



# CITY OF UCON

## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

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### City Council Highlights—August 14, 2024

Craig Sturman, John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Christopher Paolini, and no citizens were present. Tyrell Maughan was excused. Craig Sturman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – FY2025 BUDGET AND RELATED

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS – Craig Sturman opened the public hearing at 7:31 P.M. and stated that the purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments on the FY2025 budget which was tentatively approved at the special city council meeting on July 30, 2024. No public comments were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:32 P.M.

#### RESOLUTION #74 – ACCRUE 2024 FORGONE PROPERTY

TAXES – The clerk stated that the purpose of the resolution is to reserve the three percent increase in property taxes for use in subsequent years. The council unanimously approved the resolution.

#### ORDINANCE #195 – FY2025 BUDGET ORDINANCE – Johnalee

McDonald read the ordinance by title. The council unanimously approved the resolution under suspension of rules reading it by title only once.

#### POLICE REPORT – Chief Fullmer reported a busy month with 350

patrol hours; 4 arrests/warrants; 51 traffic stops; 23 traffic citations; 3 ordinance violations; 107 calls for service. He thanked everyone for their hard work on another excellent Founders Day. The radios are now working. He stated that he is honored to be selected from many candidates to attend the FBI Executive Command Academy in mid-October in West Yellowstone, Montana. He requested and received approval for up to \$2,500 for tuition, travel, and related expenses..

#### FIRE REPORT – 21 members, 15 attending regular training, and

4 wildland members; 192 training hours; 62 chief hours; 107 hours on 6 fire calls (0 in Ucon; 2 swan valley assists; 1 Ammon assist canceled before the engine left the station; 1 Rigby assist; 1 Fremont County assist; 1 Bonneville County assist); 6 medical calls; 18 hours maintenance; 704 wildland hours; 342 total hours. He thanked Johnalee McDonald for a great Founders Day. He plans to have shelter done soon. He thanked Mayor Sturman for honoring emergency responders and dedicating the plaque at the shelter. He explained that Bonneville County has issued a burn ban in the county and encouraged the council to include Ucon in that decision. Cooking fires in backyards are still allowed, but they must be contained in a fire pit that will prevent the fire from spreading to dry grass, weeds, etc. Burning trash is still prohibited. The fire department received \$12,913 of the requested \$28,000 grant from Idaho Department of Lands. He stated the wildland crew was sent to a wildland fire in Potlatch, Idaho and ended up working on four structure fires. The 5-ton is back from Utah and the transport is working great to transport equipment. He has billed just over \$200,000 for wildland to date.

#### PARKS/LANDSCAPE & REC REPORT – Mayor Sturman said that

Founders Day went very well and had a great turn out. The car show had 135 cars, which was more than at the car show in Idaho Falls.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Daniel Morgan reported that there was a water main break while doing a live tap. They had trouble shutting off a valve and the water system lost pressure. There were also high-level alarms at the Tower Road lift stations due to the water going down the sewer main. A boil advisory was issued due to the loss in pressure. Water samples were taken the next morning, and the samples passed. Monthly samples were taken the next week, and those also passed.

There was another water leak the next week on 109 North which was difficult to repair. They have been working on the shelter for Founders Day. Josh Barnes did a great job on the tongue and groove. He estimated that 500 people attended. He thanked the wildland

department for building the shelter. There have been several dogs running at-large and the new system for returning them to their owners is working well.

WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT – John Brasier reported 5.6 million gallons sent to Idaho Falls which is in line with past years.

Nothing unusual. He presented a draft resolution for water and sewer rate increases to be effective Oct. 1, 2024.

PLANNING & ZONING – Mayor Sturman stated that he met with a developer that wants to build a large office building off Moonbeam and 105 North. He stated that the water line would need to be upsized and to loop the system in the process. The engineering was added to the FY2025 budget.

BMPO REPORT – Christopher Paolini reported that no meeting was held.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:49 P.M.

### Mountain View Hospital Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic



Tuesday, September 24th  
1 PM to 6 PM  
at Simmons Park  
41st E & 105 N  
(west of tennis courts)



### COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN

Bonneville county has issued a county wide burn ban due to the dry conditions. The city of Ucon supports this decision as well. Cooking fires in your backyard are still fine as long as they are contained in a fire pit that will contain it from spreading onto dry grass, weeds and such. However, please be considerate and completely extinguish your fire when you are done instead of letting it smolder. Not everyone has central air conditioning and use the cool night air to cool down their house. They don't want to be filling their house with the smell of a fire. Also burning trash is prohibited at any time.

### GRAND OPENING—UCON LIBRARY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 10 AM TO 2 PM

We are happy to announce the grand opening of the Ucon branch of the Bonneville Library. There are still some needs that you can help us with to fill our shelves and staff our library.

1. We are in need of books in good condition, preferably hardback binding for the following genres: Science Fiction, Historical Fiction, Mystery, History, and children's books of all genres.
2. We are seeking part-time volunteers for weekdays and/or Saturdays to help with projects at the Library, reading time with children, special programs, cleaning and organizing. If you are interested, go to the library and fill out a volunteer form.

## City Meeting Schedule

• **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.

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## Mayor's Straight Talk

Another successful Founder's Day celebration is in the books! I can't even begin to mention everyone who volunteered time, and those who donated prizes and money in support of this event. However, I would like to personally thank two people in particular who always go above and beyond to make this happen. One is Johnalee McDonald. That little fireball doesn't know the word quit. She has been instrumental in making Founder's Day a huge success. Her tireless efforts are greatly appreciated! The other is Mark Deveraux. He is not even a Ucon resident but has 2 businesses here in Ucon and is constantly helping the city in one form or another. Mark owns and operates D & D Machine and is half owner in Upper Valley Ice Melt. Mark came up with the idea of having a car show on Founders Day and has coordinated the event for four years now. This year we had 135 cars attend the car show. Just for comparison's sake, that's way more cars than the big car show in Idaho Falls! Thanks to these two outstanding people for making this event such a huge success! We will be posting a full list of people and businesses that donated time, money or products on the city Facebook page. Once again thank you everyone! Without the combined efforts of all who helped, this would not be possible.

Thank you,  
Mayor Sturman

## 2024 FOUNDERS' DAY

**THANK YOU** to all the businesses and citizens who donated funds or merchandise, volunteered time, and attended the event! Your generous support was instrumental in making this year's celebration a HUGE success!!

### Founders Day Donors & Sponsors

- \*Alene's Chocolates\*Barrie Grain\*Beehive Credit Union\*
- \*Black Venom\*Browning's Honey\*\*Cives Steel\*Denning's Well Drilling\*
- \*Double Edge\*George & Jessie's\*GJ AutoMart\*Great Harvest\*
- \*Phyllis Griffin\*GTS Pallet\*Hawkins Grain\*Majestic Autobody\*
- \*Mountain Malt\*Rocky Mt. Power\*Russell Electric\*
- \*Rusty Lantern Diner\*Ron's Tire\*Dan & Jen Labrier\*Tailored Fencing\*
- \*Pro Lube\*Rain for Rent\*TOPS Knives\* Tadd Jenkins\*
- \*Mark Wright\*XTREME PowerSports\*

### Car Show Donors & Sponsors

- \*AK Sign Co\*American Pump\*Bearing & Industrial Sales\*Ben's Cycle\*
- Best Drive Tire\*BISCO\*Bob's Repair\*Bryant Hafen—State Farm\*
- \*Conrad & Bishoff\*D&D Machine\*D Denning Drilling\*
- \*East Idaho Mini Excavator Services\*Fred & Wayne's Tire\*Hayes Tax\*
- \*Holst Collision Center\*Holst Trailer Sales\*Holst Truck Parts\*
- \*LA Welding\*Lanker\*Matt Phillips Excavating\*NAPA Auto Parts\*
- \*O'Reilly Auto Parts-Rigby\*Performance Machine\*Pro Lube\*
- \*Rayco Plating\*Rolling Wrenches\*Rusty Lantern Diner\*
- \*Ryan Ball Trucking\*SJ Hatton\*Snake River Steel\*Stallings Auto\*
- \*Stalling's Towing\*Square Foot Livestock\* Tate's Excavation\*
- \*Upper Valley Ice Melt\*Vega's Repair\*Western Transmission\*
- Westmark Credit Union\*Yearsley Tire & Service\*



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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO RESERVING THE FORGONE AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR POTENTIAL USE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS AS DESCRIBED IN IDAHO CODE §63-802, et al.**

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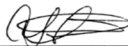
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WHEREAS, the City has met the notice and hearing requirements in Idaho Code §63-802(1)(f) to reserve the current year's increase in the forgone amount; and,

WHEREAS, the City intends to reserve \$2,892 of its current year's increase in allowable forgone amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UCON, IDAHO, that \$2,892 of the current year's allowable increase in its forgone amount is reserved and included in the City's total forgone balance for potential use in subsequent years.

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