



CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

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November 8, 2016– City Council Highlights

John Brasier, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst and Craig Sturman were present. Mayor Blain was excused. Several boy scouts were present to work on their citizenship badges. John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Scott. John Brasier gave the opening prayer.

FIRE REPORT-SCOTT NORMAN – Chief Norman reported 18 members with 16 attending regular training. The department hosted two scout groups, helped with the trunk or treats on Halloween, and participated in two preschool carnivals. Chief hours: 32; fire calls: 36 hours; maintenance: 60 hours. The fire prevention presentations went well. Festival of trees will be starting next week. Pumpkin carving was again a big success. The department was asked to go California, but they ended up not being needed.

POLICE REPORT – Jake Fullmer presented a resignation letter (received via email) from Chief James Walker effective 11/17/17. His replacement, if any, will be determined at a later date. Officer Fullmer has been working on getting numbers together for the new patrol car and will present them at the December meeting. He would like to get the new vehicle ordered before new administration takes over.

P&Z REPORT – the clerk presented the minutes of their October 26, 2017 meeting. Since Tyrell Maughan was recently elected to the city council, there will be a vacancy on P & Z.

LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT – Nadine Ball reported that she will be submitting the Tree City paperwork.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that he will be installing the water line for Jason Andrus' two lots on 109 North. The sewer is on the opposite side of the street and they're not sure they want to install the sewer now because if they open up the street they will have to maintain the trench backfill through the winter. He will work with them to get it done. Morgan Giles' water and sewer is connected. James Baum's Eagle Scout project is moving along they're hoping it will be completed this week. One of the legs broke off the swing set and the slide came apart, but Daniel will repair it. Daniel requested and received approval to have the sand for the roads delivered at a cost of \$400 to \$500 which is only about \$100 to \$200 more than if he hauls it. The city building furnace was installed and is working well. The security fence project has been approved by Emergency Management. The project will most likely be done in the spring. John Brasier reported that sewer flow rates and

power consumption are in line with previous years. Craig Sturman stated that Idaho Dept. of Water Resources calibrated the flow meters on the wells. Since our meters don't fall into their approved meter list, we had to apply for a variance in order to comply with their regulations. He might have found a grant where the Bonneville Jefferson Ground Water District pays a percentage of the meter and installation. The meter must be purchased and the bill submitted for reimbursement. He estimates \$3,000 for an 8" doppler radar meter. Some piping may need to be redone. He feels that for \$3,000 we should just go ahead and put the meter in since it will need to be replaced sooner or later. John Brasier stated that the time is going to come where the city is limited on how much water is allowed to be pumped. Craig stated that the worst case scenario is we spend \$3,000 and the best case is we spend 60% of the meter and 55% of the labor and encouraged the council to approve the purchase of the meter. The council approved up to \$3,000 for the meter. Craig will submit the paperwork so we can get the project done by December 31st. John Brasier stated that he hasn't received anything from Idaho Falls on their rate study.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:51 P.M.



Large quantities of trash including “flushable” wipes, hair, dental floss, and other hard-to-remove items are causing problems with our sewer system. Help us avoid costly repairs and sewer backups. **FLUSH ONLY TOILET PAPER DOWN YOUR TOILETS**

City Meeting Schedule

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

Don't Ruin Your Holidays! Fight F.O.G (Fats.Oils.Grease)

Keep **F**ats, **O**ils & **G**rease out of your drain!
F.O.G. Clogs Pipes-Follow these simple steps
to help prevent sewer backups:

1. Pour cold fats, oils & grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. Never pour fats, oil or grease down sink drains or toilets.
2. Soak up spilled oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels or kitty litter and throw into your garbage.
3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils & grease into your garbage.
4. Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

Are you ready for winter driving???

- Increase following distance
- Have an emergency kit in vehicle
- Headlights on to increase visibility
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination
- Clean off windshield & side windows
- ALWAYS wear your seat belt

Fire Department Safety Message

Please remember to have your chimneys cleaned & inspected this winter. Turn off your Christmas tree lights off when no one is home and before you go to bed. Be sure to water live trees. Be careful on the snowy roads and have a safe and Happy Holiday season :-)

Snow Removal

Plows please move all vehicles, trailers, etc. off street rights-of-way. Please don't plow snow out into the streets as it creates a hazard for other drivers. Remember snow plows have the right of way and the city assumes no responsibility for damage to property when parked next to the street.

AVOID WATER FREEZE UPS

Cold weather is coming! Prevent water freeze ups.....if your water has frozen in the past, remember to leave a thin stream of water running when the temperature is below zero for extended periods.

THANKSGIVING DAY 1789 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor - and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be - That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks - for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation - for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war - for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed - for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us. And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions - to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually - to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed - to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord - To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us - and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best. Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington.