



CITY OF UCON

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City Council Highlights – February 13, 2019

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald were present.

FY18 AUDIT REPORT – SEARLE HART & ASSOCIATES – Louise Street presented the audit. The council accepted the FY2018 audit report.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 16 members, 15 attending regular training, and five additional members for wildland. 160 training hours; 2 scout groups hosted (Chief Norman thanked Chief Fullmer for his help); 30 chief hours; 30 hours on 3 fire calls/assists; 76 hours maintenance; 2 plan reviews. The 5-ton project is going a bit slower than hoped. Chief Norman requested and received approval for \$1,250 for fire hydrant testing equipment from regular fire fund.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 163 patrol hours; 2 investigation/court; 3 overtime hours; 2 call outs; 20 traffic stops; 9 traffic citations issued; 23 incidents responded to; 2 county assists; 1 state police assist; 2 alarms. He reported that the flashing school signs need new batteries. He requested and received approval for \$400 for handheld radio repairs and game cameras for investigations.

LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT - no report

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mayor Sturman requested and received approval for \$17,500 for the purchase and setup of a 2009 Ford F350 pickup and sale of the old public works truck – a 1997 Chevrolet C35 pickup.

Daniel Morgan reported that the new check valve for Well #1 will be installed soon. Cutting edges have been replaced on the grader and plow truck.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that Rocky Mountain Power provided the power poles at no cost for the sewer grinder project. The grinder will be installed as soon as the poles are set.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.

27th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Committee Members needed!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 20th 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!

Mayor’s Straight Talk

Fifteen years ago, I didn’t give a thought to how safe

drinking water gets to my tap or what happens when I flush the toilet. When I got into the business of water and wastewater it was a real eye opener for me. We are so fortunate to have clean, sustainable drinking water and most people do not realize what it takes to keep it that way. In some communities around us must treat the water for nitrates, arsenic, iron bacteria and other contaminants. In Ucon, our water comes straight from the upper Snake River plain aquifer directly to your tap. No treatment or chlorination is needed due to the quality of the groundwater. Stringent testing, maintenance requirements, and procedures keep us safe from contaminants. In other countries around the world safe drinking water is a real issue. In fact, according to the United Nations:

- 783 million people do not have access to safe water, which is more than 2.5 times the population of the United States.
- Roughly 3.5 million people die each year due to inadequate water supply or contaminants.
- 80% of sewage in developing countries is discharged untreated directly into water bodies.

We are so incredibly fortunate here in the United States, where no matter how poor, everyone has access to perfectly safe water. We don't think twice about the purity of water from the tap, a glass of water in a restaurant, a highway rest stop or an airport or motel. We know that the ice in our drink and the water coming from public drinking fountains is safe. Safe drinking water is a blessing we don't pay any attention to, but the U.S. is one of few places on earth where contaminated water is not a public health issue. And for that, I am profoundly thankful.

—Mayor Sturman

City Meeting Schedule

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.
- **Landscape & Rec:** 1st Thurs, 5:30 PM.