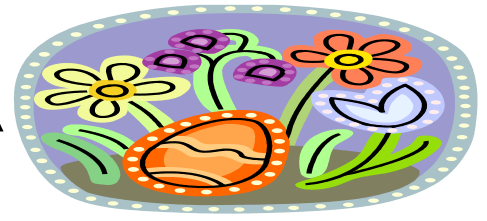




CITY OF UCON

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights – March 14, 2018

- **Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald, and one citizen were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Tyrell Maughan gave the opening prayer.**
- **FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 16 total members with 15 attending regular training. 142 hours training; 16 chief hours; Fire calls: one false call to Ammon; 37.5 maintenance hours. Total: 184.5 hours. They received two tool boxes and a siren from Idaho Department of Lands. Easter Egg Hunt preparations are underway. They have several people and groups helping this year. If anyone wants to help, they'll start setting up at 6 AM and the Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10 AM on Saturday, March 31st. The department received a \$300 grant for training which will be used for the firefighter academy. He requested and received approval for a \$100 brake lever for the HEMTT, a switch for the pump & roll for engine #2, and a tire repair on Engine #1. They will be picking up two new 20 foot shipping containers from Utah via Idaho Department of Lands for equipment storage.**
- **POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer presented his report and stated that February was a little slower. He checked the radar trailer and determined that it is not worth repairing. He thanked Daniel for installing the new radar sign across from Holst Truck & Auto. The new police vehicle will arrive at the beginning of April. He will be attending the Idaho Traffic Safety Summit in April so will not attend the council meeting.**
- **SALE OF CITY LOT ON EAST 109 NORTH – Mayor Sturman stated that the vacant 0.43 acre lot on 109 North across from the school was donated when the subdivision was put in with the intention that a new well would be put there. That ended up not being possible. He proposed selling the lot and using the proceeds to remodel the city building. A public hearing will need to be held. He has some real estate agents looking into market appraisals on the lot. It may also need to be surveyed. He also suggested deeding the old well #2 lot on 107 North back to the neighboring property owner.**
- **PLANNING & ZONING – Tyrell Maughan reported that they reviewed Ordinance 128 Planning & Zoning to add commercial kennels as a permitted use and commercial kennel license regulations in Animal Control Ordinance 18-110B. Tyler Maughan read Ordinance 128 Zoning and Ordinance 18-110B Animal Control by title. The ordinances were approved on first**

reading. The council discussed the increasing problem with cats in Ucon. Chief Fullmer stated that he will research cat ordinances of other cities in Idaho

- **LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT – Johnalee McDonald stated that the property on 109 North has some trees that she would like to look into moving. She would also like to work with Daniel to determine what trees need to be replaced and get them ordered for Arbor Day coming up on April 28th.**
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – Daniel Morgan stated that he will be going to the Idaho Rural Water conference in Boise from March 21st through 23rd. He reported that Well #3 has a primer pipe which allows water to flow down into the well continuously. He estimates 12 million gallons per year are being pumped unnecessarily which equates to \$7,800 annually. He requested and received approval for \$3,200 to repair the piping at Well #3. John Brasier presented plots for sewer flow and power rates and stated that while sewer flow is down, the power rate is up because the 200 HP pump at Well #3 has been running more due to the repairs at Well #1.**
- **COMPUTER PURCHASE - Mayor Sturman stated that he's been looking into the purchase of a new computer for the clerk as the current one is approximately seven years old and is due for replacement. The council approved up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a computer.**
- **Britt Raybould addressed the council and stated that she is running Idaho House District 34B. She is Dell Raybould's granddaughter and is running to fill his seat.**
- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.**

Public Hearing-April 11th

7:30 PM

Ordinance 128 Planning & Zoning—add commercial kennels as a permitted use in C & M zone only

Ordinance 18-110B Animal Control—add commercial kennel licensing regulations

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

Saturday, March 31st —10:00 A.M.

Please bring your own baskets.

Ages 1-3 in the TENNIS COURT (One Parent will be allowed on the Tennis Court.)

4 yrs—2nd Grade will be at SIMMONS PARK.

3rd Grade—6th Grade will be at the SCHOOL GROUNDS

NO ONE older than 6th grade will be allowed to participate. Please do not arrive at the park before 9:30 A.M. Be sure to check your eggs for prize coupons. **This event is funded entirely by donations. Contributions are always welcome.**

COMING SOON!!

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION & CITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Date and time to be determined.

Watch Facebook and next month's newsletter for more information.

Arbor Day—Volunteers needed! Please contact City Hall at (208) 523-3971 to volunteer to help plant trees, etc.

City Clean Up—We would like to assist you with your spring cleaning. As in past years, two large dumpsters will be placed in the city. One on 41st by the tennis courts and the other on the west end of 107th by the Bishop's Storehouse. The county landfill restrictions on materials in the dumpsters are as follows:

Prohibited Items: Treated Wood (i.e. Railroad ties, Fence posts: Grass, Clothes, paper, Ag. Waste such as (Seeds, Hay, Straw, Manure), Burn Barrels, Tires, Refrigerators, Paint, Oil, Oil Filters, Bug Killers, Herbicides, No empty cans of Paint, Electronics, Fluorescent lights, Furniture, Mattresses, Carpet, and Contaminated Soil. No garbage bags of anything. No food of any kind, including garden produce vegetables and fruits). No plastic or metal flammable fuel containers.

Allowed Items: Construction and Demolition debris which include Wood Products, Branches, Lumber Bricks, Concrete, Tree Stumps, Packing Material, Soil, Rocks, Bulky metal items, Yard debris (no grass), and Weeds.

If you have an item that is too large , heavy, or you just need some assistance, we will be out with the dump truck on Clean-up Day. This service may be requested by calling the city, we will only be able to remove items if you are available to assist or direct. If you are not available, items will not be removed from your residence.

Mayor's Straight Talk

It seems that the stray cat population around Ucon is getting out of hand. We have received several complaints about cats lately. Having too many stray cats around the city can cause unhealthy conditions and spread disease. Please make sure your cats have been spayed or neutered and have had all their appropriate shots to prevent these conditions from getting worse. Any nuisance cats that are not clearly marked with collars will be taken to the shelter. Unfortunately, there is no way to determine if a cat is someone's pet or a feral cat, so please put a collar on your cat and make sure it is spayed or neutered to help out. As the city does not have an ordinance regarding cats, it is extremely difficult to determine which is a pet and which is not. Other cities have tried implementing a cat ordinance but so far it has not worked out for them. Having some sort of identification on the cat would be helpful. Please be mindful of this situation and hopefully we can help keep the stray population to a minimum.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman