



CITY OF UCON

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

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City Council Highlights—August 11, 2021

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Larry Gilmore and two citizens were present. Tyrell Maughan was excused.

Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY22 BUDGET AND RELATED ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Sturman opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M. and asked for public comments on Ordinance #189 Elected Official Salaries; Resolution #68 Reserve Forgone Property Taxes; and Ordinance #190 FY22 Budget. No public comments were given.

Resolution 67 Water & Sewer Rates – Mayor Sturman stated that since the agreement with the City of Idaho Falls is still under negotiation that a public hearing on the water/ sewer rates would be held once the agreement is finalized.

Mayor Sturman closed the public hearing at 7:45 P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 189 – ELECTED OFFICIAL SALARIES – the council unanimously approved the ordinance.

RESOLUTION #67 WATER/SEWER RATES – the council unanimously approved the resolution.

RESOLUTION #68 – RESERVE FORGONE PROPERTY TAX AMOUNT – the council unanimously approved the resolution.

ORDINANCE #190 – FY2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE – the council unanimously approved the ordinance.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 174 patrol hours; 2 court hours; 6 callouts; 2 training hours; 2 arrests/warrants; 34 traffic stops; 19 traffic citations issued; 37 incidents responded to; 5 animal control calls; 4 special patrol/vacation watch; 1 alarm; 2 traffic accidents; 4 other agency assists; 3 medical calls. He thanked public works for repairing the speed trailer. He stated that TOPS Knives would like to hold a 5K on October 2nd. He requested and received approval for \$600 to purchase a double gun lock rack for the police car.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Norman reported 22 members, 18 attending regular training, and six wildland members; 205 training hours; 89 chief hours; 72 hours on actual calls (3 calls to Ammon: 2 canceled enroute; 1 Kepps Crossing); 2 calls in Ucon (1 Ucon Elementary – water flow; 1 medical call); 115 hours maintenance; 738 wildland hours; 1192 total hours. The Kenworth Tender is in Salmon and the five ton is in Orofino. The wildland crews will be out for a few more weeks. He updated the council on wildland fire billing. He stated that the tank on the Kenworth tender is wearing out. He has found a used Freightliner tender that is set up for wildland for \$65,000. A new truck that is built for wildland would cost over \$250,000. Mayor Sturman stated that this truck would be a specialty item so it wouldn't fall under the bid process. The council approved up to \$70,000 from wildland funds to purchase the used Freightliner tender. Chief Normand stated that he would like to set aside \$80,000 from wildland funds (\$50,000 for

equipment and \$30,000 for the park shelter).

LANDSCAPE AND REC REPORT – Johnalee McDonald stated that there are many new events planned and updated the council on the schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT Daniel Morgan reported that water and sewer are going well. They plan to clean sewers next week. The lift station looks to have less debris since the grinder is working well. The new mowers are working well. He has been taking an inventory of the equipment and would like to excess the old Yazoo mower and paint striper. The council unanimously voted to excess the old Yazoo mower for scrap and the paint striper via sealed bid.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported 5,087,000 gallons sent to Idaho Falls which is on the low side for this time of year. He presented a graph on Idaho Falls rate increases since 2011.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **PERSONNEL**- the council voted to adjourn into executive session at 9:18 P.M. and resumed the regular session at 9:21 P.M. The council approved bonuses from ARPA funds for Jake Fullmer and Ronda Deason in the amount of \$2,500 net each for their efforts in working through the COVID-19 pandemic.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23 P.M.

City Election

November 2nd

The mayor and two (2) city council seats are up for election. Contact the city clerk for the required forms and more information. Filing period begins Monday, Aug. 23rd and ends Friday, Sept. 3rd at 5:00 PM.

Declare early to certify your candidacy!

2021 FOUNDERS' DAY

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered time, and attended! Your support made the celebration a HUGE success!!

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.

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Mayor's Straight Talk

As you may be aware, the city of Idaho Falls is imposing a significant rate increase for sewer treatment on the city of Ucon. The sewer agreement that was signed five years ago will expire in November. This increase could raise our sewer bills by approximately \$9.00 per connection. On top of that they feel that they need a significant portion of our new construction sewer connection fees. I strongly disagree with these increases. I have been in contact with the city of Idaho Falls, and still have not received a logical explanation for the reason for these increases. I am in the process of putting together a meeting with the Mayor of Idaho Falls and their public works superintendent. I also have legal council looking into the "report" that they have given us trying to explain the increases. Nothing in this report makes any sense, so we have sought legal council on the matter. At the same time, we are looking at other options as far as sewer treatment. After crunching some basic numbers, we could potentially build and operate our own treatment system for roughly the same amount of cost to the residents of Ucon. We are looking into funding sources including ARPA funds, infrastructure bill grants, Rural Development funds, and other grants and loans as well. This would keep us from being at the mercy of Idaho Falls. Who knows what they will do to us in another five years? I think building our own treatment facility is a real possibility, but we will have to have an engineer do a study to determine if this is feasible. Just be assured that as long as I am Mayor, I will do everything I can to protect the citizens of Ucon and keep and maintain a sustainable sewer system with the lowest rates possible. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you,
Mayor Sturman

Approved Ordinances



CITY OF UCON ORDINANCE #190: ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,920,600.00 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 \$1,920,600.00 be appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Ucon, Bonneville County, Idaho for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021.

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	\$	183,800.00
Fire Department	\$	317,800.00
General Administration	\$	91,400.00
Parks	\$	70,600.00
Roads	\$	66,000.00
Total General Fund:	\$	729,600.00
Water Fund	\$	576,000.00
Sewer Fund	\$	615,000.00
Total Water & Sewer Fund:	\$	1,191,000.00
Total Appropriations:	\$	1,920,600.00

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, 2021.

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 11th day of August 2021.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of August, 2021.

Attest: Ronda Deason
Ronda Deason, City Clerk/Treasurer



Craig Sturman
Craig Sturman, Mayor



CITY OF UCON Ordinance No. 189 Compensation for Elected City Officials

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF UCON, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO:

SECTION 1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMPENSATION.

Commencing January 1, 2022, the salaries of the Mayor and members of the Ucon City Council shall be as follows:

- The Mayor shall receive a monthly salary in the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00); and
- Each member of the Council shall receive a monthly salary in the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

The city clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance as a legal notice in the Post Register, the official city newspaper. This ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2022 following its publication as provided by law.

Enacted by the city Council as an ordinance of the City of Ucon on the 11th day of August 2021.

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 11th day of August 2021.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 11th day of August 2021.

ATTEST: Ronda Deason
City Clerk



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RESOLUTION NO. 68

CITY OF UCON
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO RESERVING THE FORGONE AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 FOR POTENTIAL USE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS AS DESCRIBED IN IDAHO CODE §63-802, et al.

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §50-235 empowers the city council of each city to levy taxes for general revenue purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §50-1002 requires the city council of each city in the State of Idaho to pass a budget, referred to as an annual appropriation ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §63-802 sets limitations on all taxing district budget requests on the amount of property tax revenues that can be used to fund programs and services; and,

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §63-802(1)(f) requires that the City adopt an annual resolution to reserve additional forgone amount in order to utilize that amount in subsequent years; and,

WHEREAS, the City has met the notice and hearing requirements in Idaho Code §63-802(1)(f) to reserve the current year's increase in the forgone amount; and,

WHEREAS, the City intends to reserve \$2,888 of its current year's increase in allowable forgone amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO, that \$2,888 of the current year's allowable increase in its forgone amount is reserved and included in the City's total forgone balance for potential use in subsequent years.

PASSED by the Ucon City Council on the 11th day of August 2021.

ATTEST:

Ronda Deason
Ronda Deason, City Clerk



Craig Sturman
Craig Sturman, Mayor