



# CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2023

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### **City Council Highlights – January 11, 2023**

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

**CITY LIBRARY PROPOSAL** – Kriss Pond asked the council to think about buildings in the city in which a library could operate. She stated that since the public library in Idaho Falls no longer allows rural communities to participate; there is a definite need for a library in Ucon. Mayor Sturman stated that it would not be possible at the city building due to security issues. Tyrell Maughan suggested sending out a survey to get an idea of the number of people who would like to see a library in Ucon.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported that he participated in the annual Shop With A Cop in Rexburg and it was fun as always. He thanked everyone for their work on the Christmas party. He stated that he and Tyrel are ready for the New Years party. He has no update on patrol car.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported that the light tower is here from Swan Valley. He presented cookies to the Chief Fullmer and Officer Parmer for law enforcement appreciation day and thanked them for all they do. He requested and received approval for \$2,500 from wildland funds to help pay for the New Year's party fireworks. The department will soon be receiving an International truck to replace the Kenworth tender.

**LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT** – Tyrell suggested that for Arbor Day this year he would like to purchase saplings and offer them to citizens to plant.

**WATER/SEWER REPORT** – Daniel Morgan stated that everything is going well. He requested and received approval to spend up to \$4,000 to replace the tires on the road grader. Mayor Sturman stated that \$115 million in new funding is available for sewer projects and Great West Engineering is submitting a letter of interest on behalf of the city. He stated that the council needs to start thinking about public information meeting to get public comments for the proposed sewer lagoon project.

**12 INCH WATER LINE – CHANGE ORDER** – Ryan Loftus with Aspen Engineering explained that the contractor has run into major difficulties with the project since they hit a piece of abandoned culvert pipe when boring under Highway 20. This obstruction resulted in increased costs to get their boring equipment out and cut out the pipe. The contractor has submitted a change order for \$52,000. The council approved the change order.

**WATER RIGHTS MITIGATION PLAN – CHANGE MEMBERSHIP** – Mayor Sturman stated that water rights in southeast Idaho have been a very big issue and that several coalitions have been created to prevent curtailment of water. The city joined Bonneville-Jefferson Ground Water District in 2014 and they are supposed to work for the city to help prevent curtailment. Mayor Sturman feels like the city would

be better served by an organization which is geared more toward cities. He is working with the city attorney to join a different district.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – Mayor Sturman stated that he has received mapping information from Bonneville County and has started the GIS mapping of the city.

**BMPO REPORT** – Larry Gilmore reported that there was no meeting in December.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL** - A motion was made by Johnalee McDonald and seconded by Tyrell Maughan to adjourn into executive session at 9:10 P.M. in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public-school student. The council resumed their regular session at 10:06 P.M. and approved the employee raises as discussed in executive session.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:07 P.M.**

### **DOG LICENSES**

The annual fee for dog license renewal was added to your January bill. Please notify the city clerk of any changes to the dogs listed on your account.

### **Fire Safety Message**

Please remember to have your chimneys cleaned & inspected this winter.

### **EASTER EGG HUNT 2023 COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

If you have some spare time and would help in any way, please give us a call. Help make this year a HUGE success for all the kids. If you would like to donate, please send it in and mark it "Easter Donation". Thank you!

### **UCON ARBOR DAY/CITY CLEANUP**

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

### **City Meeting Schedule**

• **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.

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**DOGS AT LARGE**

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

**SNOW PLOWING**

Please move all vehicles, trailers, etc. off street rights-of-way. DO NOT plow or blow snow out into the streets as it creates a hazard for other 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

**THE MAYOR'S STRAIGHT TALK**

The Ucon winter festival was a great success! Thanks to everyone who donated time, money or raffle items.

- Holst Truck Parts
- Cives Steel
- Upper Valley Ice Melt
- D&D Machine
- Holst Trailer Sales
- American Pump
- Rusty Lantern
- Giles & Johnson Automart
- Stallings Towing
- Double Edge Equipment
- Good2Go
- Alene's Chocolates

Congratulations to John Henager on winning the Gas/Pellet grill!

Special thanks to the Ucon Fire Department for donating wildland funds to pay for the fireworks display, and to the Ucon Police Department for their support.

I am also looking for folks to volunteer to join me in a scholarship committee. I want to give away a \$2000 scholarship every spring. We will need help with developing an application, scoring process and evaluations of applications.

Thank You,  
Mayor Sturman



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TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT			
1ST QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021			
FUND REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
TAXES	\$ 112,400	\$ 5,907	5%
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 8,950	\$ 7,842	88%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$ 1,005,100	\$ 58,878	6%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 500	\$ -	0%
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,364	96%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 108,550	\$ 10,004	9%
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 3,000	\$ 950	32%
WATER FUND	\$ 604,500	\$ 63,590	11%
SEWER FUND	\$ 608,000	\$ 101,031	17%
EXPENDITURES			
FUND EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Percentage
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 134,800	\$ 14,956	11%
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 220,000	\$ 46,515	21%
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 18,300	\$ 1,482	8%
WILDLAND FIRE DEPT	\$ 750,000	\$ 115,419	15%
ROADS	\$ 65,200	\$ 10,309	16%
PARKS	\$ 53,700	\$ 720	1%
WATER FUND	\$ 604,500	\$ 227,710	38%
SEWER FUND	\$ 608,000	\$ 92,103	15%
Citizens are invited to inspect the detailed supporting records of the above report			
			Ronda Deason-Clerk/Treasurer
<b>DATED this 24th day of January 2023.</b>			
Notice of Quarterly report is being sent by first-class mail to all residents of the City of Ucon.			