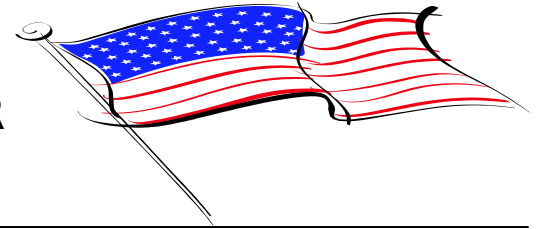




CITY OF UCON

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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June 8, 2016- City Council Highlights

- **ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Blain, John Brasier, Nadine Ball, and Jon Holst were present. Craig Sturman was excused.
- Mayor Blain called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tyler Baum offered the opening prayer.
- **FIRE REPORT**-Chief Scott Norman reported that the department received a \$5,000 grant from the Firefighter's Support Foundation for 1 ½" hose, nozzles and a saw. They have 20 total members with 18 attending regular training. 52 hours meetings, the HEMTT has been sandblasted and it is ready for paint and they need metal for brackets/cages. He requested and received approval for \$2,200 for metal and paint for the HEMTT. Chief Norman reported that planning is well underway for the 4th of July Firefighter Breakfast. Each year they like to honor a group and this year veterans will eat free. They would like to put the HEMTT in the parade. Nadine Ball stated that justserve.org would like to do a canned food drive in conjunction with the breakfast. Chief Norman said he sees no problem with it if they have a truck there to collect the food. Chief Norman thanked Chief Jim Walker for getting the bike ride going and continuing it to make it what it is today.
- **POLICE REPORT**-Chief Jim Walker reported 356 hours patrol hours, 2 hours court, 36 grant OT hours, 1 call out, 1 arrest/warrant, 42 traffic stops, 19 traffic citations, 2 complaints, 2 special events, 1 special patrol, 1 county assist, 1 state police assist, 1 traffic accident, and 6 hours other. He reported that the bike ride went very well with the number of participants increasing every year. He stated that some of the street signs are 2009 and will reach the end of their life span and will need to be replaced within the next three years. He will apply for grants to replace them. He received a call from Stan Hawkins requesting that we not spray the canal banks with weed spray. It's acceptable to spray a broadleaf killer, but if it is sterilized, the weeds take over and the grass dies. The grass is what holds the canal banks in place. The police truck will need the 100,000 mile service and he will present prices at a later date. The council approved the acquisition of a plate compactor for the mini-excavator from military surplus.
- **P&Z REPORT** – Tyler Baum reported that there was nothing on their agenda for the May 26th meeting. A special meeting will be held on June 9th to review a building permit application.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that everything is going well. Jayme Jackson was hired as the parks helper for the summer. Dillon Park is helping with water meters and sewer jetting. Rewiring of lift stations is still ongoing. He will work with councilman Jon Holst to prioritize street patching and repairs. There is going to be an equipment auction in Rigby on July 20th. They have some six-wheel dump trucks with which we could replace the small Ford. He would like to find a tilt-bed trailer to haul the backhoe. They're \$2,000 and the trucks are \$8,000. He would like to go look at them and make sure they're in acceptable condition. The transmission in the 1997 GMC truck is in need of replacement. He contacted Dura-Bilt and they can rebuild it

for \$2,700. Parts Service has a transmission and torque converter for \$1,700 with a 24,000 mile 24 month warranty. The council approved the purchase of the \$1,700 transmission and Daniel will install it. John Brasier stated that he met with the City of Idaho Falls and they've assigned a committee to write the new wastewater treatment agreement and will have it for the July council meeting. No rate increase will be included. They want to add that their people can come out and monitor the potato plant. Rocky Mountain Power rates will be increasing 3.7%.

- **IDWARN AGREEMENT** – Mayor Blain stated that this is an agreement to assist neighboring systems in the event of an emergency. We reserve the right to refuse assistance. The agreement was approved.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball stated that the Arbor Day report was submitted this week. Arbor Day went very well and there was a great turn out. She had the first session of tennis lessons with 45 kids. The tennis program has been really successful. She has some adult lessons coming up in June. She suggested submitting projects to justserve.com for assistance around town. The city of Sugar City has been in contact with her to find out our process for repairing the tennis courts. **YARD OF THE MONTH** – Terry & Bethany Hansen of 3808 E 109 N.
- **BUDGET STATUS REPORT** - Mayor Blain reported that revenues are above budget projections and expenditures are under budgeted amounts.
- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:47 P.M.**

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Ucon routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Your water is tested for 77 different contaminants. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. If you would like a copy of this report you can pick one up at the City office or the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Founders Day 2016

Saturday-August 13th At Simmons Park
Contact Jon Holst at 351-8443 with suggestions/ideas or to volunteer.



City Meeting Schedule

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



Annual 4th of July Firefighter Breakfast

7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. UCON PARK ON MONDAY, JULY 4TH

Start your 4th of July off with a BANG!

Please join us for the annual Fourth of July Fireman's Breakfast on **Monday, July 4th.**

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Support the Community Food Basket (formerly Idaho Food Bank) - bring your canned food donations to the breakfast on July 4th. If you're unable to attend the breakfast, please drop off the canned food donations at the Ucon City Building before July 4th.

\$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per Family

Free breakfast for Veterans

Hash browns, Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage,
Orange Juice, Milk, or Coffee.

Plates, Utensils, & Cups will be provided.



YARD OF THE MONTH



June: Terry & Bethany Hansen—3808 E 109 N
Winners will receive a \$25 gift card donated by
Town & Country Gardens!! Please take a
moment and visit their yard.
Your yard could be next month's winner!!



The Mayor's Straight Talk

It is July already and my thoughts turn to next years budget. As City we hold extra meetings in July to prepare a proposed budget for August's City council meeting. Just like every year we must decide where to spend your precious tax money and there are always more wants and needs than funds. We cannot do everything, nor should we. I always want to add to savings to prepare for the future and minimize tax increases.

At the same time we need to improve our parks, Ucon park's shelter needs a lot of work. I would also like to build a shelter at Simmons. For Ucon a boy scout has agreed to repair the shelter. My long term vision for Simmons is to build a Shelter just north of the Tennis courts with restrooms and upgrade the playground equipment and sidewalks. We have received a grant for \$1,000 to start the project.

The shelter would have two sides to protect from the wind and weather, it also would have power the could be used for movies in the park, and a stage for the annual founders day bash. This spot is currently where the swing set is located, they would be moved next to the slide. Of course if you're going watch movies or bands, we will need a grass area around it, the playground equipment would also need to be moved to create this space.

Most of the playground equipment is very old and should be replaced. I would love to install a playground similar to Civitan Park in Idaho Falls. Playground equipment is very expensive so we will continue to look for grants and donations to fund the improvements.

I call it a long term vision because it will take years to complete. The first phase to build a shelter. Then sidewalks, then new playground equipment.

If you would like to volunteer ideas or help please contact me.

Mayor Blain

NOTICE - ORDINANCE 105B
THE CITY OF UCON WILL BE ENFORCING THE
BEAUTIFICATION ORDINANCE-PLEASE CLEAN UP
JUNK, CUT UNSIGHTLY WEEDS, MOVE TRAILERS,
ETC. OFF RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR YOU COULD RECEIVE
A CITATION

TiE—Tennis is Elementary Summer Tennis

Simmons Park

July 25th through July 28th

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****

Tuesday—July 18th at 7 PM

Call 847-5706 to sign up.

BONNEVILLE COUNTY **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

Dates: 2nd Saturday of each month May – Sep.

Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

Place: Environmental Excellence Transfer Station
2455 Hemmert Ave.
Idaho Falls, ID

For more information visit:

<http://www.co.bonneville.id.us/index.php/public-works/solid-waste>