

# **CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER**

## **JANUARY 2022**

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#### December 8, 2021 - City Council Highlights:

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.

RESOLUTION #68 - INCREASE WATER/SEWER CONNECT FEES — the clerk explained that the city attorney advised increasing the water and sewer connection fees by resolution instead of by ordinance. The council unanimously approved the resolution

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer submitted a written report. 136 patrol hours; 2 callouts; 8 training hours; 0 arrest/warrant; 29 traffic stops; 16 traffic citations issued; 0 non-traffic citations; 34 incidents responded to; 2 animal control calls; 0 special patrol/vacation watch; 0 alarm; 0 traffic accidents; 0 other agency assists; 1 medical call.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Norman reported 23 members, 18 attending regular training, and six wildland members; 160 training hours; 91 chief hours; 0 hours on actual calls: 20 hours maintenance; 180 total hours. The department received approval for two more radios with Bonneville County Office Emergency Management. They will be sending four to five members to Swan Valley for training beginning in January. He requested and received approval to spend \$500 from the training budget for updated training materials.

LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Tyrell Maughan stated that he is working on the year-end report.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan stated that they are still working with American Pump to schedule the inspection of the pump at Well #3.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that flows are down from previous years. Mayor Sturman stated that the facility plan is almost complete.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that year-end projects for 2021 were discussed at the last meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Employee evaluations. The council unanimously approved 5% employee wage increases and honuses.

ADJOURNMENT – The council meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

#### **Dog Licenses**

Fees for dog licenses will be billed on your January 2022 Bill. Fees are \$10.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15.00 for non-spayed/neutered dogs. Please call the City to add or remove dogs from your account. **Note:** more than two (2) dogs requires a kennel license.

### **Water Freeze-Ups**

Cold weather has arrived—Prevent water freeze ups.....if your water has frozen in the past, remember to leave a thin stream of water running when the temperature is below zero for extended periods.

#### **City Meeting Schedule**

• City Council: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:30 PM.



#### **SNOW PLOWING**

#### DO NOT PLOW SNOW OUT INTO THE STREETS! We

are experiencing issues with snow being plowed/shoveled out into the street after streets have been plowed. This creates hazardous obstructions and icy spots. Also, be sure to move all vehicles, trailers, etc. off street rights-ofway. Remember snow plows have the right of way and the city assumes no responsibility for damage to property when parked next to the street.

### Are you ready for winter driving???

- > Increase following distance
- > Have an emergency kit in vehicle
- > Headlights on to increase visibility
- > Leave plenty of time to get to your destination
- > Clean off windshield & side windows
- > ALWAYS wear your seat belt

#### Fire Department Safety Message

Just a reminder for those with chimneys....remember to get them cleaned & inspected this winter. Also, it is best not to leave your Christmas tree lights on when no one is home and to turn them off when you go to bed. Please remember to water live trees. Be careful on the snowy roads and have a safe and Happy Holiday season!

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**

Well, a new year is upon us. I sincerely wish everyone happiness and prosperity in the new year. Don't forget about our New Years' celebration. There will be hot dogs, popcorn and hot chocolate available for all. We will also have a HUGE bonfire, and fireworks at midnight to bring in the new year! The event will be held at the Ucon pit on Moonbeam. Hopefully there will be enough snow for sledding. This year we are raffling off a new Traeger WiFi pellet grill! A \$999 value. Tickets are \$20 each and there are only 100 tickets being sold. If all 100 tickets are not sold by New Years' Eve, we will have a Facebook live drawing when they are all sold. You can purchase tickets at city hall during business hours or contact me (Craig Sturman) on my personal Facebook page, or email me directly at uconmayor@gmail.com The city public works employees will also have tickets available if you catch them out and about. All proceeds go toward the Mayor's scholarship fund. We intend to award a \$2,000 scholarship every year. Rules and application information will be available sometime in January. I am also looking for 4 or 5 volunteers to be on the scholarship committee. These volunteers would help in drafting rules, help develop the application, and be the scholarship selection board. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated. I am really excited to offer a scholarship to help someone with their education expenses.

> Thank You, Mayor Sturman