000; this includes mounting brackets and possibly the controls. The council approved the purchase. Daniel Morgan reported that he has found a 2010 590 Super M backhoe at Pioneer Equipment. The machine has auxiliary hydraulics, a thumb, hoe pack, quick-detach bucket. All necessary repairs will be made on the backhoe before sale. The backhoe has new front tires and the back tires are 75%. The price is \$47,500 with the trade-in of our backhoe. He suggested signing a letter of intent to take the backhoe off their website for 30 days. The agreement is non-binding and may be canceled. The council approved signing the letter of intent.
- **FIRE REPORT** — Scott Norman reported that they have submitted a grant for a shelter at Simmons Park. He requested authorization to send Dustin Dance to a "Train the Trainer" class in Burley. This class will enable Dustin to train the members in different areas. The class is \$65 plus meals. The council approved sending the class. Chief Norman stated that the windows on the Humvee were repaired at a cost of \$162 to the Association. He stated that a part for the steering gear box was purchased. Council approved.
- **POLICE REPORT** - Chief Jim Walker reported 348 patrol hours; 2 call outs; 2 arrests/warrants; 52 traffic stops; 1 traffic citations; 3 complaints responded to; 2 state police assists; 4 traffic accidents; 14 hours other. He stated that the replacement of the motor in the Dodge charger should be completed by the end of the week. He has consulted Homeland Security regarding the automatic door locks on the city building, security cameras, fence, and generator. The representative in Boise suggested submitting all of it under one request

instead of individually. He stated that he has been working on identification cards which will be used for identification and building access. He stated that he is still looking for a backhoe, street sweeper and dump truck on federal excess.

- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT**— Nadine Ball had no report but thanked Scott Norman for submitting the grant for the new shelter at Simmons Park.
- **TRASURER'S REPORT AND PRESENTATION OF BILLS** — Nadine Ball read the report. Council approved the report, bill payments and state pool transfers.
- **P&Z REPORT** — no one from Planning & Zoning was in attendance and the developer was not present. The decision on the re-platting of Galaxy Estates was postponed until the March 9th meeting when a full council is present and an applicant representative is present to answer questions.

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Special Council Meeting February 6, 2016

- John Brasier, Nadine Ball, Craig Sturman, Jon Holst and Mayor Blain were present.
- **Excessing Fire Truck** — The council discussed excessing the Fire truck. Bonneville County Donated the fire truck to our city to replace our oldest truck. Councilman Sturman found a City in need of a fire truck, Bancroft has a very old truck and is interested in acquiring the truck. The council voted to continue the good will and donate the truck to Bancroft Fire Department.

25th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Committee Members 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. If you would like to donate, 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.

Mayors Straight Talk

Wow...what a wild few weeks! I am sure you have been worried about your water supply, so have I. Then I looked at the sample results from past years and concluded it was isolated to the elementary school. I did not base it on just a hunch, but the water system design. The distribution system is constructed of plastic pipe which contains no lead. The wells are iron pipe, once again no lead. The aquifer beneath our feet also has no lead. No, before I could announce that the water was safe, we tested the wells and 10 houses around the City. Now I can say the water is safe and the test results prove it. We are not stopping there, but are testing an additional 20 homes. If Daniel Morgan contacts you for a sample please help. By participating you will help ensure the water is safe and you will know your fixtures also do not contain any lead. DEQ rules require the sample be taken from a water tap that is not filtered or softened. You can participate if you have water softener and a hard water drinking tap. The sample needs to come from the hard water tap. Daniel will provide all the materials needed for the sample. Then in about 2 weeks the results will be in and we will provide a copy of them.

Thank you for helping us.

Mayor Blain

