



CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights – January 8, 2020

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Phillip Campbell, and Tyrell Maughan were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The council approved the minutes, treasurer's report, presentation of bills and transfers to/from the state pool,

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED

COUNCIL MEMBERS – The city clerk administered the Oaths of Office and presented Certificates of Election to John Brasier and Larry Gilmore.

Mayor Sturman presented a plaque and expressed the council's appreciation to Phillip Campbell for his two years of service on the Ucon City Council. Mayor Sturman excused Phillip Campbell and welcomed newly elected council members John Brasier and Larry Gilmore.

ELECT-COUNCIL PRESIDENT – John Brasier was elected as council president.

COUNCIL DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS – Larry Gilmore: Bonneville Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMPO) board.

Tyrell Maughan: Parks & Rec/Arbor Day

John Brasier: Water & Sewer

Johnalee McDonald: Founders Day

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman was absent.

Daniel Morgan requested and received approval for \$500 for repairs on the filter on Engine 1.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 148 patrol hours; 12 investigation/court; 12 overtime hours; 3 call outs; 1 arrest/warrant; 19 traffic stops; 8 traffic citations issued; 2 special events attended; 1 special patrol; 2 other agency assist; 2 traffic accidents. Chief Fullmer stated that he solved an auto theft and the vehicle was returned to the owner.

LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Mayor Sturman stated that the New Year's party went well and there was an excellent turn-out. Next year he would like to raffle off a big-ticket item with the proceeds going to the Mayor's scholarship fund.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier stated that flows and power consumption are in line with previous years. He will present graphs next month.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that he is still working with the electrician on the sewer grinder installation. Snow removal is going well. He reported that the tool room is finished and presented plans for the city building remodel. He requested and received approval for \$17,000 for the city building remodel.

ADOPT UPDATED SOURCE WATER

PROTECTION AND CONTINGENCY PLANS –

Mayor Sturman stated that the Source Water Protection and Contingency Plan was updated. John Brasier explained the plan and stated that cities must have a plan in place in order to receive grants. The plan identifies any possible sources of contamination to the water system and must be updated every five years. The plan was adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL (IN ACCORDANCE WITH IDAHO CODE 74-206(1)

(b)) – The council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 8:15 P.M. to discuss employee evaluations and pay increases. The regular meeting resumed at 8:33 P.M. The council approved a 4% increase in employee hourly rates.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 P.M.

DOG LICENSES

The annual fee for dog license renewal was added to your January bill. Please notify the city clerk of any changes to the dogs listed on your account.

Fire Safety Message

Please remember to have your chimneys cleaned & inspected this winter.

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council: 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.**

**EASTER EGG HUNT 2020
COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

If you have some spare time and would like to stuff eggs, call on sponsors or help in any other way, please give us a call. Help make this year a HUGE success for all the kids. If you would like to donate, please send it in and mark it "Easter Donation".

Thank you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
UCON ARBOR DAY/CITY CLEANUP**

Coming up the end of April or first part of May WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have group that would like to serve their community, please contact City Hall at (208) 523-3971. More info to follow.

SNOW PLOWING

Please move all vehicles, trailers, etc. off street rights-of-way. DO NOT plow or blow snow out into the streets as 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



THE MAYOR'S STRAIGHT TALK

As a reminder; Please keep vehicles, trailers and other items off of the roadway during the winter months. We are already running out of places to put snow, and it is extremely difficult and dangerous to plow around vehicles, etc. Also please do not push or blow snow out into the roadway, or create large piles near intersections. This creates a hazard for traffic as well as for our guys plowing snow. If we all work together, we can get through this winter without any major issues.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making our first annual New Year's Eve party a great success. We had a lot of people donating items for raffles and their time to help; and the consensus is that we will do it again next year. Next year will be a fundraiser for the new Mayor's scholarship fund. We will be working on the details of this scholarship in the coming months. This scholarship will be awarded to help with tuition, books or other expenses for college and trade schools. Qualifying applicants must be a direct relative (child, spouse, mother or father) of a resident of the city of Ucon, or receive utility services from the city. The amount of the scholarship will depend on the funds raised annually from the event. My goal is \$1500/year. The fund will be a line item in the general fund for transparency reasons. Donations can be made at any time. I am looking forward to initiating this scholarship.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman

