



**CITY OF UCON  
NEWSLETTER  
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**City Council Highlights – November 11, 2020**

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, Johnalee McDonald, Larry Gilmore, and no citizens were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported 168 patrol hours; 8 overtime hours; 2 call outs; 4 training hours; 2 arrests/warrants; 25 traffic stops; 17 traffic citations issued; 2 non-traffic citations; 32 incidents responded to; 4 special events; 1 special patrol/vacation watch; 5 animal control calls; 4 traffic accidents.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 18 total members with 16 attending regular training; 115 hours training; 90 chief hours; 34 hours on actual calls (1 in Ammon – 1 in Ririe – no calls in Ucon); 56 maintenance hours; 296 total hours. The CARES grant for radios is in place. He hopes to have radios ordered and funds back by the end of November. All wildland equipment is back.

**LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT** – Tyrell Maughan reported that he is working on the Tree City USA recertification.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Mayor Sturman reported that 105 North is back open after the sewer installation on 36 East. All snow plows are ready for the season.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – John Brasier reported that the sewer flow is in line with past years.

**BMPO REPORT** – Larry Gilmore reported that FY20 road projects are finishing up.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – No report.

Mayor Sturman reported that planning is underway for the New Year's party.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.**

**Ucon Angel Tree**

A group dedicated to helping our neighbors through the holiday season. This year an Angel Tree will be located in the **Ucon City Building** as well as the following locations:

**Rusty Lantern—Ucon**

**Eagle Rock Dental—Idaho Falls**

**Southside Conditioning & Strengthening—Rigby**

Please visit the Ucon Angel Tree group on Facebook or contact Jody Dalley at (208) 716-6990 for more information

**Snow Removal**

- ◆ Move all vehicles, trailers, etc. as far as possible off street rights-of-way.
- ◆ Don't plow snow out into the streets—it creates a hazard for 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.

**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.



**City Meeting Schedule**

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.

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**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

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**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 :-)

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**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.

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**Mayor's Straight Talk**

During the height of the Civil War in 1863, Abraham Lincoln finally heeded the request from Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor and writer, to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. A proclamation asking all Americans to ask God to “commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal the wounds of the nation.”

He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt’s plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

Please enjoy your Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Thank you,

Mayor Sturman