



# CITY OF UCON

## MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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### City Council Highlights

#### Special Council Meeting – March 24, 2021

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, and Larry Gilmore were present. Johnalee McDonald participated via telephone. Tyrell Maughan was excused. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:33P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sturman stated that a public hearing was held on March 10, 2021 regarding an application by HLE on behalf of Caleb Colborn to replat a 14.633 acre lot at 3094 East 105 North into eleven (11) separate commercial lots. The zoning will remain Commercial & Manufacturing (C & M). Gilmore Jenkins with HLE stated that the only change made to the plat which was presented at the public hearing held on March 10, 2021 was the addition of a public utility easement. The application was unanimously approved. CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:36P.M.

#### Council Meeting – April 14, 2021

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

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported 168 patrol hours; 8 overtime hours; 4 callouts; 1 arrest/warrant; 29 traffic stops; 18 traffic citations issued; 1 non-traffic citation issued; 39 incidents responded to; 1 special event attended; 2 special patrol/vacation watch; 5 animal control; 1 medical call.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman was absent. Written report: 19 members, 17 attending regular training, and two wildland members. 120 training hours; 65 chief hours; 22 hours on 3 calls in Ucon – vehicle fire, gas leak, downed power lines; 105 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours.

**LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT** – Tyrell Maughan stated that he would like to schedule city cleanup and Arbor Day celebration. City Cleanup and Arbor Day celebration scheduled for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Daniel Morgan stated that they will patch the streets when the hot plant opens. The tennis court nets have been put up and restrooms opened at Simmons Park. The restrooms will have to be locked again if there are issues with vandalism again this year. They have been working on the baseball diamond. He requested and received approval to get bids and proceed with asphaltting the parking areas at the City Building for a cost of between \$30,000 and \$75,000.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – John Brasier reported 3.5 million gallons pumped to Idaho Falls in March. There is no water in the ditch yet, but when there is the flow will increase to about 5 million gallons. Chris Canfield with Idaho Falls sewer department has contacted the mayor regarding their plans for a rate increase. The

rates have increased 138.2% since 2000. **GIS EQUIPMENT PURCHASE** – Mayor Sturman stated that he would like to map the city infrastructure such as valves, hydrants, piping, etc. He requested and received approval to spend up to \$6,000 to purchase GIS mapping equipment.

**PLANNING & ZONING – ALLOW CHICKENS IN R1 ZONE** – Sally Lewis addressed the council and said that she really wants to have chickens and would do whatever she can to help with revising ordinances to allow chickens in the R1 zone. Mayor Sturman stated that there is much work involved in changing the ordinances. He encouraged her to get four other people to reinstate the Planning and Zoning commission. She declined the offer, but again stated she would help in any way possible. Mayor Sturman said the council will continue to work on revising the ordinances. CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 PM

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### A message from Kriss Pond.....

#### Community Council Looking for Volunteers

We need you!! We are organizing a Community Council to help organize events for our wonderful community and are looking for volunteers. The goal is to bring together the groups who plan and carry out our Easter Egg Hunt, Community Clean up and Arbor Day, Fireman's Breakfast, Founders Day, Angel Tree and New Year's Bon Fire into one group and expand our offerings to maybe include our own little Fourth of July parade and a few other community events. We want to take care of our children and give them great opportunities to grow and learn, we want to strengthen our friendships among our neighbors, and we want to keep Ucon safe, beautiful and a wonderful place to live. Meetings will be held monthly at a location to be determined.

Email [mkpondfamily@gmail.com](mailto:mkpondfamily@gmail.com)

If you are interested in volunteering.

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### City Meeting Schedule

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

**Thank You**— to everyone who donated and helped with the EASTER EGG HUNT this year!! This event is funded entirely by community and business donations. Special thanks to Scott & Deana Norman and Ucon Fire, Police, & Public Works Departments, and the many groups that helped. Thanks to all the sponsors and to all the kids who participated. To any parents, sponsors, or organizations that would like to help, give us a call, we can always use your help.

**Ucon Easter Committee**



## **Arbor Day & City Cleanup** **Saturday, May 15th** **City Building—9 AM**

**Arbor Day**—Volunteers needed! Please contact City Hall at (208) 523-3971 to volunteer to help plant trees, etc.

**City Clean Up**—We would like to assist you with your spring cleaning. As in past years, two large dumpsters and a METAL ONLY dumpster will be placed on 41st East west of the tennis courts. **Please make sure to follow the county landfill restrictions** (see below) on materials allowed in the dumpsters.

**Allowed Items:** Construction and demolition debris which includes wood products, lumber, bricks, concrete, tree stumps, packing material, soil, rocks, Yard debris (NO GRASS) and weeds. **\*\*Please pile limbs/branches/tree stumps on the edge of your property and call to arrange for pickup\*\***

**Prohibited Items:** Treated wood (i.e. railroad ties, fence posts: grass, clothes, paper, agricultural waste such as (seeds, hay, straw, manure), burn barrels, tires, refrigerators, paint, oil, oil filters, pesticides, herbicides, No empty cans of paint, electronics, fluorescent lights, furniture, mattresses, carpet, and contaminated soil. **NO GARBAGE BAGS OF ANYTHING. NO FOOD OF ANY KIND** (including garden produce vegetables and fruits). No plastic or metal flammable fuel containers.

If you have an item that is too large, heavy, or you just need some assistance, we will be out with the dump truck on Clean-up Day. This service may be requested by calling the city, we will only be able to remove items if you are available to assist or direct. If you are not available, items will not be removed from your residence.

## **Mayor's Straight Talk**

In the water and wastewater industry it is common practice to exercise valves to keep them in good working order. This should apply to the valves in our home's water system as well. There is nothing worse during an emergency than not being able to shut water off. A recent incident here in Ucon reminded me that we should all know the location of the main water shutoff in our homes and exercise it regularly. I checked my own and found it does not close all the way and needs to be replaced. We cannot always depend on city personnel to come and shut water off at the meter if it is a weekend or after working hours. Even if they are available to shut your water off, it may be too late by the time they arrive. Please locate your main water shutoff in your home and exercise it on a regular basis. By doing this, you can avoid serious water damage in the event of a leak.

Thank You,  
Mayor Sturman

CITY OF UCON			
TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
2ND QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2021			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 129,000	\$ 65,603	51%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 29,350	\$ 17,823	61%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 214,500	\$ 346,110	161%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ 197	39%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,412	56%
MISC. REVENUE	\$ 115,050	\$ 42,144	37%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0%
WATER FUND	\$ 343,500	\$ 119,496	35%
SEWER FUND	\$ 573,000	\$ 189,648	33%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 83,150	\$ 17,868	21%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 181,700	\$ 40,691	22%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 96,600	\$ 149,714	155%
ROADS	\$ 61,850	\$ 7,741	13%
PARKS	\$ 70,100	\$ 2,414	3%
WATER FUND	\$ 343,500	\$ 75,248	22%
SEWER FUND	\$ 573,000	\$ 101,085	18%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report			
Ronda Deason - Clerk/Treasurer			
<b>DATED this 24th day of April, 2021</b>			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			