



# CITY OF UCON

## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

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### City Council Highlights – February 14, 2018

- Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald, several members of Milo 20 and Foothill 146 Scouts working on their citizenship badges, and 7 citizens were present.
- **QUESTIONS FROM SCOUTS** – The Mayor and Council answered questions from the scouts.
- **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** – James Baum presented pictures and stated that he and 27 other people spent 118 hours moving the swing set at Simmons Park. Total expenses: \$485 (railroad ties, black sand, and sod cutter rental). The council expressed their appreciation for his hard work on the project.
- **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 16 total members with 15 attending regular training. 118 hours training; 11 chief hours; no fire calls; 32 maintenance hours. Total: 161 hours. Simon McCarthy took a job out of state and is no longer on the department. They hosted two local scout groups and conducted core fire drill understanding at the school. The department received 30 packs and 24 masks from Jefferson County. Idaho Dept. of Lands has two new toolboxes worth \$1,000 each. The kits contain everything necessary to repair the trucks. He's trying to set up radio training, which is normally \$500 per person, at no cost to the city. Planning is underway for the Easter Egg Hunt. He has reviewed five commercial permits to date. He requested and received approval for \$200 for windshield replacement for Engine 1, \$65 for a pick axe for Engine 2, \$200 for batteries for the HMTV, and \$20 for a metal valve for the HEMTT windshield wipers. He's looking into costs for replacement of Engine 2 side gauges. Pump is installed on the pump and roll for Engine 2. Equipment is due for oil changes and they plan on doing one per month. He will present costs at a later date. He's looking forward to working with the new council members.
- **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer presented his report. January was a busy month. He will be purchasing supplies for gathering evidence and fingerprinting. There have been a few grand thefts, vehicle burglaries, and minor vandalism so be sure to lock your cars. He wants to fix the speed trailers to park on the streets to let people know how fast

they're going. He'll send the trailer off to get a bid for repair.

- **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BRADEN LANDON** 3420 E 113 N – The application was discussed at length and the decision was tabled until the P&Z and animal control ordinances can be amended in order to prevent a conditional use permit to circumvent the animal control ordinance.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT** – Johnalee McDonald stated that she had nothing to report.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan stated that the new flow meter installed at Well #1 is having issues. The pump motor was also rebuilt. He plans to repair potholes as soon as it warms up. He said that he will be installing the radar sign by Holst Truck & Auto soon. Mayor Sturman stated that \$1,553 was spent to replace the heater at Well #1 to keep the electronics and piping from freezing. John Brasier presented graphs for sewer flow and pumping costs. Mayor Sturman stated that someday soon a grinder will have to be installed on the sewer system to save wear on the pumps.
- **KENNEL LICENSE QUINN SMITH 10940 N YELLOWSTONE** the kennel license was approved.
- Mayor Sturman stated that next month he will recommend Steve Ohngren to fill the remaining vacant seat on Planning & Zoning.
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:40 P.M.**

## BEWARE OF PHONE SCAMS

Phone and email scams are on the rise. If you receive a phone call with a request that sounds questionable, JUST HANG UP!! See Mayor's Straight Talk for more information.

### City Meeting Schedule

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

**27th Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Committee Members needed!**

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, March 31st at 10 AM. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please give us a call. Help make this year a huge success for all the kids. This event is funded ENTIRELY by donations. If you would like to donate, send it in with your water/sewer bill and mark it "Easter Donation" Thank you!

**PROTECT YOUR SEWER SYTEM**

Once again we are experiencing a high volume of items in the sewer system that are causing problems. The only thing that should be flushed is human waste and toilet paper. Please do not flush anything else. Sanitary wipes, baby wipes, and cleaning wipes are not to be flushed even if they say they are flushable. They do not break down before they reach the sewer pumps. Feminine hygiene products also cause major problems and can plug the sewer pumps. In order to keep our sewer maintenance costs down, please do not flush anything that does not belong in the sewer system



**Mayor's Straight Talk**

With all of the technology we use in our everyday lives there is an ever increasing risk of being scammed. There have been several scams reported lately. Phone scams are the biggest ones it seems. It is important to be mindful that anything that sounds too good to be true, probably is. I've had several calls from someone claiming to be from the "medical compensation department", or "Windows department" even someone claiming to be from the IRS. The IRS will only contact you through first class mail. Anytime someone asks for personal information or asks you to go to your computer, it is a scam. Just hang up. Never give out any of your personal information or go to a website because someone on the phone told you to. If it is a legitimate phone call from someone you do business with, or want to do business with, they will be able to make other arrangements without compromising your personal information or bank accounts.

Email or website scams are another real threat lately. If you sell or buy through Craigslist be very careful. Many scammers will text or email you wanting to purchase your item, even pay more than asked, and buy it sight-unseen. The trick is they want to pay you via Pay-Pal. Once they get access to your Pay Pal or bank account, they can drain your account. Email scams and ransomware are especially dangerous because they can access all the personal information on your computer in just a few seconds. It is vitally important to keep your anti-virus software up to date, and your operating system updates current. Many people including myself have been caught turning Windows Updates off because it's such a pain to wait for the PC to update, and then forget to turn it back on. This leaves you wide open for an attack on your PC. Please be mindful of this and keep your personal information safe.

Mayor Sturman

