



CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2021

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City Council Highlights September 8, 2021

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Larry Gilmore, Tyrell Maughan, and no citizens 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 175 patrol hours; 4 callouts; 29 traffic stops; 15 traffic citations issued; 3 non-traffic citations; 36 incidents responded to; 3 animal control calls; 1 special event attended; 4 special patrol/vacation watch; 4 traffic accidents; 3 other agency assists; 2 medical calls. Chief Fullmer stated that he has received several complaints concerning excessive speed on 45th East. He suggested installing a flashing stop sign and possibly a permanent radar sign. The council approved up to \$1,300 for a blinking stop sign for 45th East and 113 North.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Norman reported 23 members, 18 attending regular training, and six wildland members; 189 training hours; 81 chief hours; 91 hours on actual calls (4 to Ammon – 2 canceled enroute, 1 assist with a wildfire, 1 cooking fire); 0 calls in Ucon; 92 hours maintenance; 722 wildland hours; 1175 total hours. The five ton is in Orofino for at least another two weeks; it has been there for eight weeks so far this year. The Kenworth is still in California with a mechanical issue, and they are waiting to get it home. Founders' Day went very well, and he thanked everyone for their efforts. There will be a fire drill at Ucon Elementary on Monday, September 16th. He stated that the Ucon Fire Department will participate in a public memorial at McCowan Park in Ammon for the 20th anniversary of 9/11. The names of all the fallen firefighters will be read beginning at 8:39 AM.

LANDSCAPE AND REC REPORT – Johnalee McDonald reported that Founders' Day went very well, and she thanked everyone for all their efforts. Mayor Sturman thanked Johnalee for all her hard work on the event. Daniel Morgan stated that approximately 500 meals were served.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Daniel Morgan reported that there are issues with the PLC at Well #1 and that an electrician is scheduled to come look at it. He stated that about half the sewer lines in the city have been cleaned. There are issues with infiltration and roots in some areas of the system.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that the flow rate is down half a million gallons, but power consumption is down too so the numbers correlate. The Idaho Falls sewer agreement is still being negotiated and we are awaiting an answer from the attorney. Mayor Sturman stated that he is still researching the possibility of installing our own sewer system.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT – The Clerk presented two kennel license applications and stated that the 75% polling result was met on both. The council approved kennel licenses for Cody Tuck at 11048 N Crooked Tree Lane and Alecia Riehl at 3686 E 108 N.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that a high-capacity road study was discussed at the last meeting. A special meeting has been scheduled for September 22nd.
COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23 P.M.

Looking for Subs @ Ucon Elementary

Ucon Elementary is looking for substitute teachers.

Requires only a background check (paid for by D93). You can choose to sub at Ucon only and there is tremendous flexibility. For more info Contact Shelley Andrus at 208-552-8498

D93 Planning Committee

There are still a few spots available to help D93 plan for future growth. Contact John Pymm at (208) 227-9667 if you are interested in joining the planning committee.

October—Fire Prevention Month

Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Street Lights—if you notice any malfunctioning street lights, please notify the City Clerk (208) 523-3971

THE MAYOR'S STRAIGHT TALK

Well, it's been a month now and still no real response from Idaho Falls on why they want to increase the rates for sewer treatment. I am also waiting on a response from our legal counsel on the matter. I just want to make sure that you all know I am doing what I can to get a realistic answer instead of a bunch of legal and financial mumbo-jumbo. I have also furthered my research into the possibility of building our own wastewater treatment facility, and it looks very promising. Either way, it looks as though there will be a substantial increase in our sewer rates that will most likely take effect in November. I feel perhaps we should cut the ties with Idaho Falls in the near future. Of course any rate increases will go through the proper legal procedures including a public hearing. We will keep you apprised of the situation.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman

City Meeting Schedule

City Council:

2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 PM.