



CITY OF UCON

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights

Regular Meeting—May 12, 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 Fullmer reported 166 patrol hours; 4 call outs; 38 traffic stops; 18 traffic citations issued; 61 calls for service; 2 animal complaints; 1 special event attended; 1 special patrol; 1 alarm; 1 traffic accident; 1 other agency assist. The Ucon Elementary annual bike ride is next Wednesday, May 18th. He requested and received approval to spend \$3,000 for a radar system for the Ford F150 in anticipation of hiring a second officer. He informed the council that there have been issues with kids riding ATV's and motorcycles on the streets. He encouraged the council to report dangerous activity.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 23 members, 18 attending regular training, and 6 wildland members. 120 training hours; 77 chief hours; 3 hours on 1 fire calls (1 in Ucon). 62 hours maintenance; 1246 wildland hours; 262 total hours. Chief Norman reported that the department received the first call-out on May 12 of 2021; however, this year they have been out for over a month. One truck is still in New Mexico, and another is in Texas. He reported multiple events happening in May. He requested and received approval to spend \$360 from fire inspection funds to upgrade the Active 911 subscription from 25 to 30 licenses. He reported that the department will be conducting pack tests on Saturday.

PARKS/LANDSCAPE & REC – Tyrell Maughan reported that Arbor Day and City Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 14th. **SIMMONS PARK SHELTER** – Daniel Morgan reported that they have started work on the park by pulling the playground equipment and excavating the area. They hope to have the merry-go-round powder coated. There has been much concern about it being removed, but it will be put back in when everything is finished. A few trees had to be removed to make room for the shelter. New trees will be planted later. They hope to have the new shelter finished by Founders' Day.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that a sewer pump at the lift station on 116 North was completely plugged with wipes. He asked the council to remind residents that "flushable" wipes do not break down when entering the sewer system and the wipes cause costly damage to the equipment. He has requested quotes on the impellers for both pumps and will have numbers for the June meeting. There were multiple power bumps this month which requires manually resetting one of the lift stations. He has no update on

when the new pump will be installed at Well #3. The well is fully functional if it is needed. Several potholes have been patched and they will start hot patching when the weather warms up. Street light repairs have been scheduled.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT–John Brasier reported very low power numbers on water which is attributed to Well #3 not running and meter reading estimation for the last two months. Sewer flow is in line with past years. Flow will most likely increase when the irrigation water fills the canals.

GREAT WEST SEWER STUDY – SCHEDULE SPECIAL MEETING – Mayor Sturman reported that Great West Engineering has completed the draft sewer study and are ready to present it. A special council meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be an executive session.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported that last month's meeting was canceled.

ADJOURNMENT – The council meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Special Meeting – May 18, 2022

Craig Sturman, Larry Gilmore, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan, John Brasier, and no citizens were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wastewater Facility Plan study – Great West Engineering. Mayor Sturman explained that the reason for the meeting was to discuss the facility plan review prepared by Great West Engineering. The council unanimously voted to adjourn into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206(1)(c) – to acquire an interest in real property which is not owned by a public agency. The council meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Special Meeting – May 20, 2022

Craig Sturman, Larry Gilmore, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan, John Brasier, and no citizens were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

12-inch Water Line Extension – Approve design and proceed with project. Mayor Sturman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the design and move forward with the 12-inch water line extension. This project will provide water for fire flow to the Heavy Metal Junction commercial subdivision south of the Ucon pit and loop with water system. The council unanimously voted to approve the design and proceed with the project using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and water capital outlay funds. The council meeting adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.

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SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS FOR KIDS

All classes are held at Simmons Park in Ucon and led by Lance Lindley and Susan Piquet.

JUNE 27th-30th, 2022

9-9:45 AM -- Beginner Level (Kindergarten - 3rd grade)
10-10:45 AM -- Intermediate Level (4th – 6th grade)
11-11:45 AM -- Advanced Level (7th grade and up, i.e. kids with experience)

Children need to bring water and wear tennis shoes. All other equipment is provided. Classes are FREE. Space limited. To register, please text your child's name and grade to (208) 589-7986.

Dog Tags Required—No Dogs At-Large

Please be aware of the following requirements per Ucon Ordinance 18-110

- ALL dogs must be licensed—purchase tags @ City Building
- Have more than two (2) dogs? Kennel license required
- Dogs must be kept on your property at all times or on a leash when off your property
- Dogs running loose may be impounded

A Message from Chief Fullmer

It's that time of the year again when the city asks everyone to do their part to help keep Ucon a safe and pleasant place to live. Just a reminder that weeds/grass cannot exceed 10" and property owners are responsible for maintaining the rights-of-way adjacent to their properties (including ditch banks).

A common beautification complaint we receive is for unused or "junk" vehicles in yards. I understand that "one man's junk is another man's treasure"; however, the storage of unused/junk vehicles in residential zones is prohibited by ordinance. I get it, vehicles break down and need fixed, and for some, it's a hobby, generally this is not an issue, it becomes an issue when vehicles begin to accumulate and sit for years, causing a nuisance. Junk and unused vehicles should be removed or stored completely out of public view.

Lastly, if you have an alley behind your property, please check to make sure that you don't have any tree branches or bushes, etc. overhanging that could impede access to the alley. It is important to keep the alleys clear for fire protection and other vital services.

As always I prefer to work with people before issuing citations so if you have any questions or if the City of Ucon can reasonably help, please don't hesitate to ask.

Chief Fullmer

Burn Permits

In Ucon city limits: Call dispatch @ (208) 529-1200
Outside Ucon city limits: FREE permits are issued by Idaho Dept. of Lands from May 10th to Oct. 20th. Permits are valid for 10 days. Order @ burnpermits.idaho.gov You must still call dispatch at (208) 529-1200 before burning on the day of the burn.

Mayor's Straight Talk

There has been a lot of talk about the current water situation on the Snake River Plain Aquifer. While we are not required to participate in any type of curtailment, it could happen in the near future. It never hurts to conserve water whenever possible. Here are a few tips to help conserve:

- Check your toilets for leaks. You would be surprised at how much water a running toilet will use.
- Only run your dishwasher and clothes washer when it's full. Get the best bang for your buck.
- Installing water saving shower heads or flow restrictors will help conserve water.
- Try watering your lawn only at night. You will have less evaporation, and more water will get to the roots where needed.
- Depending on your soil type, you might be better off to water for less time, more often. Much of our soil is very porous and water will just run past the roots into the soil below. Many gardening/lawn vendors will evaluate your soil samples for you and help you implement a watering schedule.
- Make a conscious effort to watch your watering habits.

Together we can make a difference in conserving water, and it will save you money at the same time.

Thank You,
Mayor Sturman

