



CITY OF UCON

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights – April 11, 2018

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald, and several members of Boy Scout Troop 16 were present. Mayor Sturman thanked the fire department and volunteers for their hard work on this year's Easter egg hunt.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 16 total members with 15 attending regular training. 252 hours training; 26 chief hours; 5 hours on actual calls; one false call to Ammon; 3 scout groups; 2 plan reviews; 62 maintenance hours. Total: 341 hours. The storage containers from Idaho Department of lands should arrive next week. He asked the council to think about how we can handle Easter carryover funds. The auditor said they should be added into the budget for the year. Chief Norman stated that 17,000 eggs were donated by Holst Truck & Auto. The attendance of approximately 1,100 was down from last year. Chief Norman thanked Chief Fullmer and Daniel Morgan for their help. He requested and received approval for approximately \$1,300 for 10 gauges for Engine 2 (\$1,000); water heater (\$300); two slack adjusters for the HEMTT air brakes (\$33); an axle shaft for the Humvee (\$260). Mayor Sturman informed Chef Norman that the Ucon Elementary second graders will be here for a tour on May 25th.

AUDIT PRESENTATION – Louise Street with Searle Hart explained the audit report and said that as usual, the numbers look great and the recordkeeping is in order. Mayor Sturman recognized the scout leaders and members of Troop 16 who were working on their citizenship and communications badges. Their scout leader asked if there are any service projects in the city. Mayor Blain informed him that Arbor Day/City Cleanup will be held on Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 A.M.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 18-110C – ANIMAL CONTROL Mayor Sturman called the public hearing to order at 8:20 P.M. No public comments were heard, and the public hearing closed at 8:22 P.M.

ORDINANCE 18-110B ANIMAL CONTROL – The ordinance was approved on second reading.

SALE OF CITY LOT ON EAST 109 N – ESTABLISH MINIMUM PRICE Mayor Sturman presented the council with some fair market valuations showing the values of other properties of similar size. He asked the council to consider a minimum price to establish at next month's meeting. A public hearing would then need to be held. After the public hearing, bids for the property would be taken for 60 days. The buyer will need to pay water and sewer connect fees

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported a quiet month as far as calls. He stated that the current radar sign doesn't

meet Idaho Transportation Department's requirements.

The sign must be yellow/black with amber lights, non-flashing, and messages can't display. He requested authorization to fix the speed trailer using the existing sign and to purchase a new sign (approximately \$2900 for the sign and shipping). The council approved the purchase of a sign that meets ITD requirements. He stated that he will purchase some items for the elementary school tour. He researched cat ordinances and recommended using the existing nuisance animal ordinance.

P&Z REPORT – A very short meeting was held as there was nothing on their agenda. The appointment of Steve Ohngren was approved.

ARBOR DAY & CITY CLEANUP was scheduled for Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 A.M. Johnalee McDonald stated that she would like to move some trees from the city lot to other spots in the city.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that he has been looking into prices for a grinder to be installed on the sewer system. So far, prices are \$20-\$40,000 plus electrical installation. Mayor Sturman stated that he would like to install the grinder before winter and doesn't foresee any problems with the installation. Mayor Sturman stated that he was contacted by a realtor about adding 10 commercial/industrial buildings on Hitt Road south of Highway 20. They proposed running water/sewer out there and that is the only thing that would benefit the city in the future. He doesn't think the few sewer charges would benefit the city, nor does he think the City of Idaho Falls would allow it. He will tell the realtor that the City is not interested in extending water/sewer to the property. John Brasier stated that power costs and sewer treatment are where we should be for this time of year.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:36 P.M.

Public Hearing-April 26th

7:00 PM

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

City Meeting Schedule

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



Thank You

to everyone who donated and helped with the EASTER EGG HUNT this year!! This event is funded entirely by community and business donations. Special thanks to Scott & Deana Norman and Ucon Fire & Police Departments, and the many groups that helped. Thanks to all the sponsors and to all the kids who participated. To any parents, sponsors, or organizations that would like to help, give us a call, we can always use your help.
Ucon Easter Committee

Arbor Day & City Cleanup Saturday, April 28th City Building—9 AM

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. Both dumpsters will be placed on 41st East by the tennis courts. Please make sure to follow the county landfill restrictions (see below) on materials allowed in the dumpsters.

Allowed Items: Construction and demolition debris which includes wood products, lumber, bricks, concrete, tree stumps, packing material, soil, rocks, Yard debris (NO GRASS) and weeds. **Please pile limbs/branches/tree stumps on the edge of your property and call to arrange for pickup**

Prohibited Items: Treated wood (i.e. railroad ties, fence posts: grass, clothes, paper, agricultural waste such as (seeds, hay, straw, manure), burn barrels, tires, refrigerators, paint, oil, oil filters, pesticides, 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.

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

Spring Has Sprung!

Well, it seems that spring is finally here. When the weather turns warm we all would rather be outside. This presents a few child safety challenges. I would like to remind everyone that very soon the ditches around town will have water in them. Kids (and most adults) are naturally attracted to water. Please don’t let your kids play in or around these ditches. Kids throwing rocks and sticks into the ditches can cause a lot of problems for the people using the ditches for irrigation. But more importantly, there are several places where the ditch goes into a very long culvert and if a child were to fall into it...well, I can’t even imagine. Bicycle safety is another issue. Please teach your children to share the road correctly to avoid any incidents, and to always wear their safety gear. While driving, we can be a little more mindful of what’s going on around our city streets and watch out for kids playing or riding bikes around town. We can all do our part by watching out for each other and let’s all have a fun and safe summer!

Thank You,
 Mayor Sturman

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
2ND QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2018			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 121,000	\$ 65,722	54%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 13,100	\$ 13,805	105%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 166,700	\$ 68,621	41%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ 232	46%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%
MISC. REVENUE	\$ 103,300	\$ 4,320	4%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,500	\$ 500	20%
WATER FUND	\$ 292,500	\$ 99,520	34%
SEWER FUND	\$ 501,100	\$ 160,783	32%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 69,150	\$ 19,362	28%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 205,850	\$ 50,256	24%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 39,400	\$ 540	1%
ROADS	\$ 49,700	\$ 8,778	18%
PARKS	\$ 45,000	\$ 3,878	9%
WATER FUND	\$ 292,500	\$ 68,006	23%
SEWER FUND	\$ 501,100	\$ 80,175	16%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report			
Ronda Deason - Clerk/Treasurer			
DATED this 24th day of April, 2017			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			