



CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights – January 13, 2021

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Larry Gilmore, Johnalee McDonald, and Tyrell Maughan were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FY2020 AUDIT REPORT – SEARLE HART & ASSOCIATES – Farrell Steiner explained the audit and reported that the audit was clean, and the books are in order. The council approved the FY20 audit report.
POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 164 patrol hours; 4 overtime hours; 3 callouts; 1 arrest/warrant; 22 traffic stops; 13 traffic citations issued; 1 non-traffic citation issued; 21 incidents responded to; 1 special event attended; 2 special patrols; 2 animal control; 2 alarms; 1 traffic accidents; 1 medical call. Chief Fullmer thanked Chief Norman, Daniel Morgan and Josh Barnes for their hard work on the New Year's celebration.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 18 members, 16 attending regular training, and two wildland members. 45 training hours; 68 chief hours; 26 hours on 3 fire calls in Ammon (two canceled in route); 60 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 199 total hours. He stated that the New Year's celebration was awesome. The council approved reimbursement of \$1,500 to Scott Norman to help pay for the fireworks.

Chief Norman requested and received approval for \$5,500 for a driveline and full service on the 5-Ton and \$200 for a speedometer gear box for the Kenworth.

LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT – Johnalee McDonald reported that classes from Ucon Elementary would be visiting the parks during the last two weeks of school. Also, the second graders will be coming to the city building for a field trip.

WATER/SEWER REPORT – Mayor Sturman requested and received approval for \$698 for a two-year contract with Elan City for My City Pocket, a customer notification/alert app. John Brasier reported that 57,781,000 gallons were pumped to Idaho Falls in 2020 and he feels that the totals are accurate.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that things are going well. The water and sewer lines for the townhomes are complete and they are now working on other utilities. The sewer grinder has been installed and is working well. Timberline lift station has been having issues and they are working to get it repaired. The City Building is almost finished, and they are working on plans for the cover over the outside stairway. He reported that they will start doing the water sampling instead of contracting it out.

PLANNING & ZONING – QUIT CLAIM DEED (LDS CHURCH) – FORMER BISHOP'S STOREHOUSE PROPERTY STREET VACATION – The clerk informed the council that portions of Maple & Edward streets west of 34 East and south of 107 North was transferred to the LDS Church in 1992 but the quit-claim deed was not valid as the streets were not vacated first. An error in the legal description of Ord. 188 passed in August 2020 was discovered and needed to be corrected. The council unanimously approved Ordinance #188-R correcting the legal description and approved the quit-claim deed which transfers the property to the LDS Church.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that TRPTA has a new name - Greater Idaho Falls Transportation (GIFT). They are in the process of conducting an environmental impact statement on the I15/Highway 20 interchange. There will be much going on at the March meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL The council unanimously voted to go into executive session at 9:10 P.M. to discuss employee evaluations and pay increases. The regular meeting resumed at 9:20 P.M. The council approved an increase in employee hourly rates.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:22 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT 2021 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!

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council: 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.**

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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.

DOGS AT LARGE

Please remember there is a leash law in Ucon. All
 dogs must be kept on your property and on a leash
 when off your property.

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

All across our country we have seen a massive downturn
 in participation in local civic duties in past decades. It’s
 impossible to know what price we paid collectively for
 the loss of these potential grassroots leaders in terms of
 talent and creativity. So you ask yourself “how can I
 make a difference?” The first way is to know your local
 leaders. Ask questions. Second, attend public meetings.
 All too often our city council meeting consists of the
 Mayor, council and city staff only. It never hurts to
 know what’s going on in your community and how city
 government and procedures work. Another way to be
 involved is join organizations. This could be anything
 from the parks and recreation committee to perhaps the
 Founder’s Day committee. Most times a council member
 handles the whole thing by themselves with very little
 help. For 2 years now the city council has had to handle
 all planning and zoning issues due to the lack of interest
 in being on the commission. Lastly, run for office. Every
 two years there is an election for 2 council seats, and
 every 4 years there is an election for the other 2 council
 seats and the mayor. It’s easy to sit back and be a
 keyboard warrior, but if you really want to make a
 difference, get involved. It’s YOUR community.

Thank You,
 Mayor Sturman



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TREASURER’S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
1ST QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 129,000	\$ 4,660	4%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 29,350	\$ 9,233	31%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 214,500	\$ 277,538	129%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,500	\$ 824	33%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 115,050	\$ 40,823	35%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0%
WATER FUND	\$ 343,500	\$ 62,877	18%
SEWER FUND	\$ 573,000	\$ 95,015	17%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 83,150	\$ 9,795	12%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 181,700	\$ 21,470	12%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 96,600	\$ 114,778	119%
ROADS	\$ 61,850	\$ 4,659	8%
PARKS	\$ 70,100	\$ 837	1%
WATER FUND	\$ 343,500	\$ 36,895	11%
SEWER FUND	\$ 573,000	\$ 45,635	8%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the			
above report			
Ronda Deason-Clerk/Treasurer			
DATED this 20th day of January, 2021			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents			
of the City of Ucon.			