



# CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2018

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## City Council Highlights September 12, 2018

*John Brasier, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan and one citizen were present. Mayor Sturman participated via telephone.*

*John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tyrell Maughan gave the opening prayer.*

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Norman reported 17 members with 16 attending regular training and three possible new members; 152 hours training; 72 chief hours; 162 hours on actual fire calls: 4 calls to Ammon, one Bonneville Fire District assist, 1 Jefferson County assist, one Roberts assist which turned into the Artesian Fire; they're still working on the Rabbit Foot Fire in Challis. 77 hours maintenance, 558 hours billed to Idaho Department of Lands. 1051 total hours. Chief Norman requested and received authorization to spend \$10,000 from wildland funds for the purchase of 1,200 feet of 5-inch fire hose and the required fittings for both trucks, \$1,200 for batteries for radios and pagers, and \$800 for oil and supplies for oil changes on the tender in Challis.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported 160 patrol hours, 4 overtime hours, 3 call outs, 24 traffic stops, 12 traffic citations issued, 4 non-traffic citations, 20 incidents responded to, 1 special events, 3 special patrols, 2 state police assist, 2 alarms, 1 traffic accident. He stated that there has been some minor vandalism at Ucon park, and a few complaints about ATVs/motorcycles. He requested and received authorization to spend \$120 on the purchase of two doses of Narcan which is a medication that reverses opiate overdoses.

**DISSOLVING P & Z COMMISSION** – Mayor Sturman stated that it is very difficult to find people to serve and that very few towns of our size even have a P & Z commission. Johnalee McDonald, John Brasier and Tyrell Maughan voted in favor of dissolving the Planning & Zoning Commission. Phillip Campbell voted against the motion. Motion carried.

**LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT** – Johnalee McDonald reported that there are some trees in Simmons Park which need to be replaced. Daniel Morgan stated that he would like to postpone replacing trees until a plan is developed for the shelter.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel reported that it took him six hours to clean all the garbage out of the pumps at the Tower Road lift station. He informed the council that the ship date for the sewer grinder is 9/24/18 and Mayor Sturman stated that the Bureau of Reclamation has approved the power lines to cross the canal. Daniel reported some now-repaired issues with the generator at

Well #3.

**PARK & RIDE** – The council approved \$17,000 to improve the park and ride.

**REPLACE THREE OLD FIRE HYDRANTS** – John Brasier informed the council that three hydrants need to be replaced. Daniel Morgan stated that the cost is approximately \$5,000 per hydrant. The council approved the purchase of three fire hydrants out of the FY18 budget with the installation deferred until FY19.

**REMOVE TREES FROM WELL #3** The council approved \$4,000 to have the two dead trees removed at Well #3.

**EXTENSION OF WATER & SEWER SERVICE TO NEW SUBDIVISION NORTH OF 116 NORTH** – The council authorized Mayor Sturman to negotiate further with DePatco on extending water and sewer to 24 new homes just north of the existing homes on 116 North.

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:48 P.M.**

## Ucon Parks—New Hours

*Ucon parks now close at dark  
not 11 PM*

## Stray Cats

Any nuisance cats not clearly marked with collars will be taken to the shelter. Please help control the cat population by spaying/neutering your cats.

## City Meeting Schedule

### City Council:

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 PM.

•Landscape & Recreation:  
1st Thurs, 5:30 PM.



## Ucon Community Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 31, 2018  
 Ucon LDS Stake Center  
 and Ucon church parking lots  
 Be Safe and share your treats  
 at the Trunk or Treat

### October—Fire Prevention Month

Don't forget to change the batteries  
 in your smoke detectors.

**Street Lights**—if you notice any  
 malfunctioning street lights, please  
 notify the City Clerk (208) 523-3971

### What **NOT** to Flush

- ⊗ Prescription drugs / medications
- ⊗ Over-the-counter drugs / medicines
- ⊗ Fats, oils, and grease (FOG)
- ⊗ Baby wipes (even those labeled "flushable")
- ⊗ Cleaning wipes, facial wipes, makeup removal pads
- ⊗ Disposable diapers or nursing pads
- ⊗ Feminine hygiene products
- ⊗ Personal care products
- ⊗ Condoms
- ⊗ Paper towels, rags, tissues
- ⊗ Cigarette butts
- ⊗ Needles / syringes
- ⊗ Cotton swabs, cotton balls
- ⊗ Bandages
- ⊗ Disposable toilet brushes
- ⊗ Dental floss
- ⊗ Hair
- ⊗ Kitty litter (even brands labeled "flushable")
- ⊗ Household hazardous wastes (paint, oil, chemicals, fuel, etc.)



## THE MAYOR'S STRAIGHT TALK

The new sewer grinder is here and will be installed in the coming weeks. This cost the city about \$35,000 not including installation. A sewer grinder is designed to grind up things that are not supposed to be in the sewer in the first place....baby wipes, cleaning wipes, diapers, underwear, shop and medical towels, feminine hygiene products, etc. The **ONLY** things that should be flushed are human bodily waste and toilet paper. It has been a real struggle keeping the pumps running in the past, and this should help tremendously. However, this does **NOT** mean that it's ok to flush anything else now. Even with the grinder too many solids can cause blockages and backflow in the system. If anyone is interested, I would be happy to show them the damage these items can do. We'll even supply the rubber gloves. Trust me, it's not pretty and it doesn't smell like freshly baked bread while removing these items. **Please do your part by not flushing anything that isn't human waste or toilet paper.**

Thank You,  
 Mayor Sturman

