



CITY OF UCON

JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights

• April 27, 2016 – Special City Council Meeting

• **Attendance:** City Council – Mayor Blain, John Brasier, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst and Craig Sturman and 8 citizens were present. **Opening Prayer** – Nadine Ball.

• **GALAXY ESTATES WATER LINE** – Construction drawings–Mayor Blain stated that the city plans on replacing 2” galvanized water pipe with 6” pipe from the hydrant at 3390 E 113 to the east edge of Mr. Bagley’s property as part of the industrial development to extend the water line across Moonbeam then south to the rail road tracks. The project will necessitate having to dig up yards and move trees, etc. The council discussed different options for the routing of the water line and several homeowners questioned the benefits and drawbacks to the project. Mayor Blain stated that the length of water outages would be minimized and service would be restored as quickly as possible. Tate Landon said that when you disturb the old galvanized lines, they tend to leak. Mayor Blain asked the homeowners what would happen if their line is not in good shape when it is dug up. Most property owners felt the benefits of replacing the line would be worth possibly having to replace some of their galvanized service lines. Councilman Sturman suggested running new poly lines to the meters even if they are at the house. Mayor Blain stated that if we run new poly line to the meter, homeowners would need to be aware that their line could be disturbed and would possibly have to be replaced. Mayor Blain asked Tate Landon to provide estimates of costs for replacing service lines to homes. Councilman Sturman stated that he will get prices for running the line on the south side of the properties versus boring. Mayor Blain will work with city clerk and attorney on easements.

• **WILL SERVE LETTER** – Mayor Blain stated that there are too many unknowns to issue a will serve letter. Mr. Bagley asked the council to assume that the lines will be run per the existing plans because he wants to get the will serve letter so they can submit their project to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The city will pay for materials from end of the existing six inch water line to the east edge of Mr. Bagley’s property on 113 North. Mr. Bagley will cover the installation costs of the existing city customers and all the costs for his property.

• **EASEMENT** – research into existing easements was done by Daniel Morgan. No easements currently exist for the water line. Mayor Blain stated that the attorney will need to draw up the easement for each property owner.

• **SUBDIVISION & STREET NAME CHANGES** – the street name will remain Moonbeam and the developer may call the subdivision whatever he chooses.

• **CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:17 PM.**

• May 11, 2016 –City Council Meeting

• **Attendance:** Mayor Blain, John Brasier, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst and Craig Sturman and two citizens were present.

• Mayor Blain called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Preston Edwards gave the opening prayer.

• **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman was participating in PAC testing so was not present. In his written report he reported 20 total members with 18 attending regular training; 366 hours of training; 18 hours of PR/meetings; 65 hours on actual fire calls—4 calls to Ammon canceled before arriving at scene and 3 calls to Ammon made it to the scene; 2 calls in Ucon; 180 hours maintenance. They are working with Jefferson Central Fire District on used SCBA’s. Chief Norman requested and received approval for \$306.63 for repairs on engine 1 charging and 12V electrical system and air brake valve on the fire tender. Chief Norman reported that the training room is almost complete and is looking great.

• **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Jim Walker reported 320 patrol hours; 1 call out; 33 traffic stops; 11 traffic citations; 1 non-traffic citation; 3 complaints responded to; 1 special patrol; 1 traffic accident; 4 hours other. He stated that there have been some issues with emergency services not being able to find specific addresses in Ucon and asked the clerk to place a reminder in the newsletter about prominent house numbers on homes. He presented slides on the grant for security upgrades and stated that the project will be done in four phases in order to spread out the cost and likelihood of receiving grant funds. He also presented information on various federal and state programs through which the city can acquire equipment. He stated that there is a mini-excavator in Washington that has been approved and a Polaris Ranger which is awaiting approval at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. He and Daniel agreed that both of these items could be acquired at only the cost of picking them up or having them delivered and would be very beneficial to the city. The council authorized the pick-up of the mini excavator from Ft. Lewis, WA and the acquisition of the Polaris Ranger from Hill Air Force Base. Chief

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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Walker stated that he had received an appraisal from Giles & Johnson of \$1,500 on the Ford Rescue 3. The council decided to offer the truck to other cities for \$1,500 and then if it is not sold advertise it for sale. Chief Walker stated that he is getting ready to divide the fuel tank on the HEMMTT fuel truck and needs permission to buy 3/8" stainless for approximately \$250. The council approved the expense. Chief Walker stated that in the future he will ask for approval for the welding, fuel pump, grounding rods, and hoses for approximately \$600. He is working on the memorandum of understanding to use the fuel truck as a regional asset and should have that for the June council meeting. Craig Sturman explained that IDWARN is a mutual aid agreement for water/wastewater systems to share resources in the event of an emergency. Ucon is a member but there is no signed agreement on file. Mayor Blain instructed the clerk to send the agreement to the council for their review and to add it to the agenda for June's meeting.

- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that the water meter installation is going slower than he had anticipated. He reported that the city belongs to the Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District and they are mitigating our water rights during the impending water sequestration. Dues are \$1,500/year. He contacted them and they said there should be no restriction for the city since we belong to the mitigation plan. The council decided to continue the membership in the Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District. Daniel reported that he is still working on identifying problem areas with the streets. Jon Holst stated that he has driven the whole town and has made a list. All the sprinklers are on and there are some dead trees that he will take care of at the parks. He plans to clean up the ball diamond and Simmons park.
- **CIVES TAX EXEMPTION** – John Brasier stated that he has received an announcement from Cives to be published in the Atlanta Constitution that they have decided to proceed with phase two at their Ucon plant. He stated that work will begin in June and should be complete in 90 days.
- **TARGHEE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TRPTA) - PARK & RIDE AGREEMENT** – Mayor Blain stated that this is an agreement between the City of Ucon and TRPTA. If the agreement is signed, they believe the \$475,000 will be released June 1st. Ucon's contribution is 20% which is the land. There is a federal clause that states if the parking is handicapped accessible, the match is 10%. The plan is to have parking lot with landscaping, lights curbs, sidewalks and a bus shelter. Design phase cannot proceed until the grant is approved. The council authorized Mayor Blain to sign the agreement.
- **P&Z REPORT** – Craig Sturman reported that they are still looking for a template for a fire ordinance. They approved three building permits.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball stated that Arbor Day and City Clean-up went very well. She is submitting the paperwork for the Arbor Day grant.
- **KENNEL LICENSE – SPENCER KRAFT – 3308 E 109 N**

– decision postponed pending further information.

- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 PM.**

Founders' Day 2016—this year's celebration will be held on Saturday, August 13th. 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.

Summer Tennis

Simmons Park

TiE—Tennis is Elementary

June 6th through June 9th

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

Ages 3rd—6th Grade 10-10:45 AM

Teens (and entering 7th Grade) 11-11:45 AM

****Adult Lessons****

Tuesdays—June 14th & 28th at 7 PM

Call 847-5706 to sign up.

Fire Hydrants

Unauthorized Use

Fire Hydrants are for City use only. If you witness unauthorized use of a hydrant, please call the City at 523-3971 with the license plate # and description of the vehicle.

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.
