



# CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

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## City Council Highlights – November 9, 2022

Craig Sturman, Larry Gilmore, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan, John Brasier, and two citizens were present. Craig Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 192 FY2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT** – Mayor Sturman explained that wildland revenue exceeded projections resulting in expenses exceeding the budgeted amount; therefore, the budget must be amended. No public comments were received. Mayor Sturman closed the public hearing at 7:33 P.M.

**ORDINANCE 192 – FY2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT** – The council approved the budget amendment.

**SODA KIOSK ON CITY PROPERTY** - Mayor Sturman stated that he received a request from Josh Hatfield to lease a triangular piece of property west of the park and ride lot on 105 North. Josh Hatfield informed the council that he has partnered with Jim and Christine Thomas on a business which will provide drinks and possibly lunch/food. He is still working out the details. Mr. Hatfield will install the power and donate it back to the city upon termination of the lease. Mayor Sturman stated that the lease rate will be \$300 per quarter to be paid up front and the revenue will go into the Founders' Day fund. Mayor Sturman presented Mr. Hatfield with a contract stating these terms. Mr. Hatfield signed it and paid \$200 for November and December lease.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported 328 patrol hours; 2 arrests/warrants; 80 traffic stops; 26 traffic citations; 156 calls for service. Chief Fullmer stated that the Halloween trunk-or-treat events very well and thanked Chief Norman and the fire department for their good work. Chief Fullmer stated that he attended the Halloween carnival. He presented a list of malfunctioning streetlights to Daniel Morgan. He stated that the new radar sign has been installed and is working well. He plans to try to repair the old sign.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 21 members, 17 attending regular training, and 6 wildland members. 180 training hours; 92 chief hours; 40 hours on five fire calls (1 in Ucon; 3 to Ammon – canceled; 1 in Bonneville County assist; 1 funeral for firefighter in Shelley); 21 hours maintenance; 333 total hours. He thanked Chief Fullmer and Tyrel Parmer for their help with the event. He suggested holding one event instead of two next year due to the decrease in attendance. He will be sending a truck to Swan Valley for training burn piles on November 18th & 19th. The department will take the truck with the big flag to Thunder Ridge on November 11th for the Veterans Day Assembly. Chief Norman requested and received approval to spend \$106,014 from wildland funds for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F550 wildland truck.

**LANDSCAPE & REC** – Tyrell Maughan is still looking into tree purchases.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that the impellers were installed on the pump at 116 North lift station. The 12 inch water line extension has started and should be completed by Thanksgiving. Mayor Sturman informed the council that the Caterpillar backhoe has arrived. He stated that the originally budgeted amount of \$16,000 per year was too low; the actual annual cost will be \$19,550.62. The city saved \$20,000 by leasing this year. At the end of the five-year lease term, the city will have the option to purchase the backhoe for \$85,000. A plate compactor will need to be added for \$7,680.40. The backhoe comes with a 5-year, 1,500 hour warranty. Mayor Sturman requested and received approval to purchase a plate compactor and reallocate funds from capital outlay to the backhoe lease account for the difference in the annual payments.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – John Brasier stated that the sewer flow is in line with past years.

**BMPO REPORT** – Larry Gilmore reported that at the last meeting there were many little things discussed. Idaho Falls and Bonneville County are working on a transportation plan. More information on the US20 project is available at [i15.com](http://i15.com) and [i15us20connector.com](http://i15us20connector.com). There will be a meeting when they decide which of the two plans they choose.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:07 P.M.

Thank you!! To Russ Donahoo for donating the pumpkins for the Ucon Fire Department's pumpkin carving event. We appreciate your support!



## City Meeting Schedule

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

## Snow Removal

- ◆ Move all vehicles, trailers, etc. as far as possible off street rights-of-way.
- ◆ Don't plow snow out into the streets—it creates a hazard for drivers.
- ◆ Remember snow plows have the right of way and the city assumes no responsibility for damage to property when parked next to the street.

### Don't Ruin Your Holidays! Fight F.O.G (Fats.Oils.Grease)

Keep **F**ats, **O**ils & **G**rease out of your drain!  
F.O.G. Clogs Pipes-Follow these simple steps to protect your sewer system and prevent sewer backups:

1. Pour cold fats, oils & grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. Never pour fats, oil or grease down sink drains or toilets.
2. Soak up spilled oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels or kitty litter and throw into your garbage.
3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils & grease into your garbage.
4. Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

### 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

Please remember to have your chimneys cleaned & inspected this winter. Turn off your Christmas tree lights off when no one is home and before you go to bed. Be sure to water live trees. Be careful on the snowy roads and have a safe and Happy Holiday season :-)

## AVOID WATER FREEZE UPS

Cold weather is here! 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.

## Mayor's Straight Talk

The water line extension project under Hwy 20 is going well, although they are slightly behind schedule. This will provide water to the new Heavy Metal Junction buildings and eventually connect and loop the water system from the north on Moonbeam Dr, providing proper fire flow for these businesses. Looping the system from the north also eliminates any dead-end lines which can cause contamination. This project was paid for by using ARPA funds.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving and hope we can all be thankful for what we do have in these strange times. I know times are tough lately, but I think it's important to remember that we still have so much to be thankful for.

Thank you,

Mayor Sturman