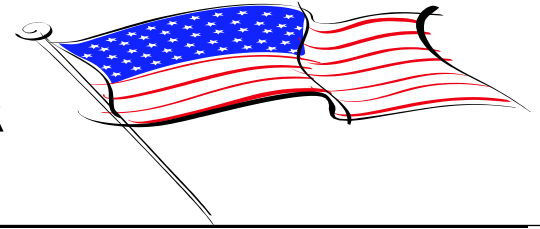




# CITY OF UCON JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## City Council Highlights

### May 23, 2024—Special Council Meeting

Mayor Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan, Christopher Paolini and no citizens were present. Mayor Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BONNEVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT – ASSISTANCE REQUEST** - Michelle Tolman, Library Director, stated that there are currently branches in Ammon, Iona, West Side Idaho Falls, and Swan Valley. They have found a building in Ucon that would be an excellent location for a Ucon branch. Since the Ucon city building does not have space available for a library, they would need to rent a building and cover all related expenses which would strain their already tight budget. The other branches have been assisted in some way by the cities providing rental space, utilities, grounds maintenance, etc. Michelle stated that the library serves 62,000 people and is funded by an annual fee of \$66 per household. She requested that the city help with water and sewer, snow removal, and maintenance of the small section of grass. The council unanimously approved the request to provide water and sewer, and grounds maintenance as an in-kind donation to the Bonneville County Library District as a benefit to the community.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P.M.

### June 10, 2024—Regular Council Meeting

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

**CITIZENS COMMUNITY BANK – TRANSFER ACCOUNT FROM US BANK** – the council unanimously approved the transfer of the city checking account from US Bank to Citizens Community Bank.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported 333 patrol hours; 0 arrests/warrants; 64 traffic stops; 29 traffic citations issued; 3 ordinance violations; 136 calls for service. There were a few incidents of fraud, a stolen vehicle, and several county assists. The school zone flashers are twelve years old and are due for maintenance. He thanked public works and the fire department for their help with several school events held in May such as the second grader field trip to the city building, bike ride, etc. He assisted with an impromptu bike ride for national bike week. He has been cracking down on juveniles on ATV's so there are fewer kids on the roads now. He attended POST training in Boise in May. He presented the contract with Snake River Animal Shelter and the council approved the renewal of the contract.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 22 members, 15 attending regular training, and 3 wildland members. The department assisted Central Fire District with the microburst and rain storm the previous week. A wildland brush truck and three firefighters were sent to California, and will be there for the next two weeks. The department assisted with several community events that went very well. The Simmons Park shelter is getting close to being finished. They are still working on the radios. He applied for an equipment grant for \$26,000 with a ten-percent match and should know by July 1<sup>st</sup> if it was successful.

**LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT** – Tyrell Maughan stated that the five trees planted on Arbor Day are looking good. Yard of the Month will be awarded in July. Johnalee McDonald requested and received authorization to issue a check for Founders Day prizes before the July meeting since the prizes are half price if they are purchased now.

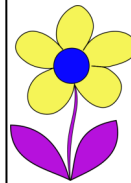
**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – John Brasier reported that the May sewer flow was 4.8 million gallons which similar to what it has been for the past 20 years.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported repairs of a broken sewer main, and a water leak. He has been working on the Simmons Park shelter. Mayor Sturman stated that he met with Tim Solomon from Rocky Mountain Power. Rocky Mountain power has requested a twenty percent rate increase. An efficiency study will be conducted to find ways to reduce demand charges. He has been in contact with Desert Biotech who heard we were looking at the possibility of building our own wastewater treatment facility. The company has a new process for treating wastewater and he may travel to Alberta, Canada to look at one of the plants. He contacted Aspen Engineering regarding the progress of the sewer capacity study. The inflow and infiltration study being conducted by Great West Engineering is still underway.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – no report.

**BMPO REPORT** – Christopher Paolini reported that there will be a public comment period on the high-capacity roadway study and that the policy board will meet the end of June.

The council scheduled a special council meeting on Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. to review the proposed FY2025 budget. CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:58 P.M.



## YARD OF THE MONTH

**ANGIE GILES  
4420 E 113 N**

Winners will receive a \$25 gift card donated by Town & Country Gardens!! Please take a moment and visit their yard. Your yard could be next month's winner!!

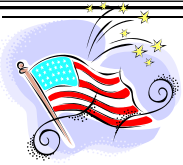
**Contact City Hall to nominate your favorite yard!**

## Upcoming City Meetings

Wed. July 10th @ 7:30 PM—City Council Meeting  
Tues. July 30th @ 6 PM—FY25 Budget Workshop  
Wed. Aug. 14th @ 7:30 PM FY25 Budget Hearing

## 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 Thursday, **July 4th**.

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

Start your 4th of July off with a BANG!

**BREAKFAST IS FREE!! (DONATIONS ACCEPTED)**

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

Plates, Utensils, & Cups will be provided.



### BONNEVILLE COUNTY LIBRARY NEW UCON BRANCH

We're excited to announce that we will be getting a Ucon branch of the Bonneville County Library District!!! It will be located at 10918 N Yellowstone Hwy (on the corner of 109 North and Yellowstone). We are looking forward to opening in early August and could use donations of books in good condition for all ages., furniture, shelving, and volunteers to help get it going. Please contact Kriss Pond at [mkpondfamily@gmail.com](mailto:mkpondfamily@gmail.com) or Michelle Tolman at [bonnevillecountylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bonnevillecountylibrary@gmail.com) for details.

### UCON FOUNDERS DAY

Ucon Founder's Day will be **August 10th**. Join us for a 5k fun run, parade (*parade questions? Email [tyrellmaughan@gmail.com](mailto:tyrellmaughan@gmail.com)*), car show, vendor fair, activities in the park, dinner and live music.

Checkout the times at Ucon Founder's Day

<https://www.cityofucon.us/founders-day/>

### 2024 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

#### AVAILABLE NOW

The City of Ucon routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Your water is tested for 77 different contaminants.

Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. If you would like a copy of this report you can pick one up at the City office or the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

### SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

ALL CLASSES ARE HELD AT SIMMONS PARK IN UCON AND LED BY NADINE BALL AND BONNEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS PLAYERS

#### July 15th—July 18th, 2024

9-9:45 AM—Beginner (Kindergarten - 3rd grade)

10-10:45 AM—Intermediate (4th – 6th grade)

11-11:45 AM -- Advanced 7th grade and up, i.e. kids with experience)

Children need to bring water and wear tennis shoes. All other equipment is provided. Classes are FREE. Space is limited.

### Mayor's Straight Talk

Well, another Independence Day is upon us. The annual celebration of nationhood in the United States, commemorating the passage of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Please remember the reason for the holiday and be thankful for the freedoms that we have.

If fireworks are in your plans, please be respectful and safe. Remember, people need to work the next day, so try to be done at a reasonable hour. Watch for potential hazards to people and property. Have a happy and safe 4 th of July!

Thank you,  
Mayor Sturman