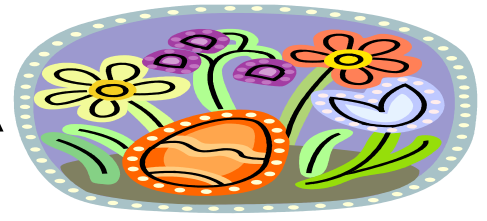




CITY OF UCON

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights – March 13, 2019

- John Brasier, Phillip Campbell, Tyrell Maughan, Johnalee McDonald and two citizens were present. Mayor Sturman was excused. Two leaders and four members of Boy Scout Troop #96 were present.
- John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and the scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- POLICE REPORT – Chief Fuller reported 160 patrol hours; 3 call outs; 4 training hours; 22 traffic stops; 12 traffic citations issued; 14 incidents responded to; 5 special patrol/vacation watches; 1 county assist. He received Narcan for opioid overdoses. He will soon be fixing street signs around town and painting curbs.
- FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 16 members, 15 attending regular training, and five wildland members. 172 training hours; 2 scout groups hosted; 38 chief hours; 4 hours on 1 fire call/assist; 92 hours maintenance; 2 plan reviews. They are hoping to have the 5-ton ready for the USWIG annual drill on May 21st. They will be getting some additional equipment from BLM via grant. On March 21st at 10 AM they are hosting the USWIG at the city building. He presented the new hydrant testing kit which will be used to test all the fire hydrants on the system. Easter Egg hunt preparations are underway. He explained the clarifications to the five-year agreement with BLM, Department of Lands and Forest Service, and requested authorization to sign the agreement before the next council meeting. The council authorized Chief Norman to sign the five-year agreement.
- ARBOR DAY/CITY CLEANUP – Johnalee McDonald stated that she would like to have part of the Arbor Day celebration on the Friday before so that the elementary kids could help clean up the parks and plant trees. She said she would discuss the matter again at the April 10th council meeting.
- WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier stated that the water pumping power usage was higher than the month before because Well #3 ran more than normal.
- PLANNING & ZONING – Russ Donahoo representing Bonneville County Planning & Zoning stated that they held a public hearing regarding Rocky Mountain Power's proposed power line project, a portion of which will run west of Timberline Estates. Mayor Sturman attended the hearing and expressed concern that the power line would need to cross the sewer line on Hitt Road. Bonneville P&Z voted to approve the project with several stipulations. If their decision is appealed, the matter will go to the county commissioners and take another 30 days. Rocky Mountain Power plans to start construction in late 2019 and finish in 2021.
- ACCESS IDAHO/PAYPORT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS – the clerk explained that the requests for card payments have increased. Credit/debit card payments would be processed through Access Idaho - the same company that processes credit card payments for the State of Idaho. Customers could make same-day payments by calling the City Clerk. Future payments and recurring payments could be set up by the customer via a link on the city website. The fee charged to the customer using a debit/credit card would be 3% of the transaction amount plus \$1.00. The council voted to accept credit/debit card payments via Access Idaho.
- City Council meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

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 clean up parks, plant trees, etc.

City Clean Up—Ucon Residents—We would like to assist you with your spring cleaning. Two (2) large dumpsters will be placed in the city. More information to follow regarding what is and is not allowed in the dumpsters.

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.



28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 20th —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. Donations are always welcome.**



City Meeting Schedule

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

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT (AUDITED)			
4TH QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 121,000	\$ 121,906	101%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 13,100	\$ 18,784	143%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 166,700	\$ 243,362	146%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ 432	86%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,423	171%
MISC. REVENUE	\$ 103,300	\$ 39,341	38%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,730	69%
WATER FUND	\$ 292,500	\$ 243,963	83%
SEWER FUND	\$ 501,100	\$ 332,186	66%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 69,150	\$ 50,317	73%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 205,850	\$ 121,920	59%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 39,400	\$ 19,869	50%
ROADS	\$ 49,700	\$ 26,301	53%
PARKS	\$ 45,000	\$ 19,456	43%
WATER FUND	\$ 292,500	\$ 211,433	72%
SEWER FUND	\$ 501,100	\$ 323,693	65%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report			
Ronda Deason - Clerk/Treasurer			
DATED this 25th day of March, 2019.			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			

CITY OF UCON			
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
1ST QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 129,000	\$ 26,011	20%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 10,200	\$ 4,776	47%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 169,500	\$ 159,107	94%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ 100	20%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,000	\$ 493	25%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 109,200	\$ 2,819	3%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0%
WATER FUND	\$ 298,400	\$ 54,119	18%
SEWER FUND	\$ 501,600	\$ 83,774	17%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 71,900	\$ 7,502	10%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 170,400	\$ 20,654	12%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 49,400	\$ 45,486	92%
ROADS	\$ 53,500	\$ 13,047	24%
PARKS	\$ 77,200	\$ 1,774	2%
WATER FUND	\$ 298,400	\$ 35,427	12%
SEWER FUND	\$ 501,600	\$ 47,125	9%
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Mayor's Straight Talk

Pressure vs. Flow

Lately I have had a few questions about water pressure. It is important to understand the difference between pressure and flow. To put it simply, pressure is how the water is delivered and flow is the amount of water delivered. There are many variables that can come into play when it comes to pressure and flow. Many homes in Ucon have old galvanized piping beyond the meter which has a significant mineral buildup inside causing a lack of flow due to the resistance in the pipe. The pressure has to overcome this resistance in order to deliver a suitable flow. Recently we have done some pressure/flow testing at the outer reaches of the water system. The pressure was 80-85 psi and the flow was between 13 and 15 gpm (gallons per minute) at the meter. This should be more than sufficient for a residence if the piping beyond the meter is in good condition. In short, if you feel you have a problem with delivered water, it is most likely a flow issue, not a pressure issue.

Some tips to help improve flow to your home are to make sure the screens in your taps are cleaned on a regular basis. Mineral deposits can plug the screens in a very short time. Also make sure you don't have a toilet that is running. Older toilets have about a 3 gallon tank. It takes about 30 seconds to refill the tank. At this rate a running toilet has the potential to use over 2,000 gallons a day. Of course this is a worst-case scenario, but you can see the impact. And while this is happening it is of course affecting flow and pressure on your system. Not to mention increasing your water bill. Water heaters can act as a settling basin and collect hard water deposits. Over time the smaller particles can accumulate into the other pipes in your house causing more resistance in the pipe. It is recommended to have your water heater cleaned out on a regular basis to keep this to a minimum. It is also recommended to have your water softener filters checked according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Small leaks can also add up to affect your system as well. If you suspect a leak in your water system or have questions, please contact the city office.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman

