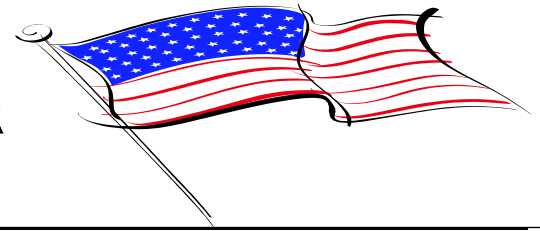




CITY OF UCON

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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City Council Highlights—June 14, 2023

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

PUBLIC HEARING – LOT SPLIT APPLICATION – 3242 E 113 N – Mayor Sturman opened the public hearing at 7:30 P.M. Vince Byram explained on behalf of Kandise Biggs that she wishes to split the 5.94-acre lot into two lots consisting of a 4.29-acre lot and a 1.65-acre lot. The clerk stated that one written neutral comment was received. No other public comments were received. Mayor Sturman closed the public hearing at 7:34 P.M.

MAYOR'S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – Mayor Sturman stated that the committee reviewed six applications for the \$2,000 Mayor's Scholarship and explained that the funds for the scholarship come from donations and raffles held at the winter carnival. The committee reviewed the applications and awarded the 2023 Mayor's Scholarship to Chloe Barron. Mayor Sturman expressed his appreciation to the committee for their hard work in selecting a winner.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 328 patrol hours; 59 traffic stops; 23 traffic citations issued; 2 ordinance violations; 123 calls for service. He congratulated Chloe Barron for winning the Mayor's Scholarship. The annual Ucon Elementary bike ride went well. He stated that burglaries in the area are on the rise and reminded everyone to secure their property. The radar sign on 45 East is broken and he put the spare one up in the meantime. The Ucon Elementary second grade field trip went well. Unfortunately, he and Officer Parmer missed the kids at the city building but were able to visit them at Ucon Elementary at a few days later.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 21 members, 17 attending regular training, and 6 wildland members. 146 training hours; 76 chief hours; 26 hours on 6 fire calls (2 in Ucon; 1 Ammon assist; 2 in Swan Valley; 1 Bonneville County assist); 29 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 277 total hours. Mutual aid agreements with ICMA and the forest service were renewed. Four members are taking the FFT1 training with Swan Valley. He reported that many events were held in May such as the bike ride with Ucon Elementary fifth grade, Ucon Elementary third grade visit to the city building, and water activities with Lincoln, Fairview, and Ucon Elementaries. The 4th of July breakfast is in three weeks, and they are hoping to hold it at Simmons Park in the new pavilion. The pavilion will now be stick framed instead of block and will cost \$75,000 instead of \$60,000 to be paid from wildland funds. The cost includes 30 tables, 250 chairs, and a security system. The council approved \$75,000 from wildland funds to build the shelter at Simmons Park.

PARKS/LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Tyrell Maughan stated that he is working on Yard of the Month awards for the year and encouraged residents to nominate their favorite yard.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that the VFD programming issues at Well #1 will be repaired soon. The parks have been fertilized and treated for weeds. He requested \$5,000 to rent a patching machine to repair some of the rough places in town. The material lasts five to ten years. Replacing the patches would cost \$30-\$40,000. A motion was made by Johnalee McDonald and seconded by Larry Gilmore to approve \$5,000 to rent a patching machine and purchase the material to repair the streets. The request was approved.

EXCESS EQUIPMENT – Mayor Sturman stated that there are several pieces of equipment that are no longer being used. He would like to hold a live auction to sell the excess equipment. The council approved the excessing of the following equipment: walk-behind line painter/Yazoo riding lawn mower/Generators (2)/Wayne street sweeper/2008 Ford Taurus X (bad motor)/1997 Chevrolet 2500 pickup/1991 Amgen Humvee/Snow plow off Ford dump truck/Flail shredder (bad engine)/Case backhoe

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported that the May sewer flow was 4.1 million gallons which was almost identical to the May 2021 and May 2022 usage. Mayor Sturman stated that infiltration has been identified in a few areas and he would like to camera the lines when there is water in the ditches. He stated that he looked into cured-in-place liner and found that it is very expensive to line 1,600 feet of sewer pipe.

PLANNING & ZONING – LOT SPLIT 3242 E 113 N – the request was approved.

BMPO REPORT – Larry Gilmore reported not much discussed in the May meeting applied to Ucon. Since Ucon is now considered in the rural area of Bonneville County, funds may be available for paving provided we plan way ahead.

Mayor Sturman stated that funds may also be available from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council (LHTAC).

FY2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP - tentatively scheduled for July 5th at 7 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Winners will receive a \$25 gift card donated by Town & Country Gardens!! Your yard could be next month's winner!!
Contact City Hall to nominate your favorite yard!

Upcoming City Meetings

July 5th @ 7 PM—FY24 Budget Workshop
Wed. July 12th @ 7:30 PM—City Council Meeting
Wed. Aug. 9th @ 7:30 PM FY24 Budget Hearing/FY23 Amended Budget

City Meeting Schedule

•**City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.



Annual Firefighter Breakfast

Please join us for the annual Fourth of July **Fireman's Breakfast** on **Tuesday, July 4th.**

7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Simmons Park

Start your 4th of July off with a BANG! (Bring your own tables/chairs/etc.)

BREAKFAST IS FREE!! (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)

Hash browns, Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk, or Coffee.

Plates, Utensils, & Cups will be provided.



Willow Creek Monument

A message from DeeOn Waters with the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Bonneville Company

We need your help to rebuild the Willow Creek Monument that was torn down in 2012. It will be rebuilt in Simmons Park. We have 2 quilts to raffle off (1 ticket \$5, 3 tickets \$10 and 10 tickets \$20.) Tickets can be purchased by calling DeeOn Waters at 208-521-7381. Please donate any you can. Hopefully, we will have it rebuilt so it can be dedicated by 7-24-2023. Mail check to 3947 Ridgeview Circle, Ammon, ID 83406-4655.

Ucon Police Department Message

Curfew

With school out and summer here, Chief Fullmer would like to remind parents that Ucon has a 1 AM curfew for everyone under 18 years of age. Violations of this ordinance are a misdemeanor. Also, please remember that city parks are closed at dark.

Fireworks

With July right around the corner, it is firework season. Generally speaking, most aerial fireworks are technically illegal to light without a permit so the City of Ucon asks that citizens participate safely and be respectful of their neighbors and applicable laws. Anyone creating a nuisance will be asked to stop and may be cited.

Mayor's Straight Talk

Congratulations to Chloe Barron for her hard work and dedication on winning the 2023 Mayor's Scholarship! The funds for the scholarship are raised through donations and raffles held at the winter carnival each January.

Thank you to the scholarship committee – they had the very difficult task of choosing a winner from all the excellent candidates.

Chris Paolini
Daniel Labrier
Jennifer Labrier
Jessica Jones

Mayor Sturman