



# CITY OF UCON

## JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

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### City Council Highlights—May 12, 2021

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

**POLICE REPORT**— Chief Fullmer reported 166 patrol hours; 6 overtime hours; 2 callouts; 0 arrest/warrant; 31 traffic stops; 16 traffic citations issued; 0 non-traffic citation issued; 32 incidents responded to; 0 special events attended; 2 special patrol/vacation watch; 3 animal control; 1 medical calls. Ucon Elementary Bike Ride will be held on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The council unanimously voted to sell the non-running 2008 Taurus X for scrap.

**FIRE REPORT**— Chief Scott Norman reported 22 members, 18 attending regular training, and two wildland members. 135 training hours; 78 chief hours; 82 hours on 3 calls to Ammon; 2 calls in Ucon (ditch bank fires); 3 Jefferson County assists; 1 USWIG fire in Firth; 120 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 415 total hours. The department finished their annual wildland RT130 training. They are still working on the HEMTT. Chief Norman requested and received approval to spend \$4,200 from wildland funds to repair the pump on the Kenworth tender and purchase three collapsible water tanks for the wildland fire trucks. He informed the Council that he signed the BLM-Forest Service agreement. The only changes to the agreement were radio frequencies. The council unanimously voted to excess the Humvee via public auction.

**LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT**— Tyrell Maughan stated that he will get trees for the park to be planted on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Arbor Day and City Cleanup. Mayor Sturman stated that the Ucon Elementary field trip to the City Offices will be held on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**— Daniel Morgan that a small water leak was repaired on 109 N. Sewers will be jetted this summer. The sewer line at Simmons Park restroom was jetted due to a huge blockage with rocks, etc. He stated that this is the last time they will work on the bathrooms; if it happens again the bathrooms will be locked for good. They are repainting the dugout benches at the baseball diamond to try to make them last a few more years. The Ucon Baseball association is purchasing new bases. Daniel presented estimates for the paving of the city building parking lot Bids were received from

HK Contractors - \$35,450; DePatco: \$36,450; and Thompson Paving: \$42,062. The council unanimously voted to accept the HK Contractors bid for \$35,450. Daniel stated that the concrete curbing will be installed and potholes will be patched next week. Mayor Sturman stated that the GIS equipment has been received. Once it is set up the infrastructure mapping can be done.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT**— John Brasier reported 3,330,000 gallons sent to Idaho Falls sewer for April. This number will go up to 5 million gallons now that water is in the ditch. He stated that he and Mayor Sturman met with Chris Canfield from the City of Idaho Falls sewer department regarding the renewal of the sewer agreement. There will be an increase in sewer rates. They requested that the rate increases be spread over a few years instead of all at once and are awaiting an answer from Mr. Canfield. Idaho Falls has requested a portion of each new connection fee. Mayor Sturman stated that in researching other cities our connect fees are extremely low.

**RYAN LOFTUS RE: SEWER CAPACITY STUDY**— Ryan Loftus presented a proposal for \$6,840 to perform a sewer force main capacity study. Mayor Sturman asked him to conduct a study of sewer connect fees as well. The council unanimously voted to approve up to \$25,000 for sewer capacity and connection fees studies.

**LOTT PROPERTY ANNEXATION REQUEST**— Mayor Sturman stated that he was approached again about annexing the Lott property south of 97<sup>th</sup> North. He stated the since the property is not in Ucon's impact zone and the property cannot be served with water or sewer, annexing the property would not benefit the city. He also does not want to leave a strip of homes outside the city limits.

**ALLOW CHICKENS IN R1 ZONE**— Sally Lewis asked about the progress of the ordinance amendments to allow chickens in the R1 Zone. Mayor Sturman assured her that they are in the process of being amended.

**COMMUNITY PARADE**— Kriss Pond and Sally Lewis stated that they have many great ideas for having a parade on Founders Day. They will work with Johnalee McDonald to plan the event

**BMPO REPORT**— Larry Gilmore stated that the city will be receiving a bill for 1.1% local match for BMPO. The I-15 and US-20 projects are on track for July. Most bigger projects have been pushed to 2026.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 PM**

### 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](http://burnpermits.idaho.gov) You must still call dispatch at (208) 529-1200 before burning on the day of the burn.

### City Meeting Schedule

• City Council: 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, June 9th @ 7:30 PM

The Ucon City Council, Ucon, Idaho, Bonneville County, Idaho, will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at Ucon City Hall, 3787 East 112 North, Ucon, ID. The purpose of the hearing is to hear comments from the public concerning proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 128D (Planning & Zoning) and Ordinance No. 18-110 (Animal Control) to allow chickens in the Residential (R1) Zone; and providing that both Ordinances shall be printed in full with all amendments incorporated. The full text of the ordinances are 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 amendments. 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.

### 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.

### Dog Tags Required—No Dogs At-Large

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

- 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



### 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

Many of you may have noticed the baseball diamond at Simmons park has been refurbished. Thanks to the city crew and James Atkins for all the hard work.

You may have also noticed the Facebook posts about the damage done to the bathroom. The city cannot afford to keep replacing toilets, cleaning up the disgusting messes and unclogging pipes. This latest repair cost the city approximately \$2500 and it will be the last time. If there is any more damage to the bathrooms in the parks the bathrooms will be permanently locked up. Please keep an eye on your children while at baseball and soccer games and notify the city if you see any suspicious behavior in the parks.

On another note, we have noticed a lot of dumping of rocks, grass and other debris in the alleyways. Please dispose of your yard debris in the appropriate place and not in the alleyway. Also we need to try and keep the overhanging limbs from trees from impeding traffic in the alleys. Especially for emergency vehicles. As it is now, I don't think a fire truck can even get down any of our alleys. Your help in this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,  
Mayor Sturman