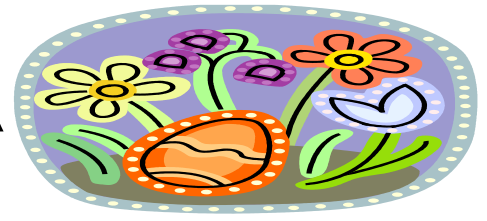




# CITY OF UCON

## APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

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### March 9, 2016 City Council Highlights

- **Attendance:** *City Council* – Mayor Blain, John Brasier, Nadine Bal, Craig Sturman, Jon Holst and two citizens were present.
- **Opening Prayer** – Nadine Ball.
- **SEARLE HART - FY2015 AUDIT** – Stacy Scott presented the audit report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. She said the city is doing very well financially and that there were no issues to report. The council accepted the audit report and authorized payment. Stacy stated that the fire department maintains a separate checking account for the association which mainly consists of funds from their breakfast each 4th of July. She stated that the city should oversee the account like any other checking account. She recommended either closing the account or setting the department up as a separate fund.
- **GALAXY ESTATES REPLAT** – Greg Anderson with JUB Engineers stated that John Bagley owns the lots east and west of Moonbeam and south of I13 North. He has applied to replat the existing ten lots to the west of Moonbeam into five larger commercial lots which he plans to sell to commercial/industrial users. Each lot will have one commercial building and will be serviced by city water and individual septic systems. Business types remain unknown at this time. Mr. Anderson stated that they want to get started this spring/summer. The council approved the replat request.
- **CIVES PHASE II TAX EXEMPTION** – Mayor Blain informed the council that Cives is getting ready to build phase two of their plant. Phase two will be \$4.8 million as compared to \$10 million for phase one. An additional 40 jobs will be created. John Brasier stated that he feels that Cives has been very good for the city, county and state. Mayor Blain feels that Cives has been very generous to the community. Craig Sturman stated that overall we receive \$6-8,000 per year in benefits from Cives in the form of donations of equipment, etc. such as the police patrol rifle, funds to the tennis courts, fire department ladder and tires for the police truck. Cives is applying for a property tax reduction with Bonneville County as is allowed per state law to encourage business to come to Idaho. Phase I received a 50% reduction for five years and then it will be taxed at the full rate. The council after lengthy discussion decided think about it more before making a recommendation to the county.
- **BUILDING INSPECTOR – BLAKE BOWMAN – CONTRACT** – Mayor Blain stated that John Meyer retired and Blake Bowman has agreed to be our building inspector. He presented the contract and stated that it is the same as the previous contract for John Meyer. A motion was made by Craig Sturman and seconded by Jon Holst to approve the contract. Motion carried.
- **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 20 total members attending regular training; they've had three interviews; one member moved up and they have two new probationary members. 205 hours training; 71 hours PR/meetings; 18 hours on actual fire calls (Ammon: two where the truck never left/two canceled enroute/two where they made it to the scene), no calls in Ucon; 71 hours maintenance for 365 total hours. They are working with Jefferson County Central Fire District on used SCBAs and an air compressor. They didn't get the grant for turnouts. Rescue 3 is put back together and ready to be excessed. He asked about per diem rates for training. Mayor Blain presented a Travel Reimbursement Policy which outlines per diem rates. The council approved the policy. The council approved sending 12 members to the Eastern Idaho Fire Chiefs' Academy on April 19th at EITC for a cost of \$900. The council approved having the pump on the Pierce engine tested and up to three valves repaired at the academy for just the cost of the parts (the labor is free). The valve repair kits are \$105 each. The council approved getting the hoses and fittings welded and ready on the wildland units for a cost of about \$600. The council approved the Ucon Fire Association to apply for non-profit status under 501c3. Nadine Ball stated that Ucon Elementary has scheduled the field trip to the city for Friday, May 20th at 10 AM.
- **POLICE REPORT** - - Chief Jim Walker reported 316 patrol hours; new aggressive driving grant opens March 12th, 1 call out; 1 arrest; 46 traffic stops; 16 traffic citations; 5 complaints (3 dog complaints) responded to; 1 vacation watch; 2 county assists (crashes); 10 other hours (sweeping streets). The dodge charger motor has been replaced and is running well. The engine failure was due to the oil cooler being plugged with metal. He has been working on the lighting/electrical problems. The front and back bumpers may need to be repainted. He is working on a proposal to Homeland Security for video security system for the city building, fencing for back of shop yard and backup power distribution system for city building and shop. There is \$140,000 available. He needs to submit environmental reports and then application can be decided upon. He is still searching for a sweeper on excess equipment.

### City Meeting Schedule

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



- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported rewiring of lift stations is ongoing. Hitt Road lift station problems due to VFD parameters have been resolved. The pump at Tower Road was repaired under warranty by American Pump and is working correctly. The lead/copper water tests all came back mostly non-detect. The lead that was detected on a few samples was well under the minimum level. He is working on the lead/copper site plan to be submitted to DEQ. We will have to do another 20 lead/copper samples in six months but after that we should be able to go back down to ten. The water meters have been received and as soon as weather gets better he will start replacing them. He will be attending and IDWARN class and IRWA conference in Pocatello the week of March 14th. He replaced several nozzles on the sweeper and it is working very well. There are still a few spots that will need to be reswept. He will patch the potholes as it warms up.
- **P&Z REPORT** – Craig Sturman stated that the commission recommended the approval of the Galaxy Estates replat and reported that they are not comfortable writing fire ordinances without the fire chief present. Chief Norman said he will contact the chairman to discuss the ordinance.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball reported that the date for Arbor Day and city clean-up is April 30th. She has applied for the \$300 Arbor Day grant. Daniel Morgan stated that there are four dead trees along the highway and two dead bushes at the welcome corner. She is planning on a summer full of tennis again this year and the Bonneville JV team may practice at the Ucon courts.
- **KENNEL LICENSE** – MELISSA WARWICK 11096 N CROOKED TREE LANE – Approved.
- **ADJOURNMENT:** Council meeting adjourned at 11:29 PM



### UCON BASEBALL

Registration—10962 N 40 E

Thursday, April 14th from 3 PM to 6 PM

Saturday, April 16th from 12 PM to 2 PM

For more information visit Ucon Baseball on FACEBOOK or call Marisa Pugmire at 821-4866

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 30th

City Building @ 10:00 AM

## 25th Annual



### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26th —10:00 A.M.

Please bring your own baskets.

**Ages 1-3** in the TENNIS COURT (One Parent will be allowed on the Tennis Court.)

**4 yrs—2nd Grade** will be at SIMMONS PARK.

**3rd Grade—6th Grade** will be at the SCHOOL GROUNDS

NO ONE older than 6th grade will be allowed to participate. Please do not arrive at the park before 9:30 A.M. Be sure to check your eggs for prize coupons. We recycle the plastic Easter Eggs. Please empty the contents of the eggs into your baskets and put the plastic eggs in the can by one of the Fire Trucks. This helps us cut down on the costs.

### CITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 30th

We would like to assist you with your spring cleaning. As in past years, we will be placing two large dumpsters in the city. One dumpster will be placed on 41st by the tennis courts. The other will be placed on 107th by the old city building. The county landfill restrictions on materials in the dumpsters are as follows:

**Prohibited Items:** Treated Wood (i.e. Railroad ties, Fence posts: Grass, Clothes, paper, Ag. Waste such as (Seeds, Hay, Straw, Manure), Burn Barrels, Tires, Refrigerators, Paint, Oil, Oil Filters, Bug Killers, Herbicides, No empty cans of Paint, Electronics, Fluorescent lights, Furniture, Mattresses, Carpet, and Contaminated Soil. No garbage bags of anything. No food of any kind, including garden produce vegetables and fruits). No plastic or metal flammable fuel containers.

**Allowed Items:** Construction and Demolition debris which include Wood Products, Branches, Lumber Bricks, Concrete, Tree Stumps, Packing Material, Soil, Rocks, Bulky metal items, Yard debris (no grass), and Weeds.

If you have an item that is too large, heavy, or you just need some assistance, we will be out with the dump truck on Clean-up Day. This service may be requested by calling the city, we will only be able to remove items if you are available to assist or direct. If you are not available, items will not be removed from your residence.

### Mayors Strait Talk

The Easter Egg hunt is in need of donations, Please consider donating to cover the costs of candy. Donations are behind where they normally are and Easter is almost here. Donations can be dropped off at the City Building or added to your water/sewer bill, just note the amount you're donating.

We had a great turnout for the Presidential Primary elections. The democratic caucus is next week. Thank all of you who took the time to participate in the elections process.

We have sampled even more houses and business for lead and copper. None of the samples tested require actions. Once again the tests show the water is safe and the problem was limited to a defective water fountain.

Mayor Blain