



CITY OF UCON MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



City Council Highlights – February 8, 2023

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan, and three citizens were present.

Larry Gilmore was excused. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at

7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported a very cold and quiet month. He thanked the fire department for the amazing fireworks display.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 21 members, 17 attending regular training, and six wildland members. 155 training hours; 98 chief hours; 75 hours on 4 fire calls (2 in Ucon; 1 Ammon assist; Swan Valley assist); 16 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 344 total hours. Four members are taking Firefighter 1 training with Swan Valley and Ammon. Preparations are under way for the Easter Egg Hunt in April.

LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT – Tyrell Maughan reported that the Tree City report is complete and he is now working on trees.

WATER/SEWER REPORT – John Brasier reported above-average sewer flows.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that the 12-inch water line extension project is finally progressing. There has been an increase in water freeze-ups since the weather has warmed up. Mayor Sturman reported that the lead service line inventory which is due to DEQ by October of 2024 is finished. Mayor Sturman stated that he is researching what to charge for bulk water.

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

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.

31st Annual Easter Egg Hunt Committee Members needed!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, April 8th 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!

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

Thanks to several volunteers, we are working on the application and scoring process for the Mayors Scholarship program. We plan to award a \$2,000 scholarship sometime this spring. The funds for the scholarship were raised all through donations and raffles at the winter festival. There will be an announcement when the application process opens.

I have had several more complaints about a large number of feral cats running through Ucon. Please, DO NOT feed these cats if seen in your neighborhood. The city does not have any ordinances regarding cats, and to be honest it wouldn't do any good if we did. It is important to remember that if you have cats of your own, be sure they are spayed/neutered to prevent further population explosions. Also make sure they have a collar or other identifier so that everyone will know they are a pet, and not a feral cat. The city has a couple of traps you can borrow if you want to trap cats in your neighborhood and relocate them. There are several farms around that would welcome them, but please get permission first. The shelters seldom take cats anymore, but it never hurts to check.

Thank you,
Mayor Sturman

City Meeting Schedule

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