



CITY OF UCON

SEPTEMBER 2019

NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights—August 14, 2019

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Phillip Campbell, Johnalee McDonald were present. Tyrell Maughan was excused. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Johnalee McDonald gave the opening prayer.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & RELATED ORDINANCES/ RESOLUTIONS – Mayor Sturman opened the public hearing on Ordinances 184 and 185 at 7:36 PM. No comments were heard as there were no citizens in attendance. Mayor Sturman closed the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

ORDINANCE 185 – FY20 BUDGET – The council members present voted unanimously to suspend the rules and approve the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 184 – FY19 BUDGET AMENDMENT – Mayor Sturman explained that the 2019 budget had to be amended to increase the fire department budget due to wildland expenses and the street department budget due to chip sealing. The council members present voted unanimously to suspend the rules and approve the ordinance.

RESOLUTION 65 – WATER/SEWER RATES – Mayor Sturman stated that the water rates won't change but the number of gallons included in the base rate will be reduced. The ordinance was unanimously approved.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 152 patrol hours; 4 call outs; 4 training hours; 14 traffic stops; 8 traffic citations issued; 2 non-traffic citations; 32 incidents responded to; 2 special events attended; 3 special patrol/vacation watches; 2 alarms. Chief Fullmer commended Johnalee McDonald and Chief Norman and the fire department on doing such a fantastic job on Founders Day. Chief Fullmer stated that he is getting ready to get the school zone lights going before school starts. Everything else is going well. He presented a draft curfew ordinance to the council for their review.

KENNEL LICENSE – 3770 E 108 N – PAUL & KRISTIE ZEMLICKA – The clerk stated that the Police Department conducted a poll of neighboring property owners within 200 feet and the 75% approval was met. The council voted to approve the kennel license.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 18 members, 15 attending regular training, and five wildland members. 182 training hours; 2 scout groups; 1 water fight; 55 chief hours; 16 hours on 3 fire calls in Ucon; 3 wildland fire calls; (HEMTT to Sheep Fire at INL; HEMTT to Desert Ride fire on Highway 33; Brush Truck to CAGG support in Twin Falls); 323 wildland hours; 92 hours maintenance; 2 plan reviews; 668 total hours. Chief Norman said he is expecting a crazy few months of fire season. The turbo on the brush truck went out on the CAGG Fire and it cost \$2,000 to transport the truck back to Ucon. They were the only resource on the Desert Ride fire. He attended a meeting with Idaho Falls fire chiefs and it went very well.

He requested and received approval for \$500 to purchase new batteries for the Kenworth tender. He requested and received approval to send the trucks outside the previously approved 100-mile radius if they're already out on another call.

LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Johnalee McDonald reported that Founders Day went very well and she's already working on plans for next year. She thanked everyone who helped set up and attended the event. She will be finishing up Arbor Day paperwork. **SPLASH PARK – BETTY SMITH** – She stated that she would like to see the city put in a splash pad at city park. Mayor Sturman said he would do some research.

AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH - Gary & Peggy Rogers 3416 E 109 N

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mayor Sturman reported that roads were chip sealed and they'll be swept soon. He stated that the electronic meter reading system went down in July and he contacted the council members for approval to purchase a new system. The council approved \$10,000 for new electronic meter reading equipment.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that sewer flows and power usage was up but is in line with past years.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:24 P.M.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE CITY OF UCON, ID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general election to be held in and for the City of Ucon, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The election will be held for the purpose of electing the following offices for the specified terms: **Two (2) City Council Seats – four (4) year terms.** Candidates for city elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office sought and affirming that the individual is a qualified city elector, meaning: at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, the candidate's primary residence must be within the city, the address of the candidate's voter registration must match the residence address provided on the candidate's declaration, and the candidate must have resided in the city for at least 30 days prior to submitting their declaration. The Declaration of Candidacy must be accompanied by: (1) a nonrefundable filing fee of \$40 or (2) a Petition of Candidacy signed by at least five qualified city electors with the signatures verified by the county clerk's office. The deadline for filing Declarations of Candidacy is Friday, September 6th at 5:00 P.M. Declarations of Candidacy are available at City Hall in the office of the city clerk at 3787 E 112 N from the hours of Tuesday 1 PM to 5 PM, Wednesday 9 AM to 4 PM and Thursday 9 AM to 1 PM. On Friday, September 6, 2019, the last day to declare candidacy, the office will be open from 1 PM until 5 PM.

Ronda Deason, City Clerk

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council: 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.**

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The Mayor's Straight Talk

On October 1st, you may notice a slight increase in your water and sewer bill. On the water bill the rate increase was in the form of reduced gallons included with the base rate. The base rate itself and the cost per thousand gallons remained the same. The sewer rate went up 4.9%. Unfortunately these increases are needed due to increases in commercial power rates, increases in fees from Idaho Falls sewer treatment costs, increases in costs for testing and maintenance, and to help fund depreciation of our aging water and sewer systems. The last increases were absorbed by the city, but we are unable to do this again and remain a sustainable system in the long run. Ultimately a zero-gallon base rate is the goal to make water usage rates fair for everyone. I don't feel that a customer who only uses 1,000 gallons a month should be subsidizing the customer with an acre of green grass. At the same time, by eventually getting to a zero-gallon base rate we can account for unbilled water. Before this latest increase (or reduction of gallons in the base rate), the city pumped 1.3 million gallons a month that was given away in the base rates. After the rate adjustment that number drops to 658,000 gallons a month. To make things fair for everyone that number needs to be zero, and we are working toward that goal, slowly but surely. Of course we want to do this as painlessly as possible, so baby steps are the key. All in all we are in pretty good shape, and still maintain some of the lowest water and sewer rates around. The quality and quantity of the water is excellent, and we do not see any major projects in the near future. At the same time we must be ever vigilant in keeping up with new regulations and testing requirements, as well as keep funding depreciation as the water and sewer systems age.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman

Approved Ordinances



CITY OF UCON
ORDINANCE # 185: ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,277,900 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSE AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF UCON FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A SUFFICIENT TAX UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SAID APPROPRIATION IS MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UCON, BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO:

Section 1: That the sum of \$1,277,900 be appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Ucon, Bonneville County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019.

Section 2: The objects and purposes for which such appropriation is made, and the amount of each object and purpose is as follows:

Estimated expenditures:

Police Department	\$156,100
Fire Department	\$ 75,300
General Administration	\$ 91,000
Parks	\$ 70,100
Roads	\$ 61,700
Total General Fund	\$454,200
Water Fund	\$305,500
Sewer Fund	\$518,200
Total Water & Sewer Fund	\$823,700
Total Appropriations	\$1,277,900

Section 3: That a general tax levy on all taxable property within the City of Ucon be levied in an amount allowed by law for the general purposes for said City, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019.

Section 4: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its passage, approval and publication in one issue of the Post Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Ucon, and the official newspaper of said City.

PASSED under suspension of rules upon which a roll call vote was taken and duly enacted at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council held on the 14th day of August 2019.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 14th day of August, 2019.


 Ronda Deason, City Clerk/Treasurer


 Craig Sturman, Mayor





CITY OF UCON
ORDINANCE NO. 184: AMENDED ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 181, THE APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018; APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF UCON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Ucon, Bonneville County, Idaho;

Section 1: That Ordinance No. 181, the appropriations ordinance for the City of Ucon, Idaho, for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2018, be, and the same is hereby amended as follows:

	FY2019 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	AMENDMENT	FY2019 AMENDED APPROPRIATION
General Fund			
Fire Department	\$ 49,400	\$ 50,000	\$ 69,400
Roads	\$ 53,500	\$ 60,000	\$ 113,500
Total General Fund	\$ 422,400	\$110,000	\$ 532,400

That the additional amounts of \$50,000 be appropriated out of the revenues from Idaho Department of Lands for Wildland Firefighting and \$60,000 be appropriated out of the General Fund Revenues to be used for authorized activities.

Section 2: The City Clerk of the City of Ucon shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance with the Idaho Secretary of State, in accordance with Idaho Code 50-1003.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED <under suspension of rules> by roll call vote of the Ucon City Council at a convened meeting held on the 14th day of August, 2019.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Ucon, Idaho, this 14th day of August, 2019.


 RONDA DEASON, City Clerk/Treasurer


 CRAIG STURMAN, Mayor



ATTEST: