



CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

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November 14, 2018– City Council Highlights

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan and Russ Donahoo from Bonneville County Planning & Zoning were present.

Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Scott Norman gave the opening prayer.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Norman reported 17 total members; 16 attending regular training; up to 12 new for wildland; 155 hours training; 1 scout group; 32 chief hours; 12 hours on fire calls (1 call for Jefferson assist on house fire off 100 N); 32 hours maintenance; 2 plan reviews; 231 total hours. Pumpkin carving and Trunk-or-Treat went well.

\$124,718 received from Department of Lands. The council discussed changing the percentage to 10% city and 90% fire but decided to wait until the clerk speaks to the auditors. Chief Norman reported that Dept. of Lands is looking for another tender for the department. He applied for a grant from BLM for radios, PPE and a type 4 truck. The turret was received and they're working on the install. He requested and received approval to spend \$200 for batteries & oil for three pump rebuilds. They have started working on the 5-ton HMTT to get it ready for wildland next year. Johnalee asked if the department could get an excess ambulance and fill it with blankets for a disaster. Mayor Sturman stated that it is worth looking into. Chief Norman stated that might be a good use for Rescue 3 truck.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer was not present, but presented a written report. 166 patrol hours; 4 investigations/court; 6 overtime hours; 3 call outs; 2 arrest/warrant; 20 traffic stops; 6 traffic citations issued; 2 non-traffic citations; 20 incidents responded to; 1 special event; 1 state police assists; 1 traffic accident. He's been working with owners on properties that need to be cleaned up. Snake River Animal shelter donated a pet chip readers to the city. He has started tagging vehicles parked on the right-of-way too close to the road way to prepare for snow removal. He reminded everyone to remind their friends and family to slow down on the Ucon overpass as it is one of the worst areas for accidents after it snows.

P & Z REPORT – the clerk reported no P & Z matters to discuss.

LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT – Johnalee McDonald reported that she is working on the Tree City USA recertification. The council discussed relocating trees at Simmons Park to prepare for the shelter.

WATER/SEWER REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that the trees Well #3 will start coming down tomorrow. All parks are winterized. The power poles for the sewer grinder install at Hitt Road lift station will cost approximately \$2,000. The equipment is ready for snow removal. Total costs for the park and ride fill-in were just under \$15,000. He requested and received approval to purchase 19 coffin blocks at \$55 each to go around park and ride and to use at shop. John Brasier presented graphs for sewer flows and power costs. Council meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Large quantities of trash including “flushable” wipes, hair, dental floss, and other hard-to-remove items are causing problems with our sewer system. Help us avoid costly repairs and sewer backups. FLUSH ONLY TOILET PAPER DOWN YOUR TOILETS



City Meeting Schedule

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

Don't Ruin Your Holidays! Fight F.O.G (Fats.Oils.Grease)

Keep **F**ats, **O**ils & **G**rease out of your drain!
F.O.G. Clogs Pipes-Follow these simple steps to help prevent sewer backups:

1. Pour cold fats, oils & grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. Never pour fats, oil or grease down sink drains or toilets.
2. Soak up spilled oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels or kitty litter and throw into your garbage.
3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils & grease into your garbage.
4. Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

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

Please remember to have your chimneys cleaned & inspected this winter. Turn off your Christmas tree lights off when no one is home and before you go to bed. Be sure to water live trees. Be careful on the snowy roads and have a safe and Happy Holiday season :-)

Snow Removal

Move all vehicles, trailers, etc. as far as possible off street rights-of-way.

Please don't plow snow out into the streets—it creates a hazard for other drivers.

Remember snow plows have the right of way and the city assumes no responsibility for damage to property when parked next to the street.

AVOID 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.

Mayor's Straight Talk

Just a few notes this month:

Please make sure your dogs have City of Ucon tags. I spent a lot of time over the weekend picking up loose dogs and trying to determine where they belong. From now on dogs that are picked up without tags will immediately go to the shelter, adding cost to the fee. We do not have a suitable place to keep dogs until the owners can be located. If your dog has a tag, it will be in our database and we can easily locate the owner.

We still have several bicycles that have been found around the city. If you are missing a bike, call the city office and describe the bike and it will be returned to you.

Winter is upon us. Please make sure that vehicles, trailers, etc. are off of the right of way when it comes time to plow snow.

When the temperature drops below zero, please be sure to leave a thin stream of water running to keep your meter from freezing.

Have a safe and fun Holiday Season!
Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman