



CITY OF UCON

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



City Council Highlights – February 9, 2022

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

OATHS OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS – The city clerk administered the Oath of Office and presented Certificate of Election to Johnalee McDonald. Mayor Sturman welcomed reelected council member Johnalee McDonald.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 160 patrol hours; 2 court hours; 1 callout; 1 arrest/warrant; 31 traffic stops; 17 traffic citations issued; 48 calls for service; 2 special patrol/vacation watch; 1 alarm; 2 traffic accidents; 1 other agency assist; 2 medical calls. The radar sign on 45 East is working very well. He is still working on a resolution for parking fines.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 23 members, 18 attending regular training, and 6 wildland members. 122 training hours; 88 chief hours; 4 hours on 1 fire call to Ammon (canceled in route); 80 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 172 total hours. Chief Norman stated that the new fire truck will be placed in service once the lights are changed out. He requested and received approval to spend \$450 from the regular fire fund to purchase two helmets.

LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT – Tyrell Maughan reported that the city received the 2021 Tree City certification.

WATER/SEWER REPORT – John Brasier reported that the sewer flow is down from last year. Mayor Sturman stated that Aspen Engineering is working on preliminary drawings for the water line under Highway 20 and a bid package should be available in the next few weeks. He also stated that the preliminary engineering reports from Great West Engineering indicate the estimated cost of a sewer system in the range of \$13-20 million depending on what system is built. The full report will be available soon.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that they are still waiting to have the pump at Well #3 pulled and inspected. There have been many frozen meters this year due to lack of snow cover and prolonged cold temperatures.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that 2022 officer elections were held.

ADJOURNMENT – The council meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Committee Members needed!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 16th at 10 AM. If you have some spare time and would like to help, please give us a call. Help us make this year a huge success for all the kids. This event is funded ENTIRELY by donations. If you would like to donate, send it in with your water/sewer bill and mark it “Easter Donation” Thank you!

Community Preparedness Event

Saturday, March 5th—10 AM to 12 PM
LDS Church on 109th North in Ucon

Come prepared to learn what you and your family can do to be better prepared for unexpected events and how to be more self-reliant.

UCON ARBOR DAY/CITY CLEANUP

Coming up the end of April or first part of May...WE NEED YOUR HELP!! If you have a group that would like to serve their community, please contact City Hall at (208) 523-3971. More info to follow.

SNOW PLOWING

Please move all vehicles, trailers, RV's, etc. off street rights-of-way. DO NOT plow or blow snow out into the streets as it creates a hazard for drivers and pedestrians. Remember snow plows have the right of way and the city assumes no responsibility for damage to property when parked next to the street.

DOGS AT LARGE

There is a leash law in Ucon. All dogs must be kept on your property and on a leash when off your property.

Mayor's Straight Talk

Lately I've had a few questions about the fire department. The concern was that the wildland department has some nice wildland fire fighting equipment and vehicles, and people were wondering how this was funded. Let me assure you that not one dime of taxpayer money or city revenue has been spent on wildland equipment or other expenses related to wildland fire. The wildland department is fully self-sustainable. Most of the equipment and vehicles were acquired at no cost from the Department of Lands. Any other equipment was obtained by money made by fighting wildland fires. In fact, the wildland fund has also purchased two of our city structure fire trucks, one recently for \$30,000. The wildland funds have also paid for \$80,000 in SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) for the city structure fire department. This fund is also going to be used to help build a new shelter at Simmons Park, and some wildland funds have been used in the re-model of the city building. I would like to thank the Ucon Fire Department and Wildland division for the support they give to the city. Chief Norman and the crew do a phenomenal job in giving to the community from the wildland fund.

Thank you,
Mayor Sturman

City Meeting Schedule

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