



CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

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City Council Highlights – November 13, 2019

Craig Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Phillip Campbell, and 0 citizens were present. Tyrell Maughan arrived during the police report at 7:40 P.M. District 34 Representative Doug Ricks and his daughter were in attendance. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COPIER – DECLARE AS EXCESS & DONATE – The council voted to declare the Lanier LD620C copier as excess and donate it to Veterans Mobility Corp.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 148 patrol hours; 6 overtime hours; 1 call outs; 20 training hours; 0 arrest/warrant; 16 traffic stops; 11 traffic citations issued; 14 incidents responded to; 2 special events attended; 2 special patrol/vacation watch. Chief Fullmer reported that he attended the Advanced Crime Prevention Academy in Boise. He participated in the Halloween carnival and trunk or treats. He will soon be patrolling to make sure vehicles and trailers are not parked in the street rights-of-way to facilitate snow removal.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 18 members, 15 attending regular training, and four wildland members. 185 training hours; 1 scout group; 1 trunk or treat; 94 chief hours; 105 hours on 4 fire calls (outbuilding fire in Ucon); 3 calls to Ammon (two were canceled in route); Wildland crew and brush truck went to Kincade fire in California; 55 hours maintenance; 3 plan reviews; 426 total hours; 420 wildland hours in California. The Halloween trunk-or-treats went well. The department participated in the preparedness fair. Chief Norman reported that the SCBAs need to be tested and he will request money in January after wildland funds are received. John Brasier requested that the minutes of August 14th be clarified to specify the types of equipment and personnel that may be sent to wildland calls. In the August minutes, it stated “Chief Norman requested approval to send trucks outside the 100-mile radius” - he asked to clarify what types of trucks. A unanimous decision was made to allow firefighters and equipment listed on the ICMA (Idaho Cooperative Mobile Agreement) to be sent to fires at the discretion of the fire chief. John said that the same minutes state “leave the distance the wildland crew travels to the discretion of the fire chief” – he asked to clarify what types of equipment here as well. A unanimous decision was made to allow the fire chief to send firefighters and equipment listed on the ICMA agreement to fires over 100 miles away with

notification to the mayor or council president if the mayor is unavailable.

LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Johnalee McDonald stated that she is looking into the Bechtel grant for Simmons Park. Mayor Sturman asked Tyrell Maughan if he would be willing to take over Arbor Day. Tyrell accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mayor Sturman stated that 13 applications were received for the public works position. One applicant really stood out and he was interviewed and offered the job. Johnalee McDonald said that the applicant hired is her nephew and she wanted to disclose this. Mayor Sturman informed the council that there are places in town that are extremely hard to plow. He requested and received approval to spend up to \$8,000 from capital outlay to purchase a snowplow for the Ford F350 to plow the dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs. Daniel Morgan reported that some water samples tested positive for total coliform. The tank and water system were disinfected, and the repeat samples came back clean. DEQ requires a Level 1 assessment to determine what may be causing the issue. He thinks it might be that when people are winterizing sprinkler systems in the fall there might be some backflow into the system. Mayor Sturman stated that he has spoken with other systems who have the same problem this time of year. He proposed disinfecting the system each fall just to be safe. He stated that the water tank needs to be cleaned and inspected every five years. The council authorized Mayor Sturman to sign a contract with Liquid Engineering for \$3,500 for the required water tank inspection and cleaning. Daniel stated that the fence is going in at Well 1 and cameras will be installed by the end of November. He is still working on getting scheduled for the electrician to hook up the sewer grinder. He will be repairing potholes next week.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that sewer flow and pumping power are down as expected for this time of year.

PLANNING & ZONING – no report.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:58 P.M.

Thank You!!

The Ucon Fire Department wishes to thank Russ Donahoo for donating the pumpkins for their pumpkin carving event.

City Meeting Schedule

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 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. PLEASE FLUSH ONLY TOILET PAPER DOWN YOUR TOILETS.

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 protect your sewer system and 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

Please 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

Since this is the Thanksgiving season, I thought I would like to tell you about one of the many things I am thankful for. My day job allows me the opportunity to work closely with nearly all the small communities in the state of Idaho. Many are very nice little towns, with very nice people. There are some however who just seem to always have a lot of drama and negativity. I am very thankful that Ucon is not that way. We have some wonderful people living here, and we all seem to get along regardless of religion, social status, or anything else that seems to divide people elsewhere. I have really noticed this about Ucon since we moved here over 20 years ago. Along with the fine citizens we have a great bunch of people involved in serving our community and awesome employees. I can't say enough good things about them all. They all certainly make my job easier. We all get along well and that makes it easier for us all to do our jobs effectively.

I am also thankful for all those who have served our community in the past, those serving now, and those who will serve in the future. It may not seem like much at the time, but your involvement in our community affairs is crucial to the well being and sustainability of our little city. Thank you all.

Mayor Sturman