



# CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018



## **December 13, 2017– City Council Highlights:**

*Attendance: Mayor David Blain, Councilmembers John Brasier, Craig Sturman, Nadine Ball, Jon Holst and 0 citizens were present. Mayor Blain called the meeting to order at 6:25PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

- *November 7th Election Results—the council approved the official election results.*
- *Liquor License-Good2Go Stores – the council approved the 2018 liquor license.*
- *Police Vehicle—The council approved the purchase of a 2018 Ford Interceptor Utility (SUV) for approximately \$28,000 plus \$7,000 for required equipment.*
- *Adjournment – the council meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM*

## **Dog Licenses**

Fees for dog licenses will be billed on your January 2018 Bill. Fees are \$10.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15.00 for non-spayed/neutered dogs. Please call the City to add or remove dogs from your account. **Note: more than two (2) dogs requires a kennel license.**

## **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.

## **SNOW PLOWING**

**PLEASE DO NOT PLOW SNOW OUT INTO THE STREETS!** We are experiencing issues with snow being plowed/shoveled out into the street after streets have been plowed. This creates hazardous obstructions and icy spots. Also, please move all vehicles, trailers, etc. off street rights-of-way. Remember snow plows have the right of way and the city assumes no responsibility for damage to property when parked next to the street.

## **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**

Just a reminder for those with chimneys... remember to get them cleaned and inspected this winter. Also, it is best not to leave your Christmas tree lights on when no one is home and turn them off when you go the bed. Please remember to water live trees. Be careful on the slick roads and have a safe and happy Holiday Season!!

## **THE MAYOR'S STRAIGHT TALK**

Friends and Fellow Citizens, my time as mayor is growing short which has caused me look back on 12 years of service. I have with good intentions, contributed towards the organization and administration of the City. Though my service has been fallible at times, I have resisted changing our ordinances and policies because they reflect the culture of our city. The reason I ran for office was to get our City out of debt. We have accomplished that and now have a sound financial footing. Does that mean there are no needs? No, there are many things left to do, but if they are planned and budgeted, we will continue remain out of debt. The danger I see is that the niceties will take over and the hard-earned savings will be gone. Your new Mayor and Council will need to hold the line and resist temptation to spend "because we have the funds". By avoiding debt we do not burden our posterity with what we should bear. We have the best people in Ucon and you know what is right and I have enjoyed meeting with you. We need to stay united as Americans, help our neighbors, take the time to make friends, and take care of one another. A community is more than just a group of houses, it is a place where we take just a few minutes to help someone, give an encouraging word, we stop, notice, and help each other. Government can not solve our problems, but you can through your influence spread good acts, "pay it forward". Search out someone who needs your help, your love, and perform an act of kindness this week. Then do it again and again. I have the highest expectations for our new Mayor and Council and pray for them.

Mayor Blain

## **City Meeting Schedule**

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