



CITY OF UCON

JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights—May 13, 2020

- The meeting was started via Zoom Video Conference but due to technical difficulties ended up being a regular meeting. Mayor Sturman, Tyrell Maughan, Larry Gilmore, and Johnalee McDonald were present. John Brasier participated via telephone.
- Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:55 P.M.
- Sally Lewis participated via telephone and stated that she would like to be allowed to keep chickens in the R-1 zone. At least 52 other people have contacted her to express their interest in having chickens. Mayor Sturman asked her to do some research and report back. She stated that she has gathered ordinances from several nearby cities that allow chickens. The council voted unanimously to pursue an ordinance allowing chickens in the R-1 zone.
- POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 168 patrol hours; 8 overtime hours; 2 call outs; 24 traffic stops; 7 traffic citations issued; 30 incidents responded to; 5 special patrol/vacation watch; 1 alarm; 2 traffic accidents; 1 medical call. Chief Fullmer report a slow March and April due to COVID-19. He has been handling issues mostly via phone, but for the most part it has been business as usual. He commended everyone for doing their part during the stay-at-home order. He stated that he has not had problems with chickens. He suggested limiting the number of chickens allowed with absolutely no roosters; and making the ordinance enforceable.
- FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 19 total members with 16 attending regular training. 0 hours training; 38 chief hours; 22 hours on actual calls (5 calls); 162 maintenance hours. Total: 222 hours. He stated that most of the training has been suspended due to COVID-19. He stated that an active fire season is predicted. He still has 18,000 plus Easter eggs and is open to suggestions. They are still planning on holding the 4th of July breakfast but at Simmons Park to allow for social distancing. The five-ton is close to being done, but it ended up being more than originally thought and nothing has been done on the HEMTT. He requested an additional \$3,000 from wildland funds to finish the HEMTT. The council unanimously voted to allow the fire department to spend \$3,000 from wildland funds for the HEMTT pump repair.
- LANDSCAPE & REC – Tyrell Maughan reported that the trees look good, but that he would like to spray the grass around them.
- PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that a leak at Ucon Park and a break in the sewer force main off Hitt Road were repaired. One of the pressure relief valves on the force main malfunctioned and had to be replaced. Two other valves are on hand and will be replaced this summer. He is waiting on a lid to be made for the sewer grinder and hopes to install it within next two weeks. The sewer jetter nozzles have arrived and sewer lines will be cleaned soon. The sprinklers have been turned on at the parks. The city building remodel is going well.
- WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that the sewer flow and power costs are in line with past years. He stated that Rocky Mountain Power is

anticipating a rate increase and he is putting the numbers together for how it will affect the 2021 budget.

- BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that the meeting was cancelled.
- P&Z REPORT – Mayor Sturman reported that a developer has shown interest in building townhomes on his lots in Ucon. The process of creating a new HDR-1 (higher-density residential) zone is underway.
- CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:03 P.M.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, June 10th @ 7:30 PM

The Ucon City Council, Ucon, Idaho, Bonneville County, Idaho, will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Ucon City Hall, 3787 East 112 North, Ucon, ID. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from the public concerning a proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 128 an ordinance: amending the Zoning Ordinance of Ucon, Idaho; adding a higher-density residential (HDR-1) zone to allow for single-family attached dwellings otherwise known as townhomes; declaring the objective for the HDR-1 zone; listing the primary uses and conditional uses permitted in the HDR-1 zone; listing the uses prohibited in the HDR-1 zone; listing the design and construction standards for the HDR-1 zone; and adding definitions for “Dwelling Unit, Multi-family” and “Dwelling Unit, Single-family attached”; and providing that Ordinance No. 128 shall be printed in full with all amendments incorporated. The full text of this ordinance is available in the office of the Ucon City Clerk. All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to express their views regarding the proposed amendment. Oral testimony may be offered at the hearing. Written testimony may be submitted up to the time of or at the hearing. Assistance for persons with disabilities will be provided - contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

Dog Tags Required

No Dogs At-Large

Please be aware of the following requirements per Ucon Ordinance 18-110A

- ALL dogs must be licensed—purchase tags @ City Building
- Have more than two (2) dogs? Kennel license required
- Dogs must be kept on your property at all times or on a leash when off your property
- Dogs running loose may be impounded

City Meeting Schedule

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

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YARD OF THE MONTH

May: Ted & Guylene Taylor
3718 East 109 North

Winners receive a \$25 gift card donated by Town & Country Gardens!! Please take a moment and visit their yard. Your yard could be next month's winner!!

Burn Permits

In Ucon city limits: Call dispatch @ (208) 529-1200
Outside Ucon city limits: FREE permits are issued by Idaho Dept. of Lands from May 10th to Oct. 20th.

Permits are valid for 10 days. Order @ burnpermits.idaho.gov You must still call dispatch at (208) 529-1200 before burning on the day of the burn.

A Message from Chief Fullmer

It's that time of the year again when the city asks everyone to do their part to help keep Ucon a safe and pleasant place to live. Just a reminder that weeds/grass cannot exceed 10" and property owners are responsible for maintaining the rights-of-way adjacent to their properties (including ditch banks).

A common beautification complaint we receive is for unused or "junk" vehicles in yards. I understand that "one man's junk is another man's treasure"; however, the storage of unused/junk vehicles in residential zones is prohibited by ordinance. I get it, vehicles break down and need fixed, and for some, it's a hobby, generally this is not an issue, it becomes an issue when vehicles begin to accumulate and sit for years, causing a nuisance. Junk and unused vehicles should be removed or stored completely out of public view.

Lastly, if you have an alley behind your property, please check to make sure that you don't have any tree branches or bushes, etc. overhanging that could impede access to the alley. It is important to keep the alleys clear for fire protection and other vital services.

Starting the first week of June I will start handing out notices for the previously mentioned issues. As always I prefer to work with people before issuing any citations so if you have any questions or if the City of Ucon can reasonably help, please don't hesitate to ask.

Chief Fullmer

Mayor's Straight Talk

As you may know the primary election is being done by mail-in ballot. This election includes electing the state senator, district representatives, county commissioners, sheriff, prosecuting attorney and other positions. I hope everyone has requested and received their ballot already, as the deadline for requesting ballots was May 19th. If you have your ballot and have not sent it in by now, you need to do so right away! The ballots are due June 2nd. Please remember that this does not mean you need to mail them by June 2nd, but they must be received at the elections office by then. So, by the time you are reading this, you have very little time to get your ballots sent in. Please remember to do so. Please do your research and pick the candidates that you feel will do the best job. Often the elections closest to us have the most impact on our daily lives.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman