



## CITY OF UCON

SEPTEMBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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### City Council Highlights—August 12, 2020

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, Larry Gilmore, and four citizens were present. Johnalee McDonald participated via telephone. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE #187 – FY2021 BUDGET ORDINANCE** - Mayor Sturman opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M. and explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear public comments on the FY2021 budget ordinance. No public comments were received. Mayor Sturman closed the public hearing at 7:33 P.M.

**ORDINANCE 187 – FY21 BUDGET** – The council unanimously voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules  
**RESOLUTION 66 – WATER/SEWER RATES** – Mayor Sturman stated that the water rates will not change but the number of gallons included in the base rate will be reduced from 1,500 gallons to zero gallons. The increase is to cover power and maintenance costs. The last time there was a power rate increase, the water rates were not increased. Sewer rates will increase \$0.50 for inside-city customers and \$0.75 for outside-city customers. John Brasier stated that the increase in rates was due to the rate increases by Rocky Mountain Power and the City of Idaho Falls. Mayor Sturman stated that the reason for reducing the allowed gallons to zero is to cover costs before water is pumped. The cost per thousand should cover power and maintenance costs. The decrease also keeps lower water users from subsidizing the users who has an acre of grass. The citizens in attendance expressed their concerns. The council unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

**PUBLIC HEARING – VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY (EDWARD & MAPLE STREETS)** – Mayor Sturman opened the public hearing at 7:45 P.M. and explained that the purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on the vacation a portion of the public rights-of-way in the Miskin subdivision north of 105 North and west of 34 East on the property formerly owned by the LDS Church and recently purchased by Jake Burtenshaw. Edward Street was deeded to the LDS church in 1992 and it is suspected that Maple Street was also vacated; however, no records of the vacation have been found. There was extensive discussion on the matter. Mayor Sturman closed the public hearing at 8:12 P.M.

**ORDINANCE #188 - VACATING PORTIONS OF EDWARD AND MAPLE STREETS IN MISKIN SUBDIVISION** – The council discussed the information presented in the public hearing and deemed the vacation to be in the public interest as the public rights-of-way have not been opened or used by the public for more than five years. The council unanimously voted to approve the ordinance under suspension of the rules.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer was not present.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 18 members; 16 attending regular training, and 2 wildland members. 92 training hours; 55 chief hours; 122 hours on actual fire calls (3 calls in Ammon; 2 in Ucon; 3 Idaho Falls assists); 105 hours maintenance; 512 wildland hours; 886 total hours. Chief Norman reported that the pump on the tender is not working and it ended up being just under \$2,000 to repair. He presented a spreadsheet listing wildland fires and related costs and requested to be paid for wildland fire administration. The administration fees are recovered when payment is received. The council unanimously voted to approve the request. He stated that there is a wildland crew is out right now and it may extend 21 days. He stated that there is up to \$40,000 available under the CARES act and he has submitted a request for funds for new radios as the current hand-held radios are discontinued.

**LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT** – Tyrell Maughan stated that he sprayed around the trees at the park.

**AUGUST YARD OF THE MONTH** – Kent and Sharon Frederickson

– 11112 N Crooked Tree Lane.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that work is continuing the city building. Electrical work has begun on the sewer grinder. They are getting the jetter ready to clean sewer lines.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – John Brasier reported that the sewer flow rates were down from this time last year. He suspects that the difference is ditch water infiltration.

**BMPO REPORT** – Larry Gilmore reported that no meeting was held.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – No report.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.**

### August Yard of the Month

Kent & Sharon Frederickson—11112 N Crooked Tree Lane  
Please take a moment and visit their yard. Winners receive a \$25 gift card donated by Town & Country Gardens. Your yard could be next year's winner!

### The Mayor's Straight Talk

Normally I would give a short description of how the city is doing (which is fine), or report on a particular issue, but in the last few years I have come to the realization of something important to us all. And that something is even more important right now. This something is perhaps more important now because we are in an unprecedented time in our history. That something is time off. Time away from your job, or hopefully even a vacation. I cannot remember a time in my life when I did not have a job. During those many years (too many to mention) I have taken very little time away from my jobs. Now that I am older, I regret not spending more time in the mountains, or at the lake with family and friends, without the worries and stress of being at a job. Yes, we all must make a living, but it is important to work to live, and not live to work. Stress is a physiological response originally meant to keep us safe. It releases hormones such as cortisol and epinephrine for the fight or flight response that was necessary for early man. However, in modern society, chronic stress can be destructive to our bodies. Getting away for regular vacations and leaving our everyday stresses give us a break from the constant high levels of these hormones and a chance to repair some of the damage. Vacations also help with sleep quality, strengthens relationships, makes you more productive at work, make better decisions and in general helps to make you a happier person. And in today's world and our current situation, I feel vacations are more important than ever. Lately I've seen a lot of stressed out people. And I'm one of them! I hope I haven't drifted too far off the beaten path, I just feel this is an important issue to help us maintain a healthy body and mind in these unprecedented times. I consider Ucon area residents to be my friends and I want the best for every one of you. During this crazy time please remember to take care of you!


Thank You,  
Mayor Sturman

### City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council: 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.**

# CITY OF UCON SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

## Approved Ordinances

**CITY OF UCON**  
**ORDINANCE #187: ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,409,900.00 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 \$1,409,900.00 be appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Ucon, Bonneville County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020.

**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	\$	181,700.00
Fire Department	\$	96,600.00
General Administration	\$	83,150.00
Parks	\$	70,100.00
Roads	\$	61,850.00
<b>Total General Fund:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>493,400.00</b>
Water Fund	\$	343,500.00
Sewer Fund	\$	573,000.00
<b>Total Water &amp; Sewer Fund:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>916,500.00</b>
<b>Total Appropriations:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,409,900.00</b>


**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, 2020.


**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 12th day of August 2020.

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 12th day of August, 2020.

  
Craig Sturman, Mayor

Attest:   
Ronda Deason, City Clerk/Treasurer

**ORDINANCE NO. 188**  
**CITY OF UCON, IDAHO**  
**VACATION OF PORTION OF PLAT OF MISKIN ADDITION**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO, PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE PLAT OF THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS THE MISKIN ADDITION, BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO, LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 38 EAST, BOISE MERIDAN, DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF MAPLE STREET AND EDWARD STREET IN ITS ENTIRETY LOCATED THEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1951, a plat of the subdivision known as Miskin Addition, Bonneville County, Idaho, was recorded in the official records of Bonneville County, Idaho as Instrument # 206886, the boundaries of which are described as follows:

Beginning at a point South 1361.75 ft. along the section line and S 88° 33' 30" W 25.01 feet from the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of Section 15, T 3N, R 38E B.M., and running thence S 88° 33' 30" W 472.70 feet; thence S 26° 57' 30" W 1388.22 feet; thence N 89° 21' 30" E 654.56 feet; thence North 142.06 feet; thence East 150.00 feet; thence North 800.95 feet; thence East 295.00 feet; thence North 294.69 feet to the point of beginning containing 15.313 acres.

WHEREAS, a petition has been filed with the Clerk of the City of Ucon by, Shaw Capital Inc. (Jake Burienshaw), the current owner of a portion of that property, requesting that the City Council vacate portions of the above-described plat currently platted as Maple Street and Edward Street, as presently platted and surveyed; and,

WHEREAS, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the matter of the vacation of that portion of that plat, noting that the vacation of that portion of that plat would constitute an abandonment and vacation of the westernmost portion of Maple Street and the entire portion of Edward Street; and,

WHEREAS, the boundaries of that portion of Maple Street and the entire portion of Edward Street of the above described plat which is to be vacated, as shown on the official plat of Miskin Addition, recorded as instrument number 206886, are described as follows:

WESTERNMOST PORTION OF MAPLE STREET:  
SITUATED IN THE STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE, CITY OF UCON, BEING A PART OF MISKIN ADDITION, SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 38 EAST, OF B.M., BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 15; THENCE NORTH 89°31'22" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 496.77 FEET WITH THE EAST – WEST CENTER OF SAID 15 TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 00°08'33" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 288.73 FEET WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF NORTH 34 EAST TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89°44'17" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 437.12 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 27°06'10" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 56.04 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89°44'17" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 41.172 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID NORTH 34 EAST; THENCE SOUTH 00°08'33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 50.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.49 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

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EDWARD STREET:  
BEGINNING AT A POINT SOUTH 1361.75 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE AND S 88°33'30" W 497.71 FEET AND S 26°57'30" W 744.39 FEET FROM THE NE CORNER OF THE NE ¼ OF SECTION 15, T3N R38E; B.M. AND RUNNING THENCE S 26°57'30" W 303.95 FEET; THENCE S 47°59'17" E 51.776 FEET; THENCE N 26°57'30" E 343.54 FEET; THENCE S 89°21'30" W 56.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 0.372 ACRES.

WHEREAS, that portion of Maple Street and Edward Street in its entirety as listed on this plat have never been opened or developed as public streets and the requested vacation serves the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UCON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the above-described portions of the above-described plat of the subdivision known as Miskin Addition, Bonneville County, Idaho, recorded on April 2, 1951 in the official records of Bonneville County, Idaho as Instrument # 202886, as presently platted and surveyed are hereby vacated.

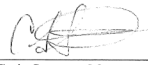
SECTION 2: That such portions of Maple Street and Edward Street in its entirety as are contained within the above-described portion of the above-described plat and which became dedicated to the public by the recording of that plat, are hereby abandoned and vacated. Ownership of such vacated streets, to the centerline thereof, shall revert to the owners of the real estate to the east, north, and south boundaries thereof, as provided by Idaho Code Section 50-311.

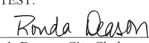
SECTION 3: That the existing rights-of-way, easements, and franchise rights of any public utility shall not be impaired by this vacation, as provided by law.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Enacted by the City Council as an ordinance of the City of Ucon on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

Approved by the Mayor on the 12th day of August 2020.

  
Craig Sturman, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Ronda Deason, City Clerk

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