



CITY OF UCON

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights

Council Meeting – April 13, 2022

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

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fuller reported 172 patrol hours; 7 call outs; 2 arrests/warrants; 38 traffic stops; 19 traffic citations issued; 75 calls for service; 2 animal complaints; 3 special patrols; 3 animal control; 1 alarm; 2 traffic accidents; 3 other agency assists. He reported that thefts are on the rise in the area. He asked the community to do everything possible to secure their property. He is looking forward to the Ucon Elementary bike ride which is coming up in May.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 23 members, 18 attending regular training, and 6 wildland members. 144 training hours; 64 chief hours; 54 hours on 3 fire calls (1 in Madison County; 1 in Ucon; 1 in Swan Valley). 51 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 308 total hours. He stated that the new fire truck was put into service last week. He stated that he would like to have inauguration of the new fire truck and introduce the community to the new engine and explain the benefits of the wildland program. Johnalee McDonald suggested having it in conjunction with the Ucon Elementary field trip to the city building/fire station on May 26th. Mayor Sturman suggested serving lunch as well. Plans are almost complete for the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 16th. He stated that they will be sending the five ton to assist with the fires in New Mexico.

PARKS/LANDSCAPE & REC – Tyrell Maughan stated that Arbor Day and City Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 14th (see page two for details). Mayor Sturman stated that plans are moving forward with the shelter at Simmons Park. He would like to start with water, sewer, power, and concrete to the site which will be approximately \$35,000. The council approved \$35,000 from the parks capital outlay budget for water, sewer, power, and concrete for the shelter at Simmons Park. Chief Norman stated that the wildland fund will cover the structural costs estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000. Johnalee McDonald stated that she has received several requests for the basketball hoop at Ucon Park to be reinstalled. Daniel Morgan said they will install a basketball hoop.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan that the pump at well #3 is back up and running after being rebuilt. A new ultrasonic level gauge was installed to measure the water level and it was discovered that the water level has dropped and is causing the pump to cavitate. The pump needs to be lowered 100 feet which will cost approximately \$36,000. The council approved \$36,000 from the water budget to repair Well #3. Mayor Sturman stated that the facility planning study should be done very soon. Great West may make a presentation at the May council meeting. No word from Ryan Loftus on the water

line extension. Johnalee McDonald asked if the roads could be swept. Daniel Morgan said he will start working on the sweeper.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that sewer flows are down from last year.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that GIFT (Greater Idaho Falls Transit) will not be coming to Ucon for at least two years.

ADJOURNMENT – The council meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Ucon Fire Department Ceremonial Commissioning & “Push In”

May 26th at 11 AM at the Ucon Fire Station

The department is hosting a ceremonial commissioning and “push in” of its new 2004 E-one pumper/rescue engine on May 26th at 11:00 at the Ucon Fire Station. We will be joined by the Ucon Elementary 2nd graders.

The ceremonial commissioning and “push-in” is a firehouse tradition dating back over 100 years. In those days, fire trucks were pulled by horses and firefighters had to push their fire equipment into the station house after washing the wheels and unhooking the horses. This ceremony dubs the equipment “ready for use.” This Engine is fully equipped with extrication and other life saving devices. This New Engine will be able to serve the City of Ucon in ways we have never been able to and will be in service for many years to come. This Engine was purchased with Wild Land funds that the fire department has been able to earn while out fighting wild land fires in the summer months across the Western US. Please come join us and go through the trucks and see how this has all been possible.

Message from Chief Fuller

Be sure to lock your vehicles and secure your property

Thank You— to everyone who donated and helped with the EASTER EGG HUNT this year!! This event is funded entirely by community and business donations. Special thanks to Scott & Deana Norman and Ucon Fire, Police, & Public Works Departments, and the many groups that helped. Thanks to all the sponsors and to all the kids who participated. To any parents, sponsors, or organizations that would like to help, give us a call, we can always use your help.



Ucon Easter Committee

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM

Arbor Day & City Cleanup

***Saturday, May 14th
City Building—9 AM***

Arbor Day—Volunteers needed! Please contact City Hall at (208) 523-3971 to volunteer to help plant trees, etc.

City Clean Up—We would like to assist you with your spring cleaning. Two large dumpsters and a METAL ONLY dumpster will be placed on 41st East west of the tennis courts. **Please make sure to follow the county landfill restrictions** (see below) on materials allowed in the dumpsters.

Allowed Items: Construction and demolition debris which includes wood products, lumber, bricks, concrete, tree stumps, packing material, soil, rocks, Yard debris (NO GRASS) and weeds. ****Please pile limbs/branches/ tree stumps on the edge of your property and call to arrange for pickup****

Prohibited Items: Treated wood (i.e. railroad ties, fence posts: grass, clothes, paper, agricultural waste such as (seeds, hay, straw, manure), burn barrels, tires, refrigerators, paint, oil, oil filters, pesticides, herbicides, No empty cans of paint, electronics, fluorescent lights, furniture, mattresses, carpet, and contaminated soil. **NO GARBAGE BAGS OF ANYTHING. NO FOOD OF ANY KIND** (including garden produce vegetables and fruits). No plastic or metal flammable fuel containers.

If you have an item that is too large , heavy, or you just need some assistance, we will be out with the dump truck on Clean-up Day. This service may be requested by calling the city, we will only be able to remove items if you are available to assist or direct. If you are not available, items will not be removed from your residence.

Mayor's Straight Talk

Another successful Easter Egg Hunt! A shout-out to the Ucon Fire Department and especially Deana Norman (Chief Norman's Boss) for making this all happen! It's amazing how over 15,000 eggs can disappear in no time at all! A special thanks to the following businesses for their donations.

- ♦ Holst Truck & Auto
- ♦ Holst Trailer Sales
- ♦ Cives Steel
- ♦ Rusty Lantern
- ♦ Sunshine Chemdry
- ♦ Veterans Mobility
- ♦ Giles & Johnson Auto Mart

I also want to thank all the residents (and even non-residents) who donated time, money and prizes to the effort. You can see the video of the event on the city Facebook page.

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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
2ND QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2022			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 112,200	\$ 65,932	59%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 16,650	\$ 26,066	157%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 485,200	\$ 319,484	66%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,915	55%
MISC. REVENUE	\$ 108,550	\$ 7,301	7%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	17%
WATER FUND	\$ 576,000	\$ 125,041	22%
SEWER FUND	\$ 615,000	\$ 202,570	33%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 91,400	\$ 18,067	20%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 183,800	\$ 43,043	23%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 317,800	\$ 156,028	49%
ROADS	\$ 66,000	\$ 12,917	20%
PARKS	\$ 70,600	\$ 1,245	2%
WATER FUND	\$ 576,000	\$ 90,542	16%
SEWER FUND	\$ 615,000	\$ 128,882	21%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report			
Ronda Deason - Clerk/Treasurer			
DATED this 25th day of April, 2022.			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			