



CITY OF UCON

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights

June 30, 2016 – Special City Council Meeting-Liquor license for Good 2 Go Stores was approved.

July 13, 2016—City Council Meeting

Attendance: Mayor Blain and council members Craig Sturman, John Brasier, Jon Holst and 2 citizens were present. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Blain at 7:34 PM. David Brewer led the Pledge of Allegiance and John Brewer gave the opening prayer.

- **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**—The council approved \$1,500 for David Brewer to repair the shelter at Ucon City Park.
- **RESOLUTION 57-Ordinance 105 (Beautification) Fees**—The council approved the resolution setting the fees for violation of Ordinance 105-Beautification which covers weeds, vehicles, trash etc.
- **KENNEL LICENSE**—MAKAYLA WRIGHT 4091 E 105 N—the kennel license was approved.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC**—Nadine Ball reported that tennis lessons are going very well and there is another one scheduled for the last week of July.
- **FOUNDERS DAY**—Jon Holst stated that many activities are being planned. Craig Sturman is in charge of the entertainment. There will be a car show, tennis camp, inflatables, rockets and the fire department water fight. He is still looking for ideas. He requested new banners.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that all but six water meters have been installed. The streets have been marked and he will try to get patching done next week. The dead trees were cut down at the park and he just needs to grind the stumps and plant grass. Rewiring of the lift stations is almost complete. John Brasier reported that sewer flows are up but the curves are exactly the same for the last three years. He will have the draft from Idaho Falls for the August meeting. Daniel stated that he looked at the trucks up for auction at District 6 in Rigby. There are a few that may be worth bidding on. Daniel stated that there is diesel in the oil of the little Ford dump truck probably caused by a leaking injector. Mayor Blain stated that he would rather spend the money on a newer truck than repairing the Ford.
- **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 20 people with 18 attending regular training; 287 hours of training; Dustin Dance is a certified trainer; they conducted fire training in the Biggs home and had multiple fire departments attend; 15 hours PR & meetings; 8 hours on fire calls-3 calls to Ammon canceled; no calls in Ucon even with fireworks on the 4th of July; 139 total hours of maintenance. Nothing new on the SCBA grant; the firehouse sub-grant for wildland equipment was resubmitted and declined; no word on the FEMA equipment repair grant. The HEMTT has been painted and is in service with

Idaho Department of Lands. He thanked all those that supported the 4th of July breakfast. It was a huge success. He can't thank the businesses and community enough for their support. This year they honored veterans. They offered free breakfast and asked veterans to sign their banner. It was very humbling to shake each one of their hands as they walked through. The food drive went well. The breathing air bottle testing company is no longer in business so the price will be \$53 per bottle instead of \$18 per bottle to get them tested.

- **PLANNING & ZONING** – Tyler Baum reported that a special meeting was held on June 9th and they approved permits for Welker (shed) and Cives (building addition) at their June 30th meeting.
- **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Jim Walker asked the council to remember the fallen Dallas police officers. He reported 335 patrol hours, 35 grant overtime hours, 3 call outs, 31 traffic stops, 11 traffic citations issued, 1 non-traffic stop, 4 traffic citations, 4 complaints responded to, 1 special patrol, 1 state police assist, 8 hours other. He picked up the plate compactor for the mini excavator. He participated in a meeting with the State of Idaho regarding parking at HTP. The future plan is to put an entrance into compound for truck parking. The new state engineer wants to increase speed limit back up to 55 MPH on highway 43. Chief Walker urged the council to support leaving the speed limit the same on that road. He found a solar speed sign for \$2,500. Holst Truck Parts and Cives have agreed to donate \$1,000 each toward the speed sign. He asked the council to consider contributing \$500 plus the shipping for the speed sign. A motion was made by Jon Holst and seconded by Craig Sturman to contribute \$500 for the speed sign. Motion approved. The city has been approved for \$13,200 for the generator project from the 2015 grant and \$9,975 for the security camera project from the 2016 grant available October 1st. He presented information on becoming a regional training center for heavy armored vehicles. The city would acquire two MRAPs – one for training and the other for regional use in emergency situations. The MRAPs are loaned to the city for as long as they wish to keep them in service; but they never become property of the city. Mayor Blain stated that Chief Walker is the only qualified trainer in this region and that he could conduct training for Idaho and the surrounding states. The training events could be an increased income opportunity for the city. The council approved the acquisition of two MRAPs

City Meeting Schedule

- **Council Mtg & Public Hearing**
FY17 Budget: Wed. Aug 10th at 7:30 PM
- **Planning & Zoning:** Last Thurs, 7 PM
- **Landscape & Rec:** 1st Thurs, 5:30 PM

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- A budget work meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00 PM.
- Council meeting adjourned at 11:07 PM

YARD OF THE MONTH

July: Mary Jane Farnsworth—3631 E 108 N
Winners 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!

Ucon Community Preparedness Event

"Canning & Preserving Up A Storm"
Wednesday, August 3rd - 6 PM to 8 PM
Ucon Church Building - 2967 E 105 N, Idaho Falls,

4th of July Firefighter Breakfast

Thanks to all those who donated and supported the breakfast. It was a HUGE success. This year we had the honor of serving free breakfast to our Veterans. It was very humbling to shake each of your hands as you walked through, it was an honor to serve you.

Founders' Day-Saturday, August 13th!! 4 PM to 8 PM

Car Show-Live Music-Free Games-Family Fun-Tennis-Water Fight & More!! Dinner catered by Frontier Pies (\$3/person or \$12/family) Contact Jon Holst @ 208.351.8443 for more info about the events or to volunteer.



Tennis Camps—Simmons Park
July 25th-28th & August 15th-18th
Ages: K-2nd grade at 9-9:45 AM
3rd-6th grade at 10-10:45 AM

Teens (and entering 7th grade at 11-11:45 AM
Adult Nights: July 28 & August 18th at 7 PM

Public Hearings

Ordinance 175—Proposed FY17 Budget
Wednesday, August 10th - 7:30 PM
Full text of proposed ordinances available during office hours. Call 523-3971

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).

THE MAYOR'S STRAIGHT TALK

The City has a great opportunity to become the region's armored personnel carrier (MRAP) training facility. Our Police Chief is a master driver and is certified to teach the course on how to drive and maintain the vehicles. The Department of Homeland Security has asked us to train other departments also. These vehicles not only protect officers from weapon fire, but it gives them away to safely rescue others. Many of the cities in southeastern Idaho are in support of the training facility. We would also train Montana & Wyoming. Homeland Security requires that departments be trained before they can receive an MRAP and continue recertifying every few years to maintain their skills. Some cities have received notice that the vehicle will be removed unless they receive training. For us, Homeland Security would provide us with two MRAPS for training. Chief Walker will create a driving course and class room materials. The City will charge other agencies for the training using the funds for the Police Department. As you can see in the news police, are being targeted and need additional protection, Our City could provide the training many departments need.

I view the power outage Tuesday as a test of our systems. The lift stations and wells reported the power outage, then automatically started generators and provided power to keep everything running. All of the upgrades to the systems payed off. We did learn that at least one smaller lift station needs a port to plug our portable generator into to run the pumps. We will be working on the two smaller lift stations so they can function in an emergency also.

Mayor Blain

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
3RD QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2016			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 117,500	\$ 85,375	73%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 4,600	\$ 6,986	152%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 170,300	\$ 110,985	65%
ZONING & SUBDIVISION FEES	\$ 500	\$ 310	62%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,364	68%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 102,000	\$ 7,302	7%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,000	\$ 115	6%
WATER FUND	\$ 252,050	\$ 146,829	58%
SEWER FUND	\$ 435,250	\$ 227,509	52%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 97,750	\$ 23,223	24%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 175,750	\$ 124,868	71%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 40,100	\$ 11,954	30%
ROADS	\$ 47,200	\$ 12,997	28%
PARKS	\$ 38,100	\$ 6,732	18%
WATER FUND	\$ 252,050	\$ 111,105	44%
SEWER FUND	\$ 435,250	\$ 125,212	29%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report.			
Ronda Deason - City Clerk/Treasurer			
DATED this 19th day of July 2016			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			