



CITY OF UCON—MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



City Council Highlights – February 14, 2024

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Tyrell Maughan, McDonald, and Christopher Paolini and 13 citizens were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – TYRELL MAUGHAN – 10958 N YELLOWSTONE HWY – Mayor Sturman opened the public hearing and asked if any members of the council wished to declare a conflict of interest. Tyrell Maughan declared a conflict of interest and was excused. Mayor Sturman stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to consider a conditional use permit application to build tiny homes in an RB (retail business) zone. The council heard testimony from residents in opposition and written testimony from those in support of the application. The council deliberated and unanimously voted to deny the conditional use permit.

FY2023 AUDIT PRESENTATION – SEARLE HART & ASSOCIATES – Dana Izatt presented the FY2023 audit and management reports. He explained the report and graphs in detail and answered questions from the council. He stated that the books are in excellent order and that the audit controls are working well. There were no findings or concerns in the audit. The audit was approved.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported 332 patrol hours; 1 arrests/warrants; 62 traffic stops; 31 traffic citations issued; 1 ordinance violation; 134 calls for service. He stated that the New Year celebration was great and commended everyone for their help. The lockdown drill at Ucon Elementary went well. He asked Johnalee McDonald to assist him in getting keys to the school building. He thanked Daniel and Josh for getting the speed trailer finished.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Scott Norman reported 22 members, 15 attending regular training, and 3 wildland members. 180 training hours; 55 chief hours; 31 hours on 5 fire calls (2 Ucon; 1 Bonneville County – canceled; 2 Ammon); 2 medical calls; 7 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 273 total hours. He thanked everyone for their hard work with the New Year event. He stated that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating has been a 5 for the last several years but decreased to a 4 this year. The ISO rating affects commercial and residential insurance premiums so the better rating may result in a decrease in insurance premiums. He encouraged residents and business to consult with their insurance providers about the decreased rating.

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT WITH SWAN VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Norman presented the Automatic Aid Agreement with Swan Valley Fire Protection District and requested approval to sign it. He said this agreement would benefit both departments as they would agree to assist each other on fire calls. The council authorized Chief Norman to sign the agreement. Mayor Sturman asked for a status update on the radios. Chief Norman stated that Chief Fullmer’s radio has arrived and he hopes to get it figured out by next weekend.

PUBLIC WORKS – Daniel Morgan stated that things are going well. There are still issues with Well #1 and he received a quote for repairs. He stated that 375 hotdogs were served at the New Year event and thanked the fire and police departments for their help.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier stated that the sewer flow and power usage were substantially higher than previous years which is possibly due to melting snow. Mayor Sturman stated that the lead service line inventory is due by October 2024 and Daniel is working on it with the mapping

software.

DEQ GRANT – INFLOW & INFILTRATION STUDY – Mayor Sturman stated the DEQ has awarded an OSG grant to perform a study on inflow and infiltration in the sewer system. The grant amount is \$40,000 with an expense to the city of \$4,000. He requested another \$6,000 for additional camera work. Great West Engineering will place flow meters in different areas of the sewer system and will provide training on how to use them. The council unanimously voted to accept the grant and approved the \$4,000 match as well as \$6,000 for additional camera work.

BMPO REPORT – Christopher Paolini stated that he attended orientation and attended the January meeting at which projects that were approved for funding were discussed. He stated that the first meeting was very complicated with much information to digest. He found out that Ucon is not eligible for urban funds but would be eligible for rural funds.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:10 P.M.

MAYOR’S SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 11TH

BIG NEWS! The Mayors Scholarship application is available on the city website (www.cityofucon.us)

Applications must be received no later than

12:00 P.M. on April 11th. The winner will be presented with a \$2,000 check at the May 8th council meeting. Any resident or direct dependent of a resident may apply. A resident is considered as someone who resides in the Ucon City limits and/or receives water or sewer services from the city of Ucon. Funding for this scholarship are raised at the Ucon winter festival each winter. Please read the instructions carefully and good luck!

FIRE DEPARTMENT ISO RATING

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating for the Ucon Fire Department has decreased which may result in a decrease in your insurance premiums. Check with your insurance carrier.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Committee Members needed!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up on Saturday, March 30 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!

Arbor Day and 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.

City Meeting Schedule

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